

#15 Work Sample

Mandalas for
Life Skills

Lynch Wood
Community School

A program of Campfire USA and
the Police Activities League
Spring 2007



The art was unveiled at an assembly on the last day of school.

Christine spent five weeks in the spring of 2007 helping the fourth - sixth grade students of Lynch Wood School's Campfire program to develop five large mandala paintings for a permanent installation. Each mural was based on three of the fifteen life skills identified by the school. Students first did some abstract thinking to design symbols representing the life skills. These symbols were repeated in circular patterns to create beautiful, meaningful mandalas. Please see attached press release.



Christine looks on while the 4th graders
paint their design.



A group of sixth grade girls who
loved painting with acrylics!



This mandala symbolized curiosity,
flexibility, and caring.



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Eye Popping Mural Project to be Installed at Lynch Wood Elementary

Portland, OR – August 16, 2007 – Students in grades 4 through 6 in the Lynch Wood Community School program created beautiful and meaningful murals as their culmination project. The Campfire/SUN program at Lynch Wood is a collaboration of Metropolitan Family Service, Lynch Wood 21st Century Community Learning Center, Camp Fire USA, Multnomah County and the Centennial school district.

Over 60 students participated in the project, working in groups of 12 to 15 students with artist Christine Claringbold. Claringbold's studio, Eye Pop Art, features her art on recycled materials. She has worked with many school programs in the Portland metro area. "Christine is great with the kids and gives them the tools they need to create really meaningful and beautiful art, not your typical craft projects", says Charlene Conley, a Metropolitan Family Service employee, and SUN Site Manager at Lynch Wood.

Students created mandala images of the life skills that are taught through the Camp Fire/SUN program. The five murals reflect life skills such as friendship, patience, problem solving, cooperation, perseverance, sense of humor and responsibility. The murals are to be installed before school commences in September. Contact Charlene Conley at 503.703.0193, if you would like to be notified of the installation date. Images of the murals are attached to this release.

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Background Information

About **Metropolitan Family Service (MFS)**: For more than half a century, Metropolitan Family Service has played a vital role in the lives of children, families, and older adults. We provide services at more than 100 sites, including more than 80 schools. Metropolitan Family Service makes connections that strengthen the lives of 32,500 individuals and families each year.

SUN Community Schools are a collaboration of local nonprofits, Multnomah County Office of School and Community Partnerships, the city of Portland Parks and Recreation, and Centennial, David Douglas, Gresham-Barlow, Portland Public, Parkrose, and Reynolds school districts. For more information visit www.metfamily.org.

Artist Christine Claringbold, can be contacted at 503-774-1407, or visit her website at www.eyepopart.com.

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