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STUDENTS CREATE COLORFUL 1980'S CHALK ART AT JANE ADDAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL'S 16TH ANNUAL CHALK WALK COMPETITION

LAWNDALE, CA - Students from Jane Addams Middle School in Lawndale will create colorful chalk paintings at school for the first time since the pandemic started. The **16th annual CHALK WALK school spirit competition** theme is the 1980's, giving students the opportunity to learn about the era while showcasing their artistic talents. "Each year, we look forward to the Chalk Walk and are excited to have it return to Jane Addams," said Dr. Betsy Hamilton, Superintendent of the Lawndale Elementary School District.

Chalk Walk organizer, Jane Addams Middle School art teacher Anne Marie D'Agostino, said, "It wasn't easy this year coming back and adjusting. As a school, we did art in a way to connect to each other. This is a celebration of the artistic spirit."

WHEN: 150+ students will be completing their chalk paintings **LIVE** on Tuesday, June 7, 7:45am-3pm. The chalk paintings will also be displayed **ONLINE** by 4pm on the same day.

WHERE: At Jane Addams Middle School in Lawndale. **RSVP FOR PARKING AND ENTRANCE DETAILS.**

VISUALS: All 150 competing students' Chalk Walk paintings and a history of Chalk Walk at <http://mzdartclass.weebly.com/chalk-walk-2022.html>

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Select students and art teachers available for on-camera interviews in Lawndale.

MORE:

- Some 90% of Jane Addams Middle Schools students receive subsidized lunches through the nation's Title I law.
- Chalk Walk is part of the school's annual spirit event, the Bengal Bowl (named after the school mascot), wherein every student competes in sports and other activities.
- Once Jane Addams Chalk Walk winners are announced, these artworks will be viewable on June 7th at 4pm at <http://mzdartclass.weebly.com/chalk-walk-2022.html>
- **Judges for the school competition:**
Betsy Hamilton - Superintendent, Lawndale Elementary School District
Anne Marie Mowad - Principal, Jane Addams Middle School
Erin Blad-Johnson - Lawndale Elementary School District Media Center

ABOUT: Jane Addams Middle School is part of the Lawndale Elementary School District.