



JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday, December 15, 2023 Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

Juniper Creative

Last school year Kate Grodin, MHS Co-Principal, started working with Juniper Creative to come to WSD to co-create murals in the building with our students. This fall, Jennifer Herrera Condry and Will Kasso Condry came to WSD and worked with a group of 4th and 5th graders. During these meetings, the students were lead through a design process to visually represent the answers to these questions:

- Who are we?
- What do we stand for?
- What makes Winooski special?

This process helped to develop the design for the two murals at JFK: a parade and a dragon with 5 tails representing the 5 elements (wind, water, earth, spirit, air) in a Vermont setting. Jennifer and Will lead the same process at the MHS to develop the mural that will be in that side of the building. Will and Jennifer used what they learned during all the sessions with students to design the mural that will be in the main lobby.

In November, which school was on break for Thanksgiving, Jennifer and Will were in the building sketching the murals on the walls. Since we returned from Thanksgiving break, they have worked with every JFK art class. During these art classes, students have painted a shape that will help to create the mural. The students that missed art class this past Monday because of the snow day will have a day to create in January.

Will and Jennifer will be back in January to continue their work, and all the murals should be completed by the spring. The students are so excited to be part of the process, and to know that their piece of the mural will be on the walls at WSD for as long as the murals are up. Even though they are not completed yet, they are beginning to take shape and even in their incomplete form are beautiful!



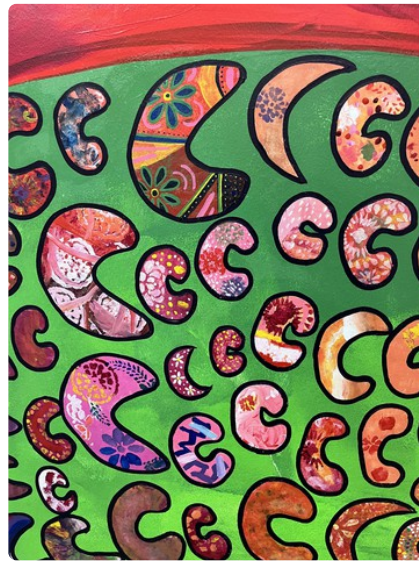
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Juniper Creative Arts is a Vermont-based Black and Dominican family collective creating at the intersection of spirituality, identity, community, healing, and justice through ancestral practices and the lens of hip-hop culture.

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Mural Outline



Dragon Scales made by Students



Dragon Mural in Progress

Calendar

Friday, December 15, 2023

Veggie Van Go

Friday, December 22 - Monday, January 1, 2024

No School

January 2, 2024

All students and staff return to school

Friday, January 5, 2024

Veggie Van Go

January 18, 2024

12:15 Early Release for all students

No Pre-K

Friday, January 19, 2024

Veggie Van Go

Friday, February 2, 2024

Veggie Van Go

Friday, February 16, 2024

Veggie Van Go

February 22 & 23, 2024

11:00 Early Release for all students

MHS Parent Teacher Conferences

February 26 - March 5, 2024

No School



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