

Art History Chairs

Pelham Middle School students in seventh and eighth grades are completing a project to paint stools to reflect the style of artists and famous art movements. In total, 70 stools will be painted and continue to be used in the art classrooms of teachers Rebecca Schwarz and Christina Levi. The Pelham Education Foundation funded the project at the request of the teachers. "Not only did the students learn a lot from this experience, but the stools will also be teaching tools for all of our future Art students," said Ms. Schwarz.

Students began the project by conducting research on the artists and art movements on laptop computers, which were donated by the Pelham Education Foundation in 2009. The students worked in teams to look for images and information to incorporate into their stool design and then sketched their concepts. Some of the artists who were chosen are Vincent Van Gogh, Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, Chuck Close, Pablo Picasso, M.C. Escher, Jasper John, Claes Oldenburg, Claude Monet, Georges Seurat, Edgar Degas, Michelangelo, Leonardo DaVinci and Johannes Vermeer. Some of the art movements that were chosen are Impressionism, Gothic Art, Abstract Expressionism, Art Deco, Pop Art, Medieval Art, Dadaism, Installation Art and Cubism. The Pelham Middle School Art Department thanks the Pelham Education Foundation for supporting the Art program through the years. The teachers said that this project in particular will result in the enhancement of both the aesthetics and atmosphere of the seventh and eighth grade Art rooms. In addition, the stools will assist in Art learning games, cultural discussions and art history lessons. "Without the generosity of the Pelham Education Foundation, this wonderful opportunity for the Pelham Middle School students would not have been possible," the teachers said.