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Horrall Elementary Visual & Performing Arts and Technology
Magnet School Presents Opening Doors Through the Arts

Foster City, CA – Horrall Elementary Visual & Performing Arts and Technology Integration Magnet School is proud to present Opening Doors Through the Arts. The community is invited to participate in this free arts event scheduled for Saturday, October 9, 2010 from 11:00am – 2:00pm at Horrall Elementary School - 949 Ocean View Avenue, San Mateo. The event will feature a live band, Mucho Axé, live painting by local artists, family art projects, and workshops for kids in music, theatre, and dance led by Horrall’s Artists-in-Residence. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the lawn. Food is also available for purchase with all proceeds benefitting Horrall Friends of the Arts Foundation.

The event features the unveiling of the school’s latest artwork, Opening Doors Through the Arts. The artwork is comprised of 23 salvaged doors, each featuring the artwork of a famous painter, which are installed on the school yard fence. Horrall’s Artist-in-Residence Sinem Banna created the doors with her K-5 students contributing. Ms. Banna commented, “The aim of the project was not only to engage students in a collaborative art history study, but to show how ordinary forms can become extraordinary metaphors. The doors symbolize opportunities, chances, and changes. Installing the doors on a fence represents how fortunate we are to be part of a school where students have access to the arts and how their creative minds can pass through life’s obstacles. Horrall School is the door on a fence, opening students’ horizons and guiding them to discover the power of creativity in and through the arts.”

Elementary Visual & Performing Arts and Technology Integration Magnet School is dedicated to providing children with the academic and creative skills necessary to become the innovators of the 21st century. To succeed in today’s economy of ideas, students must masterfully use words, images, sounds and motion to communicate. The arts provide the knowledge and skills students need to develop the creativity and determination for success in today’s global information age. The Horrall staff addresses the needs of the whole child including teaching to different learning styles and skills while providing visual and performing arts instruction and integrating technology across the curriculum.

For more information, please visit Horrall Elementary School’s website at http://209.188.200.4/horrall/ or contact the school at (650) 312-7550.