ART WALK LEARNING CELEBRATION

Overview:

Hosting an Art Walk in your school will not only celebrate student artwork, but also provide another opportunity for student/parent/community interaction and bonding. Creating an atmosphere of partnership generated by collaboration empowers parents and the student. Art is a rich way to nurture the inherent potential of many children. Celebrating art and utilizing parent engagement demonstrates the value of all aspects of learning. Students also have the opportunity to acknowledge the work of their peers, while showcasing their own work. Providing this social platform for families initiates positive communication between all parties involved. The informal structure is less threatening and therefore encourages and allows everyone to engage without such emphasis on formal assessment.

Structure

- The students will take on the role of an "art curator" leading their parents throughout the staged gallery.
- The duties of the curator are to describe and elaborate on the art that they have been working on throughout the year (depending on the theme chosen).
- The duty of the parent is to provide positive constructive feedback in the form of comment cards and/or an art rubric.
- The walk will be planned for an hour of observation and positive feedback.
- The students and parents are encouraged to see other students' work and give feedback as well.
- It is very important that feedback must always be **POSITIVE.**

Materials Needed for Gallery
- Suitable space/ venue
- A selection of student art
- Comment cards
- Individual student comment collection box (envelope, small box, folder, etc.)
- Pens for comments
- Art rubric

Suggested Theme
- Season inspired art (Winter, spring, fall, summer)
- Van Gough
- Portrait
- Computer inspired art
- Photography

Possible Venues
- Hallways
- Gym
- Music Room
- Boot Rooms

Extensions
- Have a small cafe with drinks and treats
- Students can dress up to fit the role of a curator
- Have the art for sale to fundraise
- Have the school band play in the background
- Theme based music playing the background (Ex. Bossa Nova, Jazz, etc.)