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from jeffrey dollinger, executive director

Memorial Day will soon be here, marking the beginning of summer and the end of another school year. Memorial Day, of course, was created to remember the sacrifices soldiers have made on behalf of America. It seems fitting then, that we take a moment to reflect on our fifth grade curriculum in which students take a tour of American Art. Art that reflects what it means to be of a country with unique sensibilities. Art that looks at a nation that is constantly changing, reinventing, growing. Perhaps no artist in our fifth grade program showcased the vitality and diversity of the American Experience as well as Jacob Lawrence. [Read more](#)



5th Grade student's work based on Jacob Lawrence's *The Studio*.

regional schools to benefit from generous grants

In this school year, Art in Action provided more than **50,000 students nationwide** with a robust visual arts education. But there are many schools in our communities that do not have the resources to provide a visual arts program.

We are pleased to announce that we recently received **grants totaling \$47,500** from the [Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund](#), [Palo Alto Community Fund](#), the [Nancy Buck Ransom Foundation](#) and the [Leo M. Shortino Family Foundation](#) to deliver our program to underserved students in East Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Jose, San Francisco and Monterey County.

svgives generates significant support

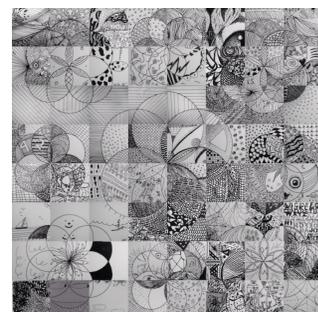
On May 5th Art in Action participated in Silicon Valley Gives. In 24 hours, 137 donors helped us meet a **\$10,000** matching challenge and **raise more than \$21,000**. We extend a big thanks to all who participated. If you missed the event, you can still participate by giving now. [Click here](#) to make a donation.



collaborative doodle project

Founding Google Doodler Dennis Hwang, who received our first [Art Visionary Award](#), inspired us to explore a doodling project. What started as a Doodling Together activity at our OBJECT:ART benefit continued as a community collaborative effort.

Students, artists, business leaders, staff and volunteers doodled small squares to create the collective artwork that you can [see in detail here](#). This is a great example of how the culture of art can spread in your school.



art in action featured in STEAMed digital magazine

Our Executive Director was invited to contribute an article to the digital magazine, *STEAMed*, produced by EducationCloset, an online resource for teachers. The article focuses on stories about creative people who move effortlessly between the worlds of art and science and how teachers can use these stories to inspire their students.



Read the full article [here](#).

welcome new schools

We are pleased to have recently added these new schools across the state, the country and the world:

- Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redwood City, CA
- Hazel Fischer Elementary, Arnold, CA
- George Payne Elementary, San Jose, CA
- El Rancho Early Learning Program, Pico Rivera CA
- Sanderson Elementary, Lancaster, OH
- Amricani Cultural Center, Kuwait

[Watch this great video](#) that was created and shared by Kuwait's Manifesto13, an existing Art in Action School.

discover matisse and the sea with free lesson

Summer is a great time to head to the beach to discover the mysteries of the sea. Explore the beauty of spirals, patterns, and geometric shapes of the underwater world by creating a sea life collage based on French artist Henri Matisse's *Beasts of the Sea*. Use this fun art project to celebrate Summer Solstice or as a special gift for Father's Day (both on June 21st).



[Click here](#) for this free art lesson.



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