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Organization's General Goals:

St. Michael Catholic School is dedicated to enriching our communities next generation through faith and academic excellence. We strive for success daily while giving each other the grace to learn and grow from our mistakes. We strongly believe our students are training to become future saints!

Date of Award:

2025 Q2

Level:

\$500 to \$2,500

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Tulalip Tribes Grant Report – Visual Arts Program
Grant Code: Q2 2025 14.2

St. Michael Catholic School

Website: <https://smpschool.org/>

On behalf of St. Michael Catholic School, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Tulalip Tribes for providing a [REDACTED] grant to support our Visual Arts Program during the 2025–2026 school year.



This year marked an exciting milestone for our school, as it was the first year we were able to offer a dedicated visual arts program to our students. The funding from the Tulalip Tribes played a vital role in helping us establish a successful and welcoming art classroom.

The grant funds were used to purchase essential art supplies and storage solutions for our new classroom. These materials included a variety of tools and resources that allowed students to explore different artistic techniques, express their creativity, and engage in meaningful hands-on learning experiences. The addition of storage equipment helped us organize and safely maintain supplies, creating an efficient and functional learning environment for both students and staff.

During the 2025–2026 school year, approximately 150 students participated in the Visual Arts Program. Students had opportunities to develop artistic skills, build confidence, solve problems creatively, and express themselves through a variety of art projects and mediums. The enthusiasm for the program has been evident throughout the year, with students eagerly participating and taking pride in their work.

The impact of the program is best reflected in the students' own words:

- A first-grade student shared, “I enjoy art with Mrs. Wadner. Art is very fun!”
- A second-grade student commented, “I get to work on challenging projects, and I get to see my work pay off.”
- A fifth-grade student explained, “I love art and how fun and colorful it is. Plus, I get to show my talents and creativity.”

These comments highlight the positive influence that access to visual arts education has had on our students. The program has encouraged creativity, perseverance, self-expression, and a sense of accomplishment.

The attached photographs showcase some of the projects students completed this year and demonstrate how the grant funding directly supported hands-on learning experiences in the visual arts classroom.

Photo 1: Kindergarten Snowman Project Display

Kindergarten students created mixed-media snowman compositions using paint, paper, and collage techniques. Each artwork reflects individual creativity through unique color choices, scarf designs, and expressive details set against a winter-themed background.



Photo 2: First Grade Pop-Up Snowballs Display

Snowballs represent winter fun, and in this lesson students created a 3D paper snowball being held by a cozy, patterned pair of mittens. We connected this project to the story *The Mitten* by Jan Brett. Students used oil pastels for transfer drawing, then applied tempera paint to create colorful mitten patterns. Through this process, students learned about form by constructing a three-dimensional paper snowball. This lesson was a fun, hands-on, and interactive experience that allowed students to explore materials while creating a playful winter artwork.



Photo 3: Second Grade Radiant Forest Display

Students in second grade learned about American contemporary artist Michelle Courier, known for her realistic style and bright, vibrant colors. Inspired by her artwork, students created their own pieces using blended watercolors on watercolor paper. They also worked with sulfite paper and oil pastels to add realistic details, finishing their creations with a touch of playful paint splatter.



Photo 4: Third Grade Half Self Portraits

Self portraits were a project for my third grade students. It gave them a unique chance to express themselves and the three goals they wanted to achieve this school year. The more they learn about the fundamentals of drawing faces, the more freedom they will have in drawing their own.



Photo 5: Fourth Grade Cozy Hibernating Bears

Students in fourth grade created cozy hibernating bear artwork inspired by the story *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson. Using simple materials such as oil pastels and watercolors, students focused on line and texture using a variety of lines to design the colorful quilt and to show the bear's fur. Each piece turned out wonderfully unique.



Photo 6: Fifth Grade Gratitude Feathers

Our 5th graders recently completed their “Gratitude Feathers” art project. We discussed how practicing gratitude is one of the simplest ways to encourage empathy and kindness. As a class, we talked about what gratitude means to us not only being thankful for material things, but also appreciating the intangible gifts in our lives, such as a kind word from a friend, a sunny day, faith, or even the simple beauty of a feather. Each student reflected on one meaningful gratitude and created a unique feather to represent it.



As you can see, the Tulalip Tribes' investment has helped lay the foundation for a sustainable visual arts program that will continue to benefit students for years to come. We are deeply appreciative of your commitment to supporting educational opportunities and enriching the lives of students in our community.

Thank you for your generosity and partnership in helping make our first year of visual arts a success.

Sincerely,

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