

Worthington Bicentennial Teachers' Grant Proposal

Bicentennial Mural

Perry Middle School

Lori Whitlatch

Amount Requested: \$780

Proposal for Bicentennial Tile Mural

Objective: To create a permanent artwork in celebration of Worthington's and Ohio's Bicentennials, which involves 7th and 8th grade art students and staff

Description: Each student, approximately 220, will choose a person, event, or symbol that has historical significance in Ohio. For example: the Wright brothers, the flag, and the buckeye, Roy Lichtenstein (pop artist). One of the resources to be used would be the Worthingtonmemory.org. The students would be responsible for writing down knowledge learned about their chosen topic. This information would be compiled in a book that would be available in our library as a reference. On each page, the location of the corresponding tile would be indicated. Each student would receive a tile to depict the topic they researched. These tiles will be 3D; glazed and placed around a middle section of tiles that will show the map of Ohio.

This project is important in marking the celebration of both Worthington's and Ohio's bicentennials. It will serve as a piece of history for present and future students and staff. This also serves one of my personal goals of creating a permanent collection of student artwork at Perry Middle School. This bicentennial mural is the beginning of something that allows students to leave a part of them behind. Students present and future can enjoy this unique collaborative effort.

This project would also be used for future art lessons. I will continue to study Worthington and Ohio artists after this bicentennial year. We have a lot of talent and unique stories that we can study from right here in Ohio. The mural project could serve as a reference point from which lessons are developed.

In addition the tile project could continue, but without the bicentennial theme. 7th grade students could create a tile, which represents them.

Timeline: winter 2003 through spring 2003

Evaluation: If student, staff, and parents stop to look at and talk about the mural, then the project will be a success!

Personnel: Lori Whitlatch - art teacher
Paul Roman and Pete Allen - installation
Jeff Maddox - approval of subject, location, and installation

Budget: Tiles - 280 @ 99c + s/h = \$280 (includes 60 staff members)
Underglaze - 24 pints, prices ranging from \$9 to \$30 = \$360
Glaze - 2 gallons @ \$40 = \$80
Clay - 6 50lb boxes @ \$18 + s/h = \$108
Mastic - 1 gallon @ \$11
Total - \$840