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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The Connecticut Association of Schools presents

ARTS Middle
Thirteenth Annual Middle School Arts Conference

“Hands on Workshop”
Tuesday, May 20, 2014
University of Hartford’s Art School
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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. Self Portraits
Create a self-portrait using collage materials.

C. 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.

D. 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!

E. 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!

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

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

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

I. Fun with 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.

J. Colorful Coiled Basketry
Coiling is the most versatile of all basketry techniques, offering absolute control over size, shape, color, and texture. Create a small basket while learning how to modernize this ancient art form with contemporary materials and unusual embellishments.

K. Self Portraits with Wire
Create a self-portrait using wire.

L. 3-D Cardboard and Hot Glue Sculptures
Design and create three-dimensional, free-standing sculpture using cardboard. Projects will be fabricated from cut layers of shapes.

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

For any questions or problems with registration, call Barbara O’Connor at 203-250-1111 ext. 3901 or email boconnor@casciac.org

Registration Deadline
APRIL 25, 2014

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!