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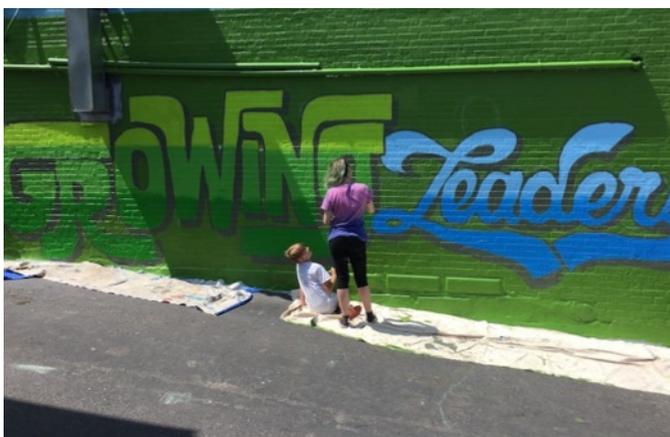
#ROCBelievers Paint the Town!

Friday, May 4th was Better World Day in the EL Education universe and we used that event to kick off our Four Quadrant mural painting project. The whole class gathered at Cameron Community Ministries to prep the site for some mural magic that will happen later this month. It was all hands on deck as our guest artist, Shawn Dunwoody, led the way.

Students primed the walls around Cameron to get them ready for the empowering messages the students heard during their visit to the Lyell Avenue neighborhood. We were moved and honored that one of their clients wanted to pitch in and help us with the painting, noting this was like his home and he was so impressed our students were taking the time to do this.

Meanwhile, back on Clifford Avenue, a crew of kids returned to Passaro's Deli to get started on the mural we co-created with students from School #45. Again, the words from the community were woven into the mural design. It was satisfying to hear people compliment us on the work and honk and wave as they drove by. It was exhausting but fulfilling work. One thing most students recognized is that service is meant to be an expression of gratitude – for what you have and for what you can offer.

The ROCBelievers have only just begun – murals for the SE and SW quadrants are on the agenda and we can't wait to work with our friends at School #12 in a few weeks on our biggest project yet!



Beyond the Bridges & Barriers Theme

Believe it or not, we are teaching things other than urban renewal and social justice! In ELA, we have been looking at the conventions of parenthetical elements (parentheses, dashes, and commas) in written work. We are currently reading Alice Hoffman's Green Angel in book club and exploring themes of loss, grief, and identity. Our read aloud, Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper, is heating up and kids are loving our heroine's new found voice. We are also learning about argumentative writing and how to support claims with details.

In math we just finished a math assessment around algebra and will go a little deeper with the application of these skills for the rest of the month before engaging in some geometry and problem solving tasks in June. Sixth-graders have, for the most part, become more proficient typists but could always practice through our Typing Club program when they have time. Passage writing has helped them a great deal in becoming more dexterous.



Simon Says...

- ✓ The whole class is heading back to Cameron Community Ministries on Monday, May 14th to continue work on our mural for the NW quadrant. Looks like great weather - dress for warm and sunny weather (hats and sunscreen, water bottles). Interested in joining us? Reach out over the weekend via e-mail and we'll share details!
- ✓ Passage Presentations have gone live! Please click [here](#) to get to the Sign Up Genius page and select a time slot for your sixth grader.
- ✓ Happy Mother's Day to all our sixth-grade moms - it takes a special woman to parent a 6th grader!



Whose Renaissance Is It?

How do cities balance the revitalization of their downtown cores while meeting the needs of all citizens? Where does equity live in our city's renaissance? Join the Genesee Community Charter School Sixth Grade Class of 2018 and learn about our year-long expedition around Rochester's renewal efforts. Students will present their work and debut their Adobe Spark page chronicling their research over the past year.

The event is free and open to the public.

Thursday, May 31st, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Eisenhart Auditorium at the RMSC
657 East Avenue

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 Education

Can you believe our final exhibition is only a few weeks away? We are very excited to have the kids share their work with you and with the experts we've collaborated with over the course of this year. We are following Kindergarten's exhibition but anticipate beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. Please make arrangements to be here on time – let us know if you need help in this area!



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