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thank you, jeffrey!

Dear Friends of Art in Action,

On behalf of the Board and all those affiliated with Art in Action, I want to extend a sincere and rousing "Thank you!" to Jeffrey Dollinger, our wonderful Executive Director who will be leaving Art in Action in June as he and his family have a new opportunity outside of the Bay Area.

Jeffrey has provided Art in Action with visionary leadership during his three-and-a-half-year tenure. Under his guidance, Art in Action has gained a much more visible profile and is considered a leader in arts education throughout California. Jeffrey's recent presentations at the Create CA Summit on Arts, Education and the Economy, the National Art Educators Association Conference, and the California PTA Convention have all helped spread the word about Art in Action and its positive impact upon students. Jeffrey has been a highly effective spokesperson and ambassador and the Board deeply appreciates all he has done to raise the profile of Art in Action.

Jeffrey has also brought to his role a deep commitment and dedicated effort to making a reality of Art in Action's vision: *Every student deserves art.* [Read more](#)



Executive Director Jeffrey
Dollinger

from the executive director: art and visibility

Last week, Art in Action traveled to San Diego to participate in the California Parent Teacher Association statewide convention. We talked to hundreds of parent and art advocates about how their schools were integrating art and what they could do to instill a culture of art in their schools. In a workshop showcasing our program and discussing the findings of our recent study with the Stanford Gardner Center, we led some of these parent advocates through our 2nd grade Nellie Mae Rowe lesson.

If you aren't familiar with this amazing African-American folk artist, [read more](#)



Student sample from a Nellie Mae
Rowe lesson.

svgives raised funds and friends

May 3rd was an excellent day for Art in Action and the students we serve. We are grateful to all who participated in Silicon Valley Gives and helped us raise nearly \$17,000 when matched with generous pledges from the Shackleton Family Fund and Rick and Melinda Reed. You made it possible for us to #givekidsart to 1,700 more students!

If you missed the event, you can [participate through our crowdfunding campaign](#) until June 15th. We still have a \$5,000 match that will double your donation and your impact. Thanks for helping us make sure all children can experience the joy of creating art.



Photo credit: Terry Y. Endo

grant dollars at work to #givekidsart

Palo Alto Community Fund

We are pleased to announce that Art in Action just received a generous grant from the [Palo Alto Community Fund](#). This grant will make it possible for us to continue delivering our program to underserved students at East Palo Alto Charter School, Los Robles Dual Immersion Magnet Academy and Costano Elementary School in the upcoming school year. A special exhibit of student artwork from

these schools will be on display at the [East Palo Alto Library](#) over the coming months and there is a public opening reception on **Wednesday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m.**

Nancy Buck Ransom Foundation

Nearly 1,200 students in eleven Salinas Elementary Schools proudly exhibited their artwork last month at their district-wide Art and Music Festival thanks, in part, to a generous grant from the [Nancy Buck Ransom Foundation](#) and the leadership of Kristi Burns in the Salinas City Elementary School District. We look forward to continued arts education impact in Salinas in the future year!



art in action featured in national education publication

Art in Action was featured in a recent issue of *Education Week*, a national digital and print publication covering K-12 education. The article, "Volunteer Group Restores Art Lessons in Schools," focuses on the benefits of the Art in Action program and how it engages the parent community at schools to help deliver art.



As schools prepare for the coming year, please feel free to share the article to reinforce the value of our comprehensive arts program to teachers, administrators and parents. Read the article [here](#).

applications being accepted for judy sleeth scholarship fund

In recognition of Art in Action's founder and her passion to make an arts education accessible to all, the Judy Sleeth Scholarship Fund was established to benefit schools with demonstrated need, providing them with art training, curriculum, materials and sustainability planning. Through generous donations made to the Fund, we are seeking grant applications from schools new to Art in Action. Read eligibility requirements and [download an application](#). Contact [Mara](#) for more information.

wanted! object:art volunteer leaders

Do you enjoy planning fun events? Are you filled with creative decorating ideas? Maybe you have awesome marketing tips. Help make an impact with our biggest fundraiser of the year by joining the **Object:Art 2017** committee. A wide range of skills and availability are needed, but most important is your enthusiasm and willingness to make our event a success. Monthly planning meetings will begin in September. Contact [Mara](#) to join the committee or for more information.



2016 Object:Art Committee