

Students work together to understand peace



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Before classes Friday morning at Indiantown Middle School, art teacher Jennifer Girona arranges all of her art class students for a photograph in front of the 26-by-11-foot mural they created as part of the Kids' Guernica International Peace Mural Project. The project was funded by a grant that Girona obtained from the Florida League of International Baccalaureate Schools, and the mural will be shown in Japan before becoming a permanent part of a travelling exhibit, which begins in Indonesia. "The whole thing is that the kids are learning about peace while having to work in a collaborative group," Girona said. In its 15th year, more than 200 murals have been created and exhibited. The original mural was created in Tallahassee as a collaboration between artists and educators from Florida and Japan to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, and the dimensions of the mural are in order with Picasso's "Guernica," painted in 1937 as a commentary on the bombing of the town of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War.

IMS Art students work on 'PEACE' mural

Mural to be unveiled at Band/Arts show

By Joyce Murphy

Indiantown Middle School Art classes recently spent two days working on a special mural.

The 11' X 26' mural was funded through two grants from the Florida League of IB Schools.

Part of the Children's Guernica Peace Mural Project, the mural will be unveiled at the Band/Art show next week. Then the mural will be shipped to Japan, and finally to Bali, Indonesia for the International Exhibition this August.

The mural's theme is Peace and students painted their ideas about peace and peace symbols on the canvas drop cloth primed with primer.

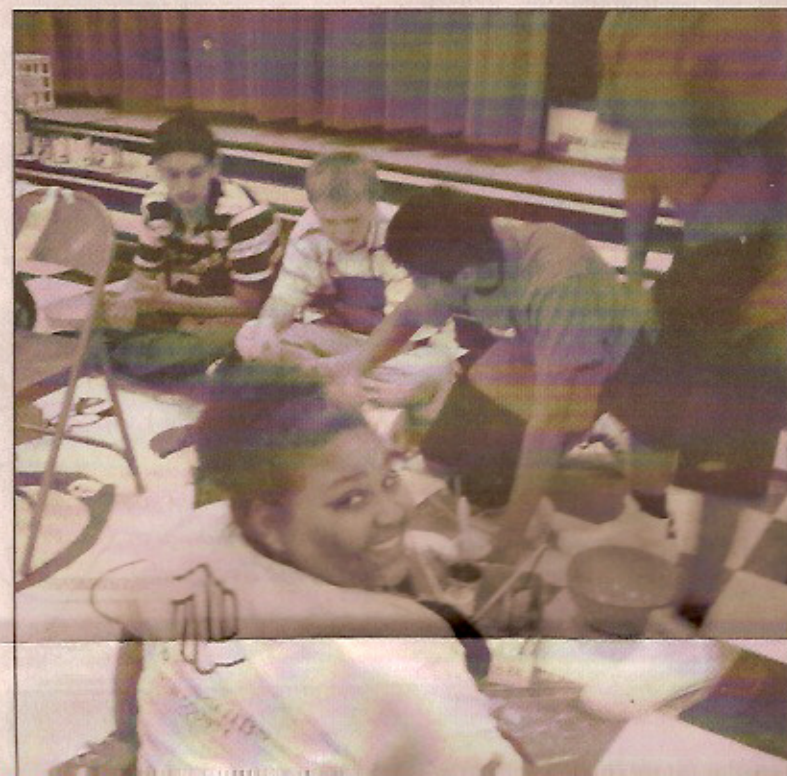
IMS Art teacher Jennifer Love Gironda said that the focus was on promoting peace through a collaborative art project. The students are looking forward to sharing their mural with a larger,



Students work on the Peace mural.

international audience.

Gironda would like to give a special thanks to Lowes in Lake Park for donating aprons to IMS.





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Kadeesha Singleton



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5th grade students work on the mural



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8th grade students work on the mural



Photo by Joyce Murphy
Tanairy Rivera hard at work on the mural.

