

PROJECT LOOK

Year in Review 2019–2020



This year:

- **3,933 students, teachers, and chaperones** participated in **176 tours** this school year. Classrooms from **38 schools** in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, Belmont, Cupertino, Foster City, Fremont, Los Altos, Menlo Park, Mountain View, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos, Santa Clara, and Saratoga spent time viewing art in the Art Center's galleries with a trained docent and participated in a hands-on artmaking activity that emphasized the theme of the exhibition.
- **17 classrooms** from the Ravenswood City School District in East Palo Alto, totaling **584 students**, participated in a Project Look tour at **no-cost** thanks to the Art Center Foundation's support of scholarships and transportation expenses.
- **Six new docents** graduated from our training class in the fall. Project Look tours were supported by a total of **24 volunteer docents and interns**.
- To accommodate entire grade levels that want to visit together, the Art Center was open on Mondays to select groups. This year, **21 classrooms** visited on **eight Mondays**.
- Project Look supports the development of 21st century skills. Teachers report their Art Center experience allowed their students to **practice creativity (100%), communication (92%), critical thinking (96%), and collaboration (58%)**.

What participating teachers say:

"As a school, we are working on language as a focus for improvement, so I enjoyed all the opportunities for the students to answer questions and use language."

—2nd Grade Encounters tour

"This was way beyond what I expected. It was not only fun but valuable in terms of skill development. The pacing was perfect and kids were able to have a variety of experiences (observing, talking, thinking, and creating)."

—1st Grade, Encounters tour

"This is one of the few art museum experiences that is geared towards primary students. Regular museums are overwhelming to absorb on one trip and tours can be too long. This program is just right. And the kids always love finishing with an art project! Thank you so much!"

—2nd Grade, Rooted tour

"I love this exhibit - it plays so well into both our science curriculum and the interests of kids this age!"

—2nd Grade, Encounters tour

For more than 35 years, Project Look has provided fun, educational, and memorable art experiences to thousands of students in Palo Alto and the surrounding area. Highlighting the experiences of seeing and making art and activating creativity that is essential to the Art Center's mission. Project Look combines an interactive exhibition tour led by volunteer docents with a related hands-on art activity taught by professional art educators.