

Dear Art Students at Galt Collegiate,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your participation in this first year of the “Art of Peace” Exhibit with the YMCA. Your artwork was on display at both Kitchener and Cambridge City Halls during the YMCA Peace Medallion Ceremonies. The pieces themselves showed great thought and consideration on your part around the topic of peace. I received many compliments from those in attendance that I must pass on to you. They were impressed with the way you were able to grapple with and think about the depth and breadth of Peace in the large circular pieces and the intensity of the colours. When they were all put in a room together, they complimented very well.

To those involved with the Freedom mosaic, you must also know that your piece was a big buzz at the event. Those in attendance could stare at the piece for a long time and still feel like they were finding new things within it. It touched on some of the thoughts and aspects of peace that others did not, and was thought to be quite powerful by many in attendance.

Congratulations to all of you on your considered and thoughtful artwork. I am eager to see how you will continue to tackle topics that raise social awareness through art. You have proven you have the ambition and I look forward to seeing more! Thank-you again, your work was a great addition to the show.

Sincerely,

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