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Artists visit Fremont 8th graders

Submitted story

FREMONT -- Eighth-grade art students had the opportunity to enjoy a multicultural experience Oct. 22, when 14 artists visiting from Tanzania, East Africa, visited Fremont City Schools' art classes. Regina Mfoy and Samina Sachak, as part of the Northwest Ohio-Tanzanian artist exchange group, shared stories about their personal culture and showed examples of their artwork.

Students had opportunities to ask questions of the artists as well as to explain what cultural symbols represented Fremont.

In preparation for the artists' visit, eighth-grade art students researched their personal heritage and culture through family interviews, online searches, class discussions, and created a personalized culture and heritage design.

Students are painting their designs onto puzzle boards, which will later be collaged together to create a collaborative, mixed-media artwork to be donated to Fremont Middle School. Students will be participating in the selection of the artwork display location, and hope to do a formal unveiling later this fall.

Mfoy and Sachak also painted puzzles to be added to the collaborative piece.

The community is encouraged to stop in to see the finished artwork.



Tanzanian artists visited eighth-grade art classes in October as part of a cultural exchange. (Submitted photos)



Students show off their puzzle boards in sixth period art class.