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GRANT HELPS BRING LOCAL ARTIST TO HANCOCK ELEMENTARY TO CREATE MURAL

Hancock Elementary School is pleased to announce that it has received a matching grant of \$2300 from the Arizona Commission on the Arts (including funding from the National Endowment for the Arts) for an all-school Artist in Residence Program that began on May 3, 2010. Extra-Curricular Tax Credit donations from parents and community members provided additional funding.

Stormy Olsen, the artist, is a local artist, muralist, and has been a friend of the Hancock community for years. She has been working daily at Hancock Elementary School for four weeks to provide an interactive and hands-on experience in the world of visual art and painting.

Mrs. Olsen is teaching Hancock students about painting techniques such as layering, shading, color-blending, texture and much more! Students are working on many individual visual art projects as well as a large mural that will be displayed on a wall in the Multipurpose Room. The mural will include aspects of science and connection with the environment as well as positive character traits.

Mrs. Olsen and the students of Hancock will present the mural and art work the entire school has worked to create at a spectacular Evening of Visual Art at Hancock Elementary School on Tuesday, May 25 between 5:00 and 7:00. This event will include an all-campus art walk that includes projects created during art masterpiece lessons throughout the year. It will also include the "unveiling" of the mural that Hancock students and Mrs. Olsen created together. Finally, an Art Fair in the MPR organized by Kids Art Fairs will feature at least 300 works of art by students of all ages at Hancock in high quality frames and professionally displayed for the community's viewing pleasure! The Art Walk and Art Fair are both open and free of charge for parents, teachers, community leaders, and the general public to attend.

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To Print and Television Media:

The media is encouraged to attend, photograph and/or video the culminating Artist in Residence Program events at Hancock in the evening of May 25, 2010 for any follow-up articles that may be desired. Contact Curt Landon at Hancock Elementary to schedule times to view Stormy Olsen's sessions in class or if any other information is required. Thank you for your time!