

Davis Projects for Peace Grant - Summer Art Program
"We Are Here: Engaging in Art for Resilience and Reclamation of Space"

Goal

"We Are Here: Engaging in Art for Resilience and Reclamation of Space" is a project that will bring together students with behavioral and academic setbacks, students in need of extra social emotional support, and students interested in art. It is a project of reclamation of current spaces through site specific murals in the High School and Middle Schools. The project aims to incorporate the visual language of art as a tool to encourage communication and resilience with current and future generations within the school system.

The intention behind this project is to create a student-centered initiative that promotes community and resilience. Art has been pivotal in consciousness-building and peace movements throughout history and can be called upon here in Union's community. Three site-responsive murals centering students' visions and their capacity to drive change will be executed by small student groups per building. Small group sizes will foster a closer group dynamic and promote better understanding and communication amongst participants.

Students will work with Ms. Bucu to design and paint murals at key locations in the hallways of Burnet, Kawameeh, and UHS.

Personnel

Sienna Bucu will oversee all of the work with students and is taking steps to work with HR and Personnel to meet all requirements. She is an alumna of Union High School, graduating class of 2018. She completed her Bachelor's Degree of Arts in Studio Art from Brandeis University in May of 2022.

Cost

Ms. Bucu is requesting no reimbursement for her time or supplies. She will provide materials and the labor necessary to execute this project through the Davis Projects in Peace funds.

Students

Burnet – Grades 6-8

Kawameeh – Grades 6-8

UHS – Grades 9-12

Ms. Bucu will handle all registering of students, student selection, notification, communication, and monitoring. She assumes all responsibility for students.

Dates/Times

Union High School - 8:00AM - 12:30PM, July 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22,25, 27, 29

Burnet Middle School - 8:00AM - 12:30PM, July 5, 12, 19, 26

Kawameeh Middle School - 8:00AM - 12:30PM, July 7, 14, 21, 28