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## **Gregory-Portland Independent School District**

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## **G-PISD District Art Show set for Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

More than 300 original works of student art will be on display at Gregory-Portland ISD's annual District Art Show on Monday, April 24, 2017. The event features work from 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and will be open to the public free of charge from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the G-PISD Administration Building, 608 College Street in Portland, Texas.

Student artists will attend to find out whether their pieces earned 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in any of 26 different categories, or even one of the three coveted "Best in Show" awards. "We've invited judges from outside the school district, and they are well qualified," said Dr. Leslie Faught, Director of Special Programs and the district's coordinator for this annual event. "We look forward to this event all year so that we can honor these students and recognize their exceptional talents."

Categories include several mediums, from sketches and paintings in pencil, watercolor, and oil, to sculptures made of clay, papier maché, and mixed media. Photography has also been added as a category this year.

The event will also include a display from Isaiah Calzada, a G-P High School sophomore who qualified for state competition in the Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE). This is Calzada's second consecutive year to have artwork featured at State VASE, and the results of that competition will be on display April 29-30 in San Antonio, Texas.

"We invite the public to come and enjoy this showcase of outstanding artwork, and help us honor our students and teachers," said Dr. Faught.

*For more information regarding this event, please contact Dr. Leslie Faught at (361) 777-1091 ext. 1012.*

### **At a Glance:**

- WHAT:** G-PISD District Art Show  
**WHEN:** Monday, April 24, 2017, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** G-PISD Administration Building  
608 College Street | Portland, TX 78374  
**ENTRY:** No admission fee; open to public

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