



## FINE ARTS UPDATE

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### Fine Arts Excitement

Preschool music classes have been learning about Classical period composer Franz Joseph Haydn. Haydn worked for Prince Esterhazy and lived in the prince's castle. Haydn's job was to compose music and entertain the dinner guests and visitors. Haydn was tired of the guests falling asleep during his music so he wrote a piece called the "*Surprise Symphony*." He added some unexpected and extremely loud places in the music to keep his audience awake. Students used a listening map to follow along in the music and to know where the loud places happened. Then they listened to the music again and jumped up when they heard the loud places. A fun, exciting, and energetic way for Preschool students to listen to Haydn's *Surprise Symphony*.

In the Lower School art room, students have been celebrating Black History Month with several exciting projects. First graders are making collage "quilt squares" inspired by the work of Faith Ringgold. Second graders are learning about the Harlem Renaissance, jazz music, and the art of Romare Bearden. In the third grade, students are painting in the style of Alma Thomas, and the fourth graders are making African masks. It is a busy and exciting month!

### A Colorful Thank you

The Home Learner Service Group—joined by a few on-campus learners—is currently working on a fabric thank you banner in appreciation of the staff at St. Mary's Hospital. Participants include Neela Sudhagar '24, Taylor Ray-Bush '23, Wyatt Sears '22, Harper Purcell '22, James Purcell '21, Mae Kline '22, Anan Shen '21, Lizzie Walker '21, Mary Goggin '21, and Ms. Thompson (group sponsor and a "senior" in another sense). The fabric banner will be assembled and delivered to St. Mary's Hospital upon completion.

