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GRANT HELPS BRING LOCAL ARTIST TO HANCOCK ELEMENTARY

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 2, 2011. Extra-Curricular Tax Credit donations from parents and community members provided additional funding.

Bruce Marion, the artist, is a local abstract artist, and has been a friend of the Hancock community for years. He has been working daily at Hancock Elementary School for four weeks to provide an interactive and hands-on experience in the world of abstract art and painting.

Bruce Marion, along with the help of his talented wife Lee and Hancock Music Teacher Curt Landon, is teaching Hancock students to create abstract art that represents the elements in various music selections. Marion is teaching students painting techniques such as layering, shading, color-blending, and texture as well as basic abstract art concepts. Students are working on many individual visual art projects as well as four large abstract paintings that will be displayed in each of the main buildings on campus.

Mr. Marion and the students of Hancock will present the large abstract paintings and individual works the entire school has worked to create at a spectacular Evening of Art at Hancock Elementary School on Thursday, May 26 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 presentation of the four large abstract paintings that Hancock students and Mr. Marion created together. Finally, an Art Fair in the MPR organized by Kids Art Fairs will feature over 200 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 on the evening of May 26, 2011 for any follow-up articles that may be desired. Contact Curt Landon at Hancock Elementary to schedule times to view Bruce Marion's sessions in class or if any other information is required. Thank you for your time!