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The Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens in Upper Montclair displayed pumpkin carvings from all Essex county high schools. This year's theme was botanical and Halloween themed carved pumpkins. The event was held on October 28, 2011, from 6-9 pm. Gardens Aglow is a free event with live music, children's activities, refreshments and carved pumpkins illuminating the way. Irvington High School received an honorable mention of "Most Artistic" last year. I.H.S. students, under the guidance of Mr. Massac, Ms. Mickelsen and Mr. Korski, carved the pumpkins. Keep an eye out for next year's carvings and come join the fun!



Irvington High School
Student's Pumpkin Carvings



I.H.S. Student Ava Lovell
Ms. Mickelsen Art One

UNION AVENUE MIDDLE SCHOOL KINDNESS WEEK

Since the Anti-Bullying Law passed in NJ, Union Avenue Middle School is joining the initiative to stop bullying within our school. Teachers have posted student work in their classrooms displaying positive messages for creating a safe environment!

Many students have told me they are proud to see their artwork posted in the classes of all teachers. Thank you for recognizing the creative talents of your students.
Ms. LaPierre, Art Teacher



Union Avenue Middle
School Student

Kindness Week (Anti-Bullying) Posters Fill Irvington Schools

One of the lessons that I grew up with was to always stay true to yourself and never let what somebody else says distract you from your goals. And so when I hear about negative and false attacks, I really don't invest any energy in them, because I know who I am.

- Michelle Obama

This year for kindness week, students in every art class from k-12 created anti-bullying posters. The art teachers incorporated the creation of the posters into their lesson plans, which resulted in a variety of poster designs, slogans and artistic expression.

As we all know bullying has become a main topic in every school across America. Kindness week allows students to express their views on bullying. Irvington School District has a Zero-Tolerance policy on bullying. The posters were created to make students aware of these policies and the dangers of bullying and to demonstrate positive ways to resolve conflict and prevent bullying. Also, it made students aware of how through today's technology, bullying has evolved to include cyber bullying on the Internet, cell phones and other electronic devices.

The Irvington School students had an enjoyable time learning and creating the posters. Students who did not participate still had the opportunity to see the posters in display cases and flooding the walls of their school. This year's kindness week was a great success!

For more information on bullying go to stopbullying.gov or <http://www.pacerkidsagainstabullying.org/>

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National Portfolio Day (Philadelphia, PA)

On November 20, 2011, students from Irvington High School visited the Pennsylvania convention center to show off their artistic talents. There were over 50 Art schools and Universities that offered information and feedback on the students' portfolios and their institutions. A portfolio is a collection of the student's best art works. It is an integral part of the application process for applying to art schools. The National Portfolio day is free of charge and anyone with a portfolio can attend. It is however geared for those students dedicated to achieving a career in the arts. The event was chaperoned by Mr. Korski .



Union Avenue Middle School

Image to left:

6th grade art magnet is creating Bargello Pillows this month while 6th grade special education classes are creating latchhook pillows of their favorite cartoon characters.

Image Lower Left:

7th grade art magnet is focusing on a drawing assignment where they have to work together to create ribbon connections that flow through each hand in the class. A picture is worth a thousand words for this one!



Student Corner



Color in the image by matching the colors



Concerts:

Irvington High school
Winter Concert

Tuesday December 13,
2011 at 6:00pm and the
admission price is free.

From when I first started teaching in I.H.S. 3 years ago, my band has grown from 8 students to now when the beginning concert band has just about 50 students. The Jazz Ensemble has 16 students.

Some musical selections will be "Hark!", "Rocking Around the Tree", "Let it Snow", "Chipmunk song", and many others.

The chorus is singing: "Do you hear what I hear", "Battle hymn", "It's Christmas time", "Simple holidays", and many more. The chorus has over 70 students as well.

-Aarti Rishi

Image to Left:

*Pablo Picasso,
"Three Musicians"*

Pablo Picasso created cubism. Cubism is a style of art that rearranges images into shapes and color creating a collage.