



Mark Your Calendar!

Mon. Mar. 29– Fri. Apr. 2

- Spring Break

Thu. Apr. 15

- 3rd Quarter Ends

Thu. Apr. 15

- 3rd Quarter Report Card Period Begins

Fri. Apr. 16

- Professional Develop. Day (Students Out)

Mon. Apr. 19

- 4th Quarter Begins

Mon. May 3-

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- TCAP Begins

Mon. May 31

- Memorial Day

Wed. June 16

- Last Day of School

Mon. Aug. 9

- Students Return for 2021-2022 School Year



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Holocaust Art & Essay Contest Winners 2021

Congratulations to CAPA art teacher, Ms. Shiberou, and Colonial's very talented CAPA Art students for taking 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in this year's Holocaust Art Contest!

1st Place Art

Whitney Ousley (8th Grade) Colonial Middle School

My diorama reflects the theme *"A Life in a Jar"* about a Polish Catholic woman, Irena Sandler, who saved Jewish children from the Warsaw ghetto. Irena was a social worker and a nurse who persuaded Jewish parents and grandparents to allow

lists of children's names, put them in jars, and buried the jars in a garden under an apple tree so that someday she would dig them up and find the children to tell them about their real identity and reunite their families. She risked her life to save the children. She

the children she rescued under the apple tree. I also included the violet flowers to symbolize Irena's code name "Jalanta," which means violet flower, the yellow daffodils that represent the Holocaust, and the children's pictures to show some of the lives

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her to take their children away so they would not die in the Warsaw ghetto where they were held as prisoners. She dressed up as a nurse and told the Nazi guards that she was taking the children to give them medical care. Once they escaped, she took the children to a courthouse and had them adopted by Polish families or hid them in convents and orphanages. Irena made

was captured, beaten, and tortured by the Nazis, but never revealed information about the children. She was sentenced to death, but was saved at the last minute when the Polish underground resistance movement paid a bribe to the Nazi guard.

I decided to create the scene where she buried the jars of the names of

she saved. I used acrylic paint, construction paper, and alcohol markers as my media.

The color scheme includes light blue, green, brown, red, violet, and yellow to give it a calming and playful emotion in spite of hardship and glum.



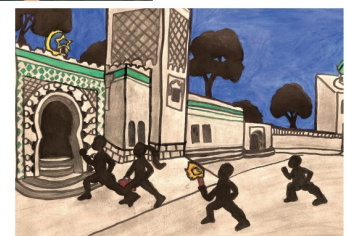
A Life in a Jar



2nd Place
Colbie Robinson (8th Grade)
Colonial Middle School
Irena Sandler

ART

3rd Place
Jayden Harris (8th Grade)
Colonial Middle School
Heroic Muslims of Paris



State Testing 2020-2021

As you recall, state tests were not given last year due to the pandemic. This year, the state is requiring that all Tennessee public schools give the paper and pencil test in person. To comply with the state requirement, Colonial Middle School will be giving the (TCAP or EOC) test in person beginning Monday, May 3. This means we are expecting all students, including those currently learning virtually, to be present in school on testing days.

Teachers are working hard every day in class to prepare students for success, and be assured, we are prioritizing student health and safety as we plan for the in-person tests. We will be using large spaces like the gym, cafeteria, library and multi-purpose rooms to ensure social distancing to every extent possible. We have enhanced cleaning procedures and ventilation systems; plus, we require temperature checks and masks every day, and we have extra hand sanitizer stations all throughout the building.

Attendance counts on testing days and only students who come to school in person will be counted as present. Students who attend school on testing days will also receive a 100 classwork and 100 assessment grade in every tested subject. In addition to being a state and federal requirement, tests are also very important because they show you how well your child is mastering state standards and grade level learning expectations. Test scores are used to determine eligibility for placement in honors/advanced courses, as well as entry into the Optional or C.L.U.E program, and they help teachers determine other personalized learning supports and interventions that may be needed to help a student succeed.

Transportation will be available for eligible students who live beyond the Parent Responsibility Zone (PRZ) during normal pick-up and drop-off times. If you need District transportation, please complete the TCAP/EOC Transportation Survey in PowerSchool by Friday, April 23.

Parents of virtual students also have the option to drop off and pick up virtual students at designated testing times or allow students remain in-person the entire day. Meals will be provided to all students during in-school testing days, and students will have a relaxed dress code (no uniforms) on testing day.

We know our students will be ready to do their best, so please make sure your child attends school for the required state tests. You can find more information, including the full testing schedule for every grade level, as well as other facts and resources about the state tests, on our school website.



Testing Days

Monday, May 3; Tuesday, May 4; and Wednesday, May 5 - 6th Grade
Thursday, May 6; Monday, May 7; and Tuesday, May 8 - 7th Grade
Friday, May 7; Wednesday, May 8; and Thursday, May 9 - 8th Grade



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