



ADVOCACY QUOTES

Use these quotes on posters to hang throughout your room/building, as part of a newsletter, at the bottom of any parent communication, on your website, on invitations to arts events or as mailings to board members.

“Art Leaves No Child Behind”™

“Science will...produce the data...but never the full meaning. For perceiving real significance, we shall need... most of all the brains of poets, (and) also those of artists, musicians, philosophers, historians, writers in general.”
~Lewis Thomas, Scientist

“Pyramids, cathedrals and rockets exist not because of geometry, theories of structures or thermodynamics, but because they were first a picture –literally a vision- in the minds of those who built them.” ~Eugene Ferguson, Historian

“When I examine myself and my method of thought, I come to the conclusion that the gift of fantasy has meant more to me than my talent for absorbing knowledge.” ~Albert Einstein

“Art and Music are the drugs of choice for thousands of kids. If we expect them to just say no to a chemical high, we must recognize the healing alternative, their own creativity. Demand and support the real anti-drug program – Arts in education.” ~Fred Babb in “What is Art?”

“When we teach a child to sing or play the flute, we teach her how to listen. When we teach her to draw, we teach her to see. When we teach a child to dance, we teach him about his body and about space, and when he acts on stage, he learns about character and motivation. When we teach a child design, we reveal the geometry of the world. When we teach children about the folk and traditional arts and the great masterpieces of the world, we teach them to celebrate their roots and find their own place in history.” ~Jane Alexander

“To encourage literature and the arts is a duty which every good citizen owes to his country.” ~George Washington

“I can honestly say I would of (sic) been a mess without an escape from reality day by day. Many times I would hate being home. The music room in school was my real home.” ~Everardo Garcia

“I don't think I'd have been president if I didn't have the gift of school music when I was a boy. We cannot let music disappear from our schools.”~ Pres. Bill Clinton VH1 Save the Music 10th Annual Gala, USA Today.

“The importance of the arts in No Child Left Behind is clear. They're an important part of a well-rounded, complete education for every student. The knowledge and skills that learning in the arts imparts uniquely equip young persons for life.

What's more, combining music, art, dance, and drama with subjects such as math, reading, and language can be highly effective, enhancing student engagement and increasing academic achievement.”

~Margaret Spellings, U.S. Secretary of Education

“The arts are a major area of human cognition, one of the ways in which we know about the world and express our knowledge. Much of what is said in the arts cannot be said in another way. To withhold artistic means of understanding is as much a malpractice as to withhold mathematics... Since schools traditionally develop only linguistic and logical/mathematical skills, they are missing an enormous opportunity to develop the whole child.”
~Dr. Howard Gardner, Harvard Graduate School of Education www.artworksforkids.org/

“From music and dance to painting and sculpting, the arts allow us to explore new worlds and to view life from another perspective...[they] encourage individuals to sharpen their skills and abilities and to nurture their imagination and intellect.” ~President George W. Bush, 2004, “[Key Policy Letters Signed by the Education Secretary or Deputy Secretary](#)” www.artworksforkids.org/

“We celebrate the creativity of America's young people and the willingness of our cultural community to invest in making every child's life a work of art.” ~ First Lady Laura Bush, Honorary Chair, President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, *Coming Up Taller Awards 2001*

“We have never discovered a culture on this planet-past or present-that doesn't have music, art and dance.”
~David Sousa

"The quality of civilization can be measured through its music, dance, drama, architecture, visual art, and literature. We must give our children knowledge and understanding of civilization's most profound works."
~Ernest L. Boyer

"Since 2000, when NCLB was passed, 71% of the nation's 15,000 school districts have reduced time spent on subjects like art, social studies and history"
(Source: Two reports from the Center on Education Policy: Is NCLB narrowing the curriculum?; From the Capital to the Classroom: Year Four of the NCLB Act)

"I am convinced that Art is of paramount importance in every educational experience! Art must be more than a hands-on activity paired with other learning, for when it is integrated with other content areas the synergy of connected learning paths promotes a deeper understanding of culture, period and discipline." ~Michael Gerrish.

"Art teaches nothing, except the significance of life." ~Henry Miller

"Art attracts us only by what it reveals of our most secret self." ~Jean-Luc Godard

"An artist is not paid for his labor but for his vision." ~James McNeil Whistler

"Art evokes the mystery without which the world would not exist." ~Rene Magritte

"Art is literacy of the heart." ~Elliot Eisner

"Only through art can we get outside of ourselves and know another's view of the universe which is not the same as ours and see landscapes which would not otherwise have remained unknown to us like the landscape of the moon." ~Marcel Proust

"Art is the child of nature." ~ Longfellow

"Art as language....in the future there will only be art. This common language will carry the message of love."
~Theo Van Doesburg, Artist

"Art is a way of expression that has to be understood by everyone, everywhere." ~Rufino Tamayo

"Life without industry is guilt: industry without art is brutality." ~John Ruskin

"Art is the marriage of the conscious and the unconscious." ~Jean Cocteau

"Every animal leaves traces of what it was; man alone leaves traces of what he created." ~Jacob Bronowski

"Art is skill that is the first meaning of the word." ~Eric Gill

"Art raises us above reality." ~Fernand Leger

"Art belongs to all times and all countries." ~George Sand