August 26, 2016

Dear Parents,

Your child has a great opportunity to participate in a special collaboration project between Durham Middle School’s 7th grade Art students and some of Lost Mountain Middle School’s 7th grade students. Please carefully read the information provided and complete the permission form below.

**Who:** Durham Middle School 7th grade Art students & selected Lost Mountain Middle School 7th grade students  
**What:** Durham Middle School Art students will illustrate narratives written by Lost Mountain Middle School students in their Language Arts class.   
**Why:** We want to give students a platform that will allow their peers and the community to witness their talents and share their ideas collaboratively. Students from Durham Middle School will become illustrators as they expand their experience as art students by illustrating narratives written by peers from another school.

**Tentative Timeline:   
Tuesday, August 30th: Student postcards mailed through county mail.** Your student created artwork on a postcard and briefly introduced themselves. These postcards will be given to Lost Mountain Middle School students who are writing a narrative in their Language Arts class.   
**Thursday, September 1st**: Your student will receive a postcard from a Lost Mountain Middle School 7th grade student who also briefly introduces themselves - this student’s narrative will be what your child will be illustrating.   
**Wednesday, September 7th:** Written narratives from Lost Mountain Middle School will be sent to Durham Middle School.  
**Thursday, September 8th:** Your student will begin illustrating the narrative he/she is assigned.   
**Friday, September 23rd:** Illustrations must be completed for the narrative assigned.  **SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH 2016 | 6 PM | Gallery Walk of Illustrated Narratives @ Durham MS –** Durham Middle School students and Lost Mountain Middle School students will come together and finally meet. We hope all students who participated in this project will be able to attend so that Durham Middle School students will meet the author of the narrative they illustrated who were from Lost Mountain Middle School.  **Saturday, October 15th:** Mrs. Nicole Gaut (Durham Middle School Art teacher) & Mrs. Diana Downs (Lost Mountain Middle School Language Arts teacher) will present about this collaboration project at the Georgia Art Education Association Conference (GAEA) in Gainesville, GA. Our session is called “Cultivating Creativity and Collaboration: Writing and Illustrating Across Schools.

*Please email me if you have any questions/concerns:* [nicole.bonadonna@cobbk12.org](mailto:nicole.bonadonna@cobbk12.org) **-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**Collaboration Project Permission Form – Please return to Mrs. Gaut by Monday, August 29th 2016**Please initial next to the statements you agree with and sign below with your contact information:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ My student, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, has permission to participate in this collaboration project including:   
 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mailed postcard through county mail   
*(Note: Please ask your child if they shared Instagram/Snapchat information on their postcard. If they say yes, please initial if you would like this information removed 🡪* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Remove Instagram/Snapchat information   
 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Collaboration through Edmodo.com (teacher-monitored) between my student & LMMS student  
 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Photos taken of my child working on the illustrations (may be shared during the presentation at  
 GAEA in October)   
 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Online publication of completed illustrations of the narrative **OR**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I do not give my student permission to participate in this collaboration project and prefer that my child be given an alternate assignment.   
  
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