

# The Vision

- An Arts Education Master Plan that ensures that the arts are an integral, interdisciplinary, sequential part of every student's education
- Arts lesson plans that inspire excitement in our students, foster inspiration and ignite their creativity

# Imagine

- Learning environs that are vibrant, creative, active, and visible
- A multi-faceted approach to learning
- An arts curriculum that is integrated and comprehensive
- An arts "docent" at every elementary school

# Getting There

If we want this vision to become reality for our students we must have ...

- Mobilized, visible and collaborative family and community partnerships
- Leadership and advocacy aligned with the vision
- Ongoing financial support of the vision

# Arts Education Master Plan

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## *What's in the plan?*

The Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) Arts Education Master Plan calls for integrating arts education into the core curriculum in our local schools for grades K-12.

The curriculum presented in the master plan is standards based and the student products represent the concepts, media and techniques taught at each grade level (art and music).

Once implemented, the plan will ensure that the arts are an integral, interdisciplinary, sequential part of every student's education fostering inspiration, creativity, and a life-long appreciation of the arts.

## *How was the plan created?*

In October 2009, the Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) board approved the three-years-in-the-making Arts Education Master Plan.

The Ventura Education Partnership Arts Collaborative (VEP) developed the plan. The Collaborative is comprised of VUSD administrators, educators, City staff, artists,

parents, community organizations and volunteers.

The VEP design team with consultant Celena Turney crafted the plan after much public discussion. The plan was inspired by the successful LA Arts for All program and guided by principles from the California Alliance for Arts Education.

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## *Become a volunteer*

- Become a volunteer art docent. Get involved directly with teachers and children in the classroom. You needn't be an artist – an interest in the arts is all that matters. Arts teacher specialists will supply lesson plans that inspire excitement in the arts. The goal is to have art docents at every elementary school this spring.
- Join a VEP Arts Collaborative committee. Do you have a special talent for fundraising, organizing or communicating? VEP is seeking new members for its committees performing these functions to research funding options, to organize the plan's next steps, and to better communicate the plan to our community.

## *What can I do to get involved?*

*The plan's "start up" action plan asks for parent and community involvement, support and leadership in basic ways.*

## *Attend children's arts events*

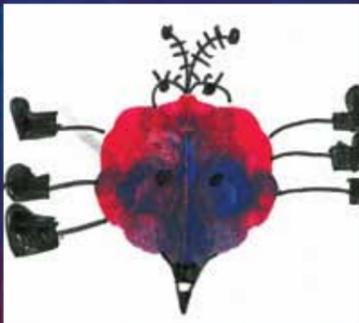
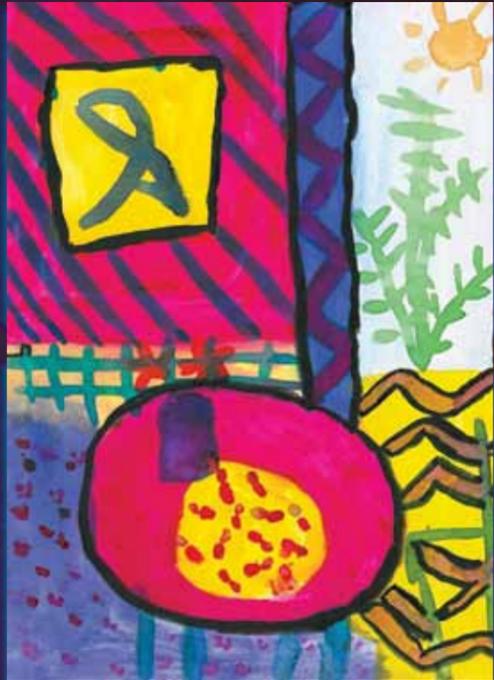
The public can also support the plan by attending the annual Festival of Talent in February, family/community sing-a-longs and other children's arts events throughout the year.

## *Read the full master plan and advocate!*

Visit [www.venturausd.org](http://www.venturausd.org) to explore the complete plan online and become an advocate for the arts in VUSD schools by talking up the Arts Master Plan in your community groups.



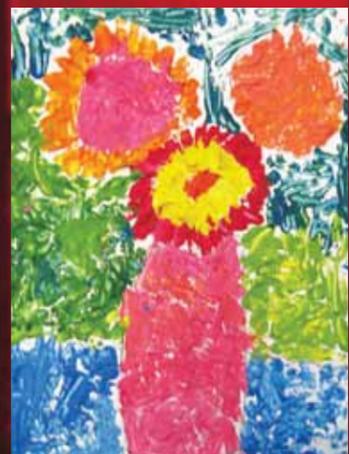
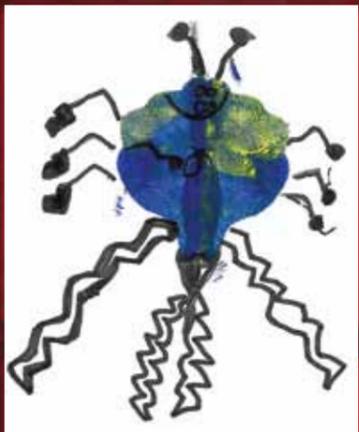
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