

Artfully Speaking

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It's time for "Art to Remember" ...it must be September!

"Art to Remember" is an annual Highland View E.S. Art Fundraiser, which proceeds benefit our entire school. The Graphic Design company "Art to Remember" produces student art work directly on child centered products including journals, note cards, calendars, water bottles, T-shirts and more. Each year, all 400 students create colorful works of art beginning with sketching rough drafts in September, adding color design in October, ordering in November and finally receiving the glorious gift products in December.

The theme for this year's fundraiser is "Beautiful Bountiful Butterflies", full of magnificent movement inspired by the French artist Henri Matisse and his Paper Cutout series of work created in his later years.

The students are actively in the process of completing their balanced butterflies with a combination of two elements called lines and shapes which results in creating many patterns. The placement of the patterns reflects symmetry and asymmetry. In addition, the connection between the lovely line designs and multi-mathematical geometric and organic shapes equates to a third element called visual texture. Visual texture consists of powerful patterns packed together, then colorfully composed with 50 colors of nontoxic marker ink from Crayola.

Parents, each year please remember to visit the nearby "Brookside Gardens" from April through September to see the Wings of Fancy, LIVE Butterfly & Caterpillar Exhibit. Connect to the link below to view the year round nature-filled flower garden images in order to actively "Bloom with Brookside Gardens", located in Wheaton, Maryland..

<http://BrooksideGardens>

Enjoy Art!