

# THE EMS ART NEWSLETTER

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### BEAUTY IS....

Inspired by the EMS PTA Reflections theme, Beauty is.... The 8<sup>th</sup> graders embarked on a month long project drawing portraits. Starting out by learning the proportions of the face, the students then learned how to grid a piece of art work to enlarge it. With a partner they covered recycled cardboard with glue and newspaper, then painted over the newspaper with varying hues of watercolor paint. Finally they drew their portrait. Students used a variety of media: pastel, oil pastels, markers and colored pencils to create these haunting portraits. In this lesson, students discovered how beauty is not on the cover of a famous magazine but in the faces of real people from around the world. We hope you enjoy them!

