



Art Department Newsletter

March 2017

Student Spotlight

At right, Henry James Memorial students Christian Alvarado, Marcel Christian, and Morgan Kopper work together to critique each other's works. Kristie Foley's eighth grade class are working in cooperative learning groups discussing compositional techniques used in self portraits.



At left is Tariffville third grader Anaya Huguley's piece *Floral Abstraction*. Several Tariffville students have artwork on display at the Connecticut Art Educators Association State Wide Youth Art Month Exhibit. This annual exhibition will be held at West Woods Upper Elementary School in Farmington. Works from students

across Connecticut will be on display from March 13 - March 24, 2017. Below from left to right: *Cubist Sculpture of a Guitar* by Jillian Plaut, grade 6; *Portrait* by Charlie Bolles, grade 2; *Tulip* by Josephina Fox, kindergarten.



Interview with Student Teacher Ms. Numi by Caitlin Wild



Caitlin: What did you do before you came to Simsbury?

Ms. Numi: Well, I was born in South Korea, but at age thirteen my family moved to New York. Now I've lived in Avon for ten years. For five years I have operated an art studio for children called Messy Smocks. During my teaching time there, I had an opportunity to teach K-8th grade at Solomon Schechter Day School, a private school in West Hartford. That's when I realized I wanted to continue my teaching at a public school.



Caitlin: What do you love best about art?

Ms. Numi: I love art because it's a way of expressing one's self without any boundaries or rules. It's a way that someone can communicate themselves and make a statement without really verbally speaking out. It helps us visually learn about our life through art.

Caitlin: When were you first introduced to art?

Ms. Numi: Even at age five, I remember being attracted to shapes, color, and beautiful qualities. I became really focused on developing in art when I came to America at age thirteen. Since there was a language barrier, I used art to express what I wanted to say. Art helped me explore a new and different world.



Caitlin: Where do you plan to go from here?

Ms. Numi: I look forward to becoming a part of the educational community as an art teacher. I look forward to meeting even more children who are passionate about art, just as I am.

Caitlin Wild is a 6th grade artist, writer, actress, and singer at Tariffville Elementary School. Following her time at Tariffville School with Daniel Rosenthal-Baxter, Ms. Numi will be joining Stephanie Lauretano at Simsbury High School for eight weeks.

March Calendar

March-April, 2017: Youth Art Month at the Board of Education Celebration: Wednesday, March 29, after school - 4:30pm

March 14, 15, 16: Tariffville Art Show
Elementary Report Card Half Days

March 3-April 30: Simsbury High School student Paintings at The Henry James Memorial Gallery

Friday, March 17: Full day Professional Development

Tuesday, March 21: Art Department Meeting, 2:30-3:30pm

March Birthdays

Kelly Dell'Aera
March 26

