Arts in the Middle will:

- Give statewide visibility to the fine arts and promote the arts among middle school students
- Provide opportunities for art students from diverse backgrounds to work together
- Offer middle school art students high caliber artistic challenges
- Give art teachers opportunities to create their own work

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Schedule
Registration 8:30
Workshop Session I 9:00-11:15
Lunch (provided) & check-in with chaperone 11:15-12:15
Workshop Session II 12:15-2:30
Collect Art & Departure 2:30

Feel free to bring a snack and beverage
Lunch is provided

Workshops
Select 4 workshops and put the letter of each in the workshop choice boxes after your name (you will be assigned 2). Workshop assignments will be made on a space available basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate at least one of each participant’s top choices.

A. Photogram
Make abstract color photo using no negatives.

B. Acrylic & Mixed Media
Create a Hip Hop poster using a variety of pencils, markers, paints and collage techniques.

C. Computer Photoshop
Students will be introduced to the basic techniques and tools of Adobe Photoshop and apply these tools and techniques to create a monochromatic image.

D. Plein Aire
Learn methods used by outdoor landscape painting with emphasis on spontaneous impression, capturing light and mood.

E. Polymer Clay Sculpture
Learn and practice polymer clay techniques while making small one-of-a-kind treasures. Choose from a variety of pre-determined subject matters.

F. Art of the Indigenous People of Australia
Apply paint with nontraditional tools and use authentic symbols and elements of Aboriginal art to create a painting.

G. Water Color
Above the water and below the water. Learn four watercolor techniques and apply them to either a seascape or underwater sea life.

H. Pen and Ink
Use ink the old fashioned way! Dip your ink nib into an ink well and learn techniques like cross hatching and stippling to capture the influence of light and form.

I. Wire Sculpture
Bend it! Curve it! Twist it! Explore sculpture through the barest of linear elements.

J. Cartooning
Working from a storyline, develop a cartoon character to be put into a comic strip created by each artist.

K. Self Portraits
Create a self portrait using collage materials & techniques.

L. Sculpture
Students will be introduced to realistic portraiture as an art form. Covering unique properties and "language" of working in three-dimension giving students the opportunity to create small clay portrait busts.

Working artists will lead all these workshops! They’ll be bringing examples of their own work or portfolios. Pick a medium you’ve never tried before or pick a medium you enjoy and want to learn more about. Be prepared to do some great artwork, meet other artists and have fun!! And…you need not bring supplies with you…just BRING A SMOCK!

Registration Form
Arts in the Middle
Please complete one form per team.

Contact:
School:
Street:
City, Zip:
Email:

$25.00 per person

Workshop Choice
In Preference Order
1 2 3 4

Teacher:
Student:
Student:
Student:
Student:

Full payment enclosed (check payable to CAS)
PO # _________________ enclosed

Please mail with payment by April 25, 2008 to:
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The conference is designed for teams of three to five students and one teacher from CAS member schools. The fee is $25.00 per person. While there are no restrictions on the number of teams from each school, the conference is primarily for students and registrations will not be accepted from teachers only. Participants from non-member schools are welcome with the payment of an additional $100.00 per school.

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