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Dear 5th Grade Parents,

Each year the 5th grade students donate a gift to the school upon graduation as a token of their gratitude and time here at Myers Park Traditional. Past gifts have been: a tree for the playground along with a plaque (Class 2009-2010), a bench in the front lobby, a beautiful plant, and mats for the entrance hallway. This year, I would like for the students to create a glass tile mural. This mural would become a permanent art installation, remain a part of the school for years to come, and be this year's gift from the 5th grade class.

The installation will consist of each 5th grader in the school making a glass fused tile. This project will give your child the opportunity to learn about glass making as an art form and give them a hands-on opportunity to work with glass fusing. Each student will be given one glass tile where he/she will be asked to arrange smaller glass pieces to create a mosaic pattern. The glass tiles will then be fired in the school's kiln, which will melt the glass down into one cohesive tile. Afterwards, the tiles will be displayed as an art installation within the school. Your child's work of art will be permanently displayed at Myers Park Traditional School.

The cost of the project will be \$5.00 per student. Any additional money donated would be greatly appreciated to go towards the cost of the installation. Both cash (exact amount only) and checks will be accepted. All checks should be made payable to MPTS PTA. Thank you in advance for your support and I look forward to working with your child and exploring the world of glass making.

If you would like to see an example of what the tiles will look like you can visit the school website and click under School Announcements. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me at meredith.mccomb@cmk.k12.nc.us or call 980-343-5522.

I am hoping that this project will be as successful as I anticipate it being. I am excited that glass mosaic tiling will become a new 5th grade class tradition at MPTS.

Sincerely,

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Glass Fused Tile Examples



