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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Twelfth Annual

Middle School Arts Conference



"Hands on Workshop"

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Schedule

Registration	8:30
Workshop Session I	9:00-11:15
Lunch	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 will be provided

Workshops

Each participant may choose 4 workshops and will be assigned 2. Workshop assignments will be made on a space available basis, and every effort will be made to select at least one top choice. Have everyone's choices ready before beginning the online registration. Choose from:

A. Photogram

Create abstract color photos without using negatives.

B. Plein Air

Learn methods for outdoor landscape painting with emphasis on spontaneous impression, capturing light, and mood.

C. Self Portraits

Create a self portrait using collage materials & techniques.

D. Water Color

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

E. Pen and lak

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.

F. Stuck On You

Discover the possibilities and pleasures of creating original folding wallets with colorful duct tape. These extraordinary, functional, and water resistant items will hold money, keys, photos or iPods. The structure, appearance and function of product design will be discussed. Stick around for an optional extra sculpture project!

G. Mask-Tastic Metal Creations

Be inspired by cultures from around the world, and create a mask or sculpture made from recycled metal and found object materials. Your artwork will represent personal power and meaning while learning that the simplest tools and resources can create mask-tastic creations and more!

H. Cartooning

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

1. Drawing

Expressive drawing with line and rhythm. Drawing with a live model.

J. Printmaking

Participants will design and print note cards using linoleum blocks and ink.

K. Acrylic and Mixed Media

Create a hip-hop poster using a variety of pencils, markers, paints, and collage techniques.

L. Fun with Freaky Fractals and Digital

Media Art is about patterns of color. Math is about patterns of numbers. Learn to use a computer to make beautiful and colorful art using simple math.

M. Kaleidescope

Kaleidescopes are fascinating to people of all ages. Create your own working model. Constructed of plastic mirrors, translucent beads, and other goodies, your fabulous masterpiece will be uniquely decorated and ready to take home.

Online Registration ONLY Arts in the Middle

The conference is designed for students and teachers from CAS member schools. The fee is \$25.00 per attendee. Schools may send up to 20 participants. Because the conference is primarily for students, registrations cannot be accepted from teachers only. Participants from non-member schools are welcome with the payment of an additional \$100.00 per school. Please complete one online form per school.

Online registration at: www.casciac.org/register

Any questions or problems with registration, call Barbara at 203-250-1111 ext. 3901 or email at boconnor@casciac.org

Registration Deadline APRIL 22, 2013

Please mail payment to:

Arts in the Middle Conference Connecticut Association of Schools 30 Realty Drive Cheshire, CT 06410

Working artists will lead all of the 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!**