

April 2011

Dear SFSAS Community,

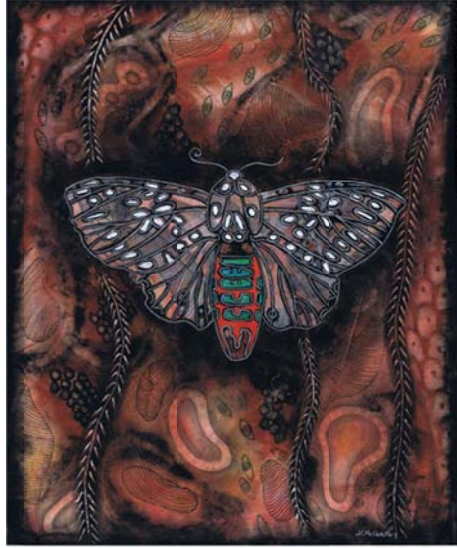
Thank you all so much for your wonderful outpouring of support for our friends in Japan! We raised \$6,891 for Japan in just one month! Wow..... I can't thank you all enough. Hide Ehara-san was really grateful.

Yesterday, Hide Ehara-san visited our school, along with his old friends, former mayor Larry and Angie Delgado. The Japanese trip students and parents all thanked him and presented him with a plaque for our sister city association in Tsuyama. Thanks to Susan Steinman, we were able to get a beautiful silver engraved Nambe plaque donated!

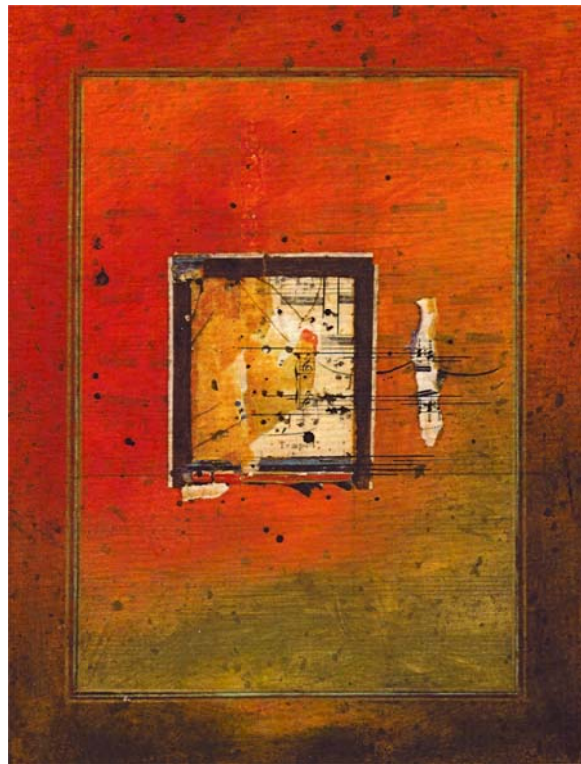
Hide was quite moved by artwork that parents have donated as a thank-you for him. It was truly incredible artwork by Jennifer McCarthy, Mohka Laget, Judy Herzl and Chris' grandfather, Alvaro Cardona-Hine. Tim and Nikki Honnell also donated a Zuni pot for Hide! He was overwhelmed and loved all of the art very much. He has an art gallery back in Tsuyama and was honored to receive such beautiful work. We are mailing it all to Japan for him tomorrow.



Alvaro Cardona-Hine



Jennifer McCarthy



Mokha Laget

All of the students in the school met Hide in the afternoon and the Stargazers gave him a beautiful Japanese kite that they all worked on which was filled with wishes for the children of Japan. The Centaurs all gave him personal letters and the Badgers drew a beautiful mural for him.

The Mayor of Santa Fe made a proclamation naming April 19th Hidekuni Ehara-san Day in Santa Fe and April 20 the Tsuyama Sister City Day! We gave both of these proclamations to Hide yesterday. We also gave a special city "Muchas Gracias" award to Darby McQuade, from Jackalope, who made our special fundraiser possible! Here are some photos from the activities:





ARIGATOU! Thank you all!
Rayna and SFSAS Staff