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Update on Project Brays and the Widening of Brays Bayou

By Gerda Gomez

The Brays Bayou Flood Damage Reduction Project (Project Brays) is the largest project of Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD). Project Brays starts at the Houston Ship Channel and extends to Highway 6. It has several components designed to reduce flooding. These components include detention ponds, bridge modification, and the widening of Brays Bayou. The widening of Brays Bayou is intended to increase the amount of storm water that the Bayou carries out to the Ship Channel. The widening of the Bayou began at the eastern end and will continue west to Fondren Street. The widening is being done in a deliberate sequence. To avoid negative effects, consideration of the impact of the widening on utilities, bridges, surrounding communities, traffic, lane closures, and detours is required. Multiple contractors will also be involved in the bidding process.

According to Bob Schwartz, President of The Brays Bayou Association, the current status of the widening of the Bayou, as shared with him by Project Brays administrators, is as follows. Construction will resume July 2016 at Bertner Street in the Texas Medical Center to 2,200 feet west of Buffalo Speedway. It is anticipated this section will be completed by 2017-2018. The next section to be widened will proceed west to South Rice, and subsequently to Fondren with overall completion by 2022.

Attention Entering Kindergartners and Their Parents

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Kolter Elementary

Kolter Elementary will host its Kindergarten Round Up on Friday, April 15th from 9:00-10:00am for Kindergartners starting school in August 2016 and their parents. The students will get to meet Principal, Dr. Steven Shetzer, and the Kindergarten teachers. There will be refreshments, a petting zoo, pony rides, and face painting for the children. Western attire is encouraged! Kolter Elementary is located at 9710 Runnymede. Call 713-726-3630 for more information.

Lovett Elementary

Lovett Elementary will host its Kindergarten Round Up on April 19 at 6:00 p.m. Lovett is located at 8814 South Rice. Call 713-295-5258 for more information.

Step Right Up and Join The Fun!

Kolter Elementary is hosting its Spring Carnival on Saturday, April 9th from 3:00-7:00pm. Admission is free and open to the community. This family fun event will feature food, games, prizes, dunk booth, bounce houses, and more. The carnival is a fundraiser for Kolter and always a treat. Kolter Elementary is located at 9710 Runnymede. Call: 713-726-3630 for more information.



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10	11	12 Trash	13 Junk!	14	15	16
17	18	19 T/R	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Trash	27	28	29	30

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1	2	3 T/R	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Trash	11 Tree!	12	13	14
15	16	17 T/R	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Trash	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1 T/R	2	3	4

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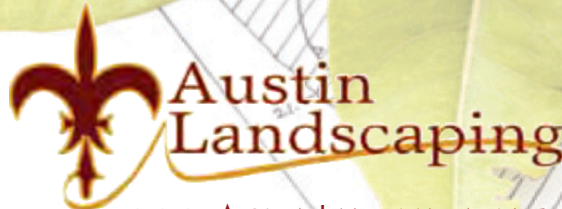
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When Math and Art Meet

by Joyce Young

Lovett Elementary is in full swing completing its art car for the Houston Art Car Parade that will be held on Saturday, April 8, from 12 – 4 p.m. This year's entry is entitled "Owl" ways in the Art Frame of Mind. Mr. Rickey Polidore, Art Teacher, was inspired by Doris Salcedo's installation of "1550 Chairs Stacked Between Buildings" whereby she used the Pythagorean theorem to stack the chairs into a small space. Since chairs were too heavy to adhere to a vehicle, Polidore saw a picture of a van in Europe advertising John Jones picture frames and thus the idea was born for the 2016 art car entry by Lovett Elementary. The Pythagorean theory would be used to adhere picture frames to the art vehicle.

The Art Car competition began on the first day of the 2015-2016 school term when a request for donations was made. This year, the school requested both picture frames and eyeglass frames. The Fall term art classes consisted of learning about "the elements and principles of art", according to Polidore. In January the production of the art car began in earnest. The students participated in an art car design contest and a T-shirt design contest. The contests were open to all students in K through 5. This year's winner for the art car design was Mira Green, 4th grade. The t-shirt design winner was

Zachary Jones, 4th grade. The winners were chosen by the students.

The younger students were responsible for counting and sorting the eyeglass frames and applying sequins to picture frames, whereas the older students were involved in creating patterns, drawing and measuring, cutting and gluing. This year's design includes wings that are made out of polypropylene, a lighter material than the wood wings that were used last year. The frames were then applied to the wings using plumbers glue. "The kids wear masks and goggles when applying the glue", per Polidore. "I enjoy it; they do it all", he enthused. The welding of the frame to the van was done by both Polidore and Rick Nixie, parent of Molly Nixie, 5th grade. Polidore's cousin, David, aka "Sparky", volunteered his electrical expertise and wired the lighting on the art car.

The students are judged on Theme, Craftsmanship, Overall Design and Originality. Ever resourceful in his quest for the best entry possible for his students, Polidore was driving through Meyerland on heavy trash day and lo and behold, what looked like an ordinary washer and dryer was envisioned as owl eyes to him. The doors were removed and they were framed out with eyeglasses. Red eyeglass frames were used for the tongue.

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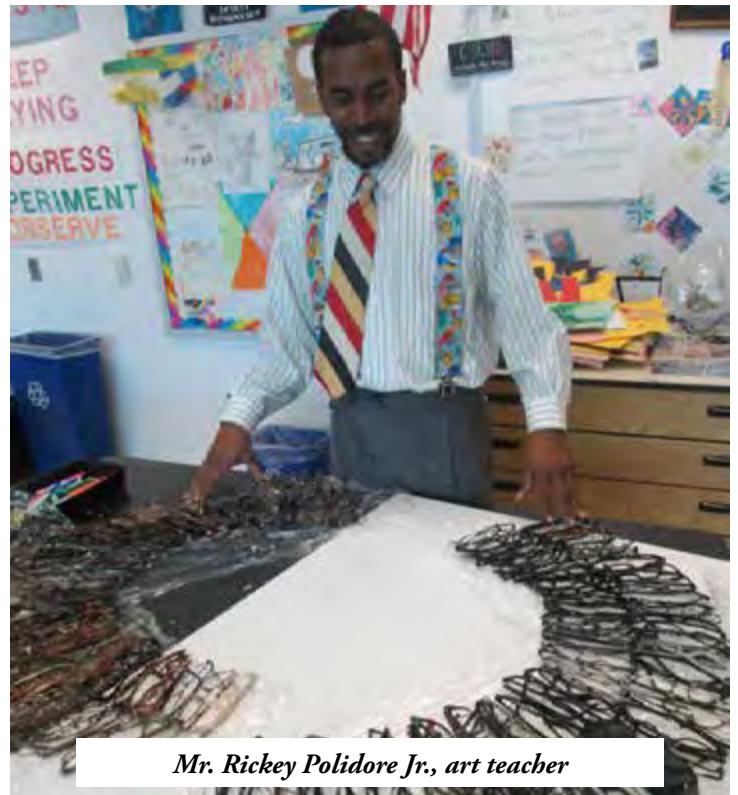
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On March 25, the teachers gathered for a team building exercise to assemble the art car. Some of the teachers definitely got into the spirit of the assembly as they proudly displayed their best “Charlie’s Angels poses with glue guns”, stated Polidore. “It’s definitely a group effort” to get the art car ready from conception to final product, he stated. Now in its third year of competing in the Houston Art Car Parade, the students have earned accolades in the Youth division in the prior two years. The first year they took second place and last year they won first place which means a picture of their 2015 art car will be in this year’s guide.

The day of the parade is not necessarily the end of that year’s art car entry. Last year, the “Owl” ways a Good Time art car was included in the National Clock and Watch Festival of America held at Westchase Hilton. In addition, it was also at the Free Press Summer Festival held at Reliant Stadium. With 141,000 miles on the van Polidore uses for the art car, he is unsure how many more years they will be able to use it. Each year the previous year’s adornments are removed and the wear and tear is showing. Lovett would definitely be receptive to a car donation and “the bigger, the better”, Polidore proclaims.

Under Mr. Polidore’s guidance, what better way is there for the students to learn math and create art at the same time. Winners of the 2016 Art Car Parade will be announced in April.



Mr. Rickey Polidore Jr., art teacher



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by Joyce Young

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