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art and science combine to inspire playa vista students

One thing we learned in the recent Stanford University study of Art in Action is that a hallmark of our program is the flexibility it affords schools to tailor the program to fit their needs and circumstances while retaining the benefits of a strong, deep and impactful curriculum. This has been a key factor in our ability to bring a comprehensive visual art program to so many kids at so many schools.

One of those schools is Playa Vista Elementary School. Playa Vista is a TK - 5 school in the Los Angeles Unified School District, just a stone's throw from the ocean.

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Playa Vista students work outdoors to integrate art and science. Here, second graders work on the Lascaux Cave Painting lesson.

#givekidsart on may 3

Mark your calendar for May 3rd when we will be featured with other Silicon Valley nonprofits for a 24-hour online fundraising event! For the third year, we will raise needed funds and awareness through SVGives to support our work in schools and hope you will participate by helping us **#givekidsart**. Thanks to the

Shackleton Family Fund all donations made to Art in Action will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$5,000. Can't wait until May 3rd? You can [schedule a donation today!](#)



changing the world, one school at a time

We are so excited that the [Leo M. Shortino Family Foundation](#) and the [Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund](#) recently awarded Art in Action **grants totaling \$30,000**. This funding will provide art education equity to low-income students in East Palo Alto and San Jose. Luz Maria Gordo Davila, a second grade teacher at Los Robles Elementary School in East Palo Alto, California eloquently describes how art is making a difference for her students.

"Having Art in Action in my class has been very positive because it is dynamic and unifying, and has a potentially vital role in the education of my students.

The process of making art injects elements of fun in the developing experiences of young children and helps create a fuller sense of self. Through these activities, students give us more than just a painting, they give us a part of themselves: how they think, how they feel, and how they see the world around them. In my class, art has been integral to the development of each one of my students and my principal objective as their educator is to help them keep exploring their creative potential. My students love having art in the classroom."



volunteers make an impact for kids

Is your company or organization looking for engaging and meaningful employee volunteer opportunities? Art in Action is your solution.

When companies organize a volunteer activity at Art in Action, their employees leave knowing they've made an impact for the children and schools we serve in their communities and beyond. Plus they are treated to a fun hands-on art activity that is sure to both connect them to the work we do and leave them brimming with creative confidence.



Yahoo employees show off their creations following a volunteer event.

To schedule your corporate volunteer opportunity, email Product Manager [Lisa Tsurucka](mailto:Lisa.Tsurucka@artinaction.org).

get a jump on fall with our spring sale

It's time for our annual spring sale, when your school can save 10% on ArtBoxes, PapersPlus boxes and Masterpiece Prints. By ordering now, you'll be able to organize your supplies and save start-up time at the beginning of the new school year. All you have to do is place your order by May 13 and pick up materials by June 17, 2016.

Email Program Manager [Kelly Bravo](mailto:Kelly.Bravo@artinaction.org) to learn more, place an order, or receive a quote.



Help us **win** Bay Area Parent Family Favorite 2016. [Vote](#) for Art in Action as best art class in the Classes and Camps category. Hurry! Voting ends Thursday, May 5, 2016. Winners will be published in the 2016 Best of the Best publication in July.

