

# PRESS RELEASE

## EXPLORE STUDENT ART FAIR AND DISCOVER FUTURE WARHOL, KAHLO AND CHAGALL ARTISTS

May 14, 2007 – Glass, ceramic, paint, crayons, and LCD projectors are the newest implementations in art instruction and art history curriculum at Gray Academy of Jewish Education. Dolly Chisick, Art Teacher for over 20 years, has always been ahead of the pack when it comes to developing cutting edge artistry and showcasing it to the public.

The students delight not only in her style of instruction, but also in her enthusiastic approach to sharing her passion for the world of art.

So what can a student expect to be doing in the Gray Academy Art Department? Quite simply – everything! From Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12, they experience drawing, sketching with pencil and charcoal, painting with acrylics and watercolours (which come in tubes, blocks, pencils and crayons), murals, glass fusion, ceramics, print making (lino and foam), dioramas, collage, puppet making, papier-mâché, mobiles, photography, art appreciation, construction with recycled materials, PowerPoint projects and even art problem solving using popcorn!

In fact, in Grade one last year, students built and explored a makeshift cave in the art room, discussed spelunking, viewed a video on the history of cave paintings and even created their own paintings.

And when students are not getting their hands dirty, they spend time studying art history and discussing the work of Monet, da Vinci, Chagall, Matisse, Picasso, Klee, Michelangelo, Oldenburg, Pollock and Warhol. Other disciplines are integrated into the art curriculum such as math, music and Judaism.

Senior students also take a look at art history from the Stone Age; the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans; the Renaissance period; and Impressionists and Modern artists. DVDs, videos and literature on artists and art-related subjects are constantly updated in the department.

“I want my students to appreciate art so that they will leave here seeing that art is a daily part of their lives. Art is everywhere – it’s in the cars we drive, the style of clothing we wear and the décor we have in our homes. I would like students to develop their own unique style and to not be influenced by the heavy emphasis they see every day with commercialization,” says Dolly Chisick, Art Teacher. “The positive is emphasized in the student’s work. Each student is encouraged to stretch their boundaries,” she adds.

Over 2,000 works of art will be on display on May 16 and 17 for the Second Annual Art Fair from grades JK-12. A Silver Collection will be donated to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

Gray Academy of Jewish Education is a JK-12 university preparatory school that places equal value on Jewish and General academic programs, and provides opportunities to nurture the emotional well-being and spiritual development of all students.

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**Please join us for the Art Fair and discover your inner Picasso:**

**Wednesday, May 16 and Thursday, May 17**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Multi-Purpose Room**

**Gray Academy of Jewish Education**

**123 Doncaster Street**

For further information and/or to interview Mrs. Chisick and see the Art Fair during the daytime, please contact:

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