

THANK YOU!!!

A very special thank you to all who
contributed in making this gallery a success.
Thank you for supporting our students.
We hope you enjoyed the opening.

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ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

DIVERSITY ART GALLERY OPENING

February 20th, 2025

36 Gilbert Place, West Orange, NJ 07052

The beauty of our school lies in the diversity of its students



di·ver·si·ty /də'vərsədē,dī'vərsədē/

the practice or quality of including or involving people from a range of different social and ethnic backgrounds and of different genders, sexual orientations, etc.



WELCOME TO ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL'S DIVERSITY ART GALLERY OPENING!

This gallery is a space where differences are embraced and individuality is celebrated. The gallery showcases student artists and artwork that illustrate Diversity, Equity, Accessibility & Inclusion.

Art fosters diversity through visual storytelling. It introduces people to new perspectives and life experiences. These introductions can lead to understanding, learning, empathy and acceptance. Art possesses such a powerful ability to evoke social change without uttering a single word. It can enlighten, educate and affect change.

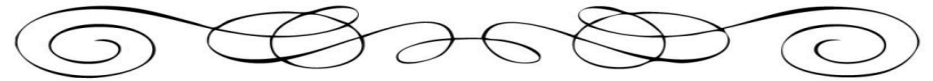
The gallery's mission is to provide a platform for RMS students to visually express how diversity enriches and strengthens us. Our desire is to provide a safe environment that gives students, and the community a sense of belonging and enjoyment and where all can feel welcome.

Thank you for joining us in creating a community where genuine acceptance and respect can be showcased through art. Together we can create a vibrant inclusive art community of creativity, kindness, and respect.

Janis Oliver & Kristy Lopez



ARTISTS:



FEATURED ARTIST: Kiara Barnett

8th Grade ARTISTS: Mathew Awofesobi, Annie Bosco, Zairah Carter, Andrew Chudziak, Kaliah Colombo, Torre Dennis, Siena Felici, Eliza Gattens, Ashly Gomez, Waverly Grenberg, Angella Heckstall, Jhosmeiry Herrera, Shella Lovaincy, Angelina Loricchio, Bea Peterson, Leonardo Robinson, Kate Schiflett, Virginia Stephens

7th Grade ARTISTS: Nia Abdush Shaheed, Andrea Alas Tejada, Noah Benoit, Amelia Bien Aime, Abigail Brady, Sahar Brown, Alisson Castro Giron, Munachimso Ibezim, Sophia Jones, Isabella Salas, Thomas Snipes, Varela, Fatima Yopez Sanchez

POWER FIST MURAL PROJECT: Ms. Oliver's 7th grade Art Classes

COMMUNITY CURTAIN: Please take a moment to contribute to our community curtain. The community curtain is a collaborative art installation. This year's theme is "Unity in Diversity", the idea of valuing and embracing our differences and coming together to be united. What does this phrase mean to you? Add a message, quote or a single word to one of the precut colorful pieces of paper and tie it to one of the hanging strands. These single strands hung together create a bright colorful wall of art and ideas and combine to form a "curtain" installation that will grow and give voice to our community.