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Paideia Artists on Display at the Children's Museum

Lowell Thompson's 8th-grade art class created layered tape collages inspired by Dutch street artist Max Zorn who creates images with packing tape and sticks them onto street lamps in Amsterdam. Thanks to YouTube, millions of views and many supporters, it became a global project called "Stick Together."

Paideia's 8th-graders were given masking tape and plexiglass for their projects. A selection of the pieces will be on display at the Children's Museum during the holidays as part of a celebration of children's art and light.

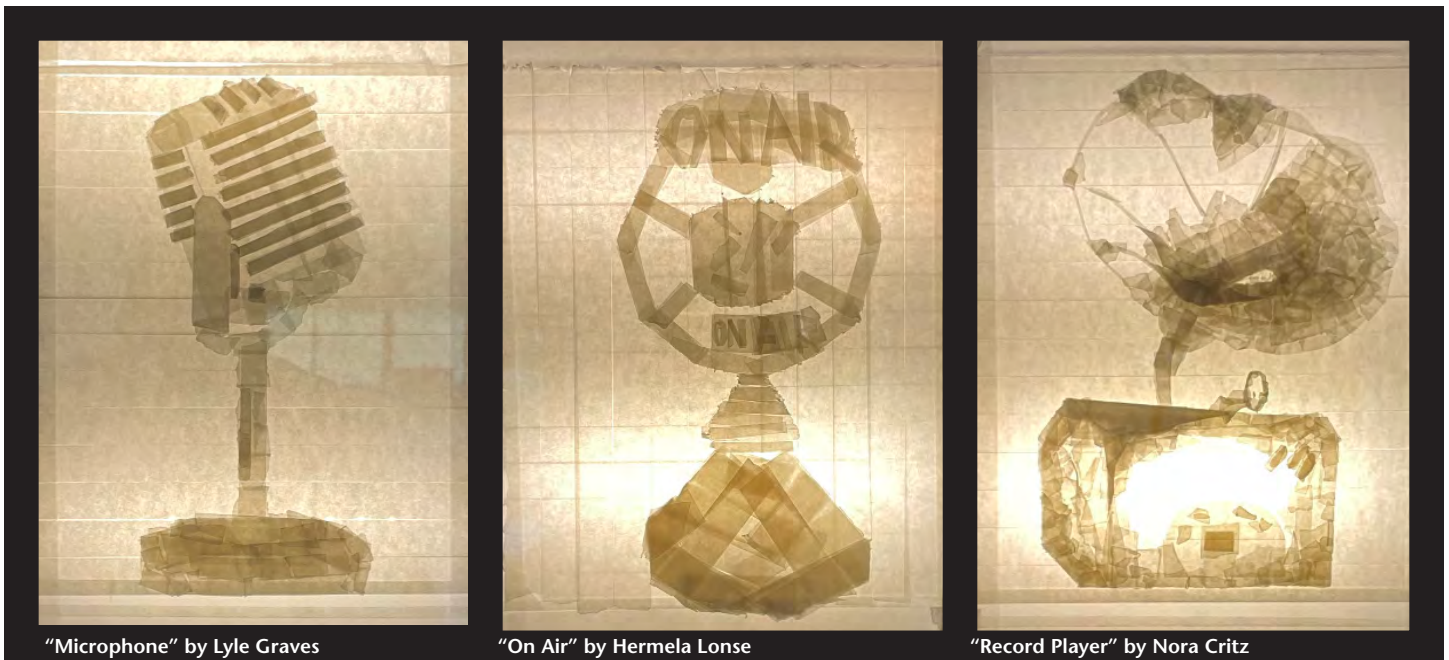
Through a lot of brainstorming and focus, the students envisioned a variety of pieces with a wide range of images to create



well-crafted and visually stunning tape art. Some students tore and ripped the tape to create a painterly effect, while others chose to cut precise geometric shapes. Each piece is creative, fun and individual — and backlighting the images is a must!

Paideia artists who constructed tape-art collages include **Olivia Bariteau, Sawyer Brown, Hudson Cheng, Mia Chihade, Nora Critz, Connor Crowley, Ethan Fu, Lyle Graves, Alex Huynh, Hudson Joyner, Grace Krugler, Hermela Lonse, Ellie Luscher, Ava Miranda, Rachel Morrison, Kidus Shiberu, Charlotte Sommerfeld, Sylvia VonSchlichten-Crook and Izzy Yopez.**

See the artwork on Paideia's Instagram: <https://bit.ly/3X6IVX7>.



"Microphone" by Lyle Graves

"On Air" by Hermela Lonse

"Record Player" by Nora Critz

Paideia Parents Cultivate Community

This fall, Paideia parents were working in full force to show their commitment to our community.

Whether they were sponsoring events, fundraising or just being present, their support has bettered our students' lives and

brought us together.

The Black Parent Organization (BPO) contributed **\$6,500** to financial aid through their annual Eat Lunch With Your Child picnic in September.

Paideia Asia Society (PAS) hosted their

first-ever **Diwali** celebration on Sunday, Oct. 23.

Latino Parent Group hosted their annual **Latino Heritage Celebration and Day of the Dead Student Altar Competition** on Saturday, Nov. 5.

Pepperdene Lecture Series 2022-23

In November, acclaimed poet Terrance Hayes visited campus. He spoke with high school students during the day and the Paideia community in the evening as part of the school's Pepperdene Lecture Series. Hayes has published six poetry collections and been awarded the highest literary prizes, including the National Book Award for Poetry in 2010. He has also received fellowships from the MacArthur and Guggenheim foundations and is currently a professor of English at New York University.

Hayes shared readings from his recent book *American Sonnets for My Past And Future Assassin*. It is a collection of 70 sonnets (all with the same title) that, written during the early stages of Trump's presidency, harnessed his anger and frustration through the traditional vehicle of love poems. Hayes even read some of his work outside of his book, including "Bob Ross Paints Your Portrait," written in the form of a self-portrait and in the style of beloved PBS presenter and painter Bob Ross. It begins, "Today we are going to work on the details of your expression. And believe it



or not, the only colors we are going to use will be blacker than most blacks." His deliberate and animated delivery brought each poem to life and engaged the crowd.

The Pepperdene Lecture Series brings writers of distinction to Paideia through the support of a legacy gift from Jane Pepperdene, a profound teacher who taught literature at Paideia and Agnes Scott for more than 20 years. Jane was an absolute believer in the power of story. Her gift to the school has brought prolific writers such as Richard Wilbur, former United States Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey, and even one of Jane's students and Paideia alumnus, **Mosi Secret '97**,

to campus to engage with students, parents, alumni and the community. Thanks to Jane's generosity and her legacy gift, writers of distinction will be able to continue to do the same for years to come.

If you are interested in including Paideia in your legacy plans and joining our Fountain of Youth Society, please contact **Kelly Douglas '02** at douglas.kelly@paideiaschool.org.

ALUMNI NEWS

A Day of Service on Campus

Our second Alumni Service Day on Friday, Oct. 21, was a huge success! Many thanks to our Alumni Advisory Council (AAC) for putting this event together. We had more than 20 alumni volunteer to make more than 1,000 sandwiches with the elementary school, assemble hygiene kits with the junior high and sort clothing with the high school. The Gateway Center was positively overwhelmed with donations and is grateful to the Paideia community.



Paideia Alum Elected to State House

Inga Willis '94 (Democratic Party) was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives, representing District 55. The district runs from the south side of Brookhaven to just south of Cascade Road, incorporating much of Atlanta's westside.

She won in the general election on Nov. 8 and will assume office on Jan. 9, 2023. Congratulations, Inga, we are so proud of you!

Launching the 2023 Alumni Fund

Chaired by **Katie Clark '04**, the mission of the Alumni Fund is to support financial aid at Paideia in the here and now. What matters most is that every alumni fund gift gives someone the opportunity to become a Paideia kid. Help us reach 100% alumni participation with YOUR gift today! Scan the QR code to give now.



The Life of Turmeric

Dirty fingernails grip onto seed rhizomes as students in **Miranda Knowles'** Short Term B class, Teas, Syrups, and Salves, plant them in the ground. They are nubby roots now, but in a matter of months they will find new life as curry, golden milk, balm and much more. This is what a turmeric growth cycle looks like through the many helping hands of the Paideia community.

During the summer, high school apprentices and interns, including 11th-grader and Urban Ag Club Co-leader **Ari Goodmark**, maintained Paideia Farm. "We ran a schedule of Monday/Wednesday/Friday harvest days and Tuesday/Thursday work days," recalls Ari. Summer apprentices and interns also bagged CSA orders and helped with other projects on the farm, such as revamping the pollinator beds.

This fall, the high school Medical Botany students and elementary students from **Becca, Antonjo, and David's (BAD)** class, **Kristen and Emily's** class, and **Darolyn and Britt's** class were able to harvest the turmeric. With the assistance of elementary science teachers **Kirsty Lubicz-Nawrocka** and **Isabelle Brock**, students could participate in what Kirsty calls "flash mob farming"—helping the farmers with their immediate processing needs.

Students took on the time-consuming responsibility of pulling the turmeric from the ground, removing the leaves and roots as well as washing it. "Usually when we harvest things, we can just put them in a basket and clean them," Ari explains. "But with turmeric, it has little fingers that

you have to cut off and clean." Lending a hand to this lengthy task allowed elementary students "to learn skills like measuring and weighing. They learn how to properly harvest and ask questions," Kirsty says. She recalls their questions, "What kind of plant is it? Where does it come from? How did it evolve? Why are we growing it? What is the use of something like turmeric? Can we eat it?"

Hundreds of pounds of harvested turmeric were distributed to the community via our CSA members (22 Paideia families), the Urban Recipe Co-op at Slater Elementary (23 member families), the food pantry at In-town Collaborative Ministries, Free99Fridge and Fleur & Forage (formerly Herbalista). "We can only imagine all the delicious and nourishing concoctions that were enjoyed citywide through these nutrient-packed rhizomes," said our new Urban Agriculture Coordinator, **Emily Roberts**.

After harvesting, some turmeric was delivered to the Medical Botany class where students, including 11th-grader **Jojo Edlund**, used them to create lip balm, salves and tea. "We applied turmeric to the lip balm," she says. "But you could just as easily put it into a tea or salve for anti-inflammatory use."



She laments that her turmeric tea is long gone, but she still carries her lip balm in her backpack. Thankfully, another growing season will come, and we can only hope turmeric will find new purpose through another group of students.

REUNION WEEKEND April 14-16

Join your fellow alums for our annual reunion BBQ on campus Friday night, April 14. Class years ending in 3s and 8s will host reunion parties on Saturday night, April 15. Please email alumni@paideiaschool.org if you would like to volunteer as a class party planner. Bring your kiddos for an alumni playdate on the half-day playground Sunday morning (4/16). This year we will be celebrating Paul and Barbara on their retirement. Please scan the QR code to share your memories.



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Booked on Campus

The Books: "The Jumbies" series, *Looking for a Jumbie*, *Because Claudette*, and *African Icons* by Tracey Baptiste

Who's reading it: Elementary students are reading Tracey Baptiste's books in preparation for her author visit with students on Feb. 3.

Why we like it:

Tracey Baptiste's visit will be the first on-campus author visit we've had since 2020. Her "Jumbies" books are based on the Caribbean folktales she heard

as a child growing up on the island of Trinidad. A former elementary teacher, she is also the author of several nonfiction books for children.

