

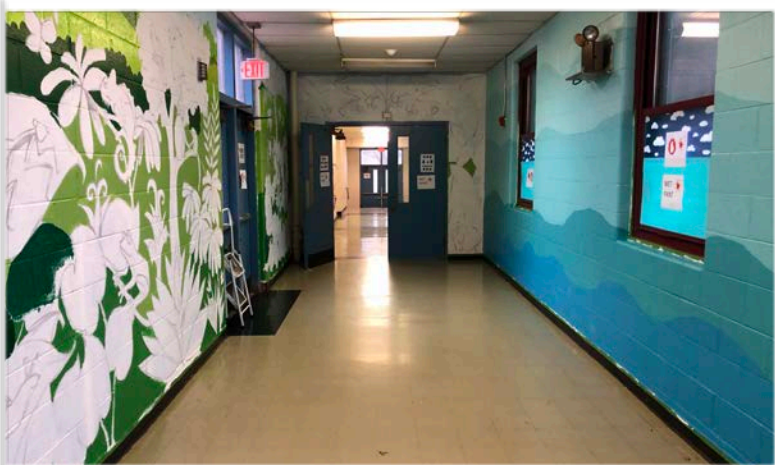
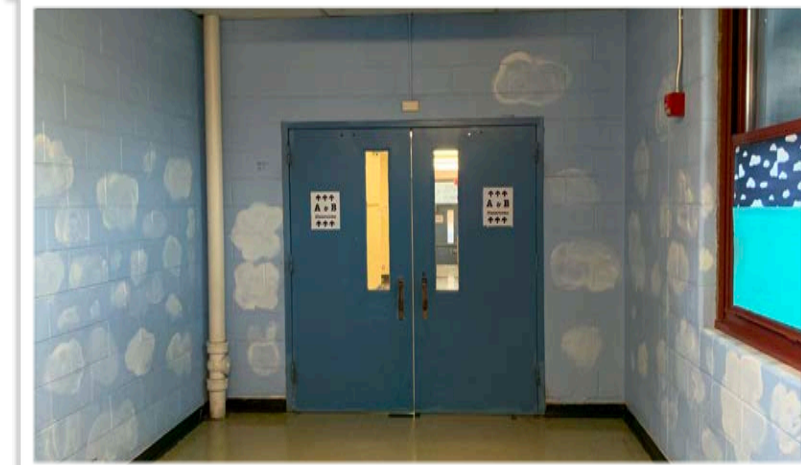
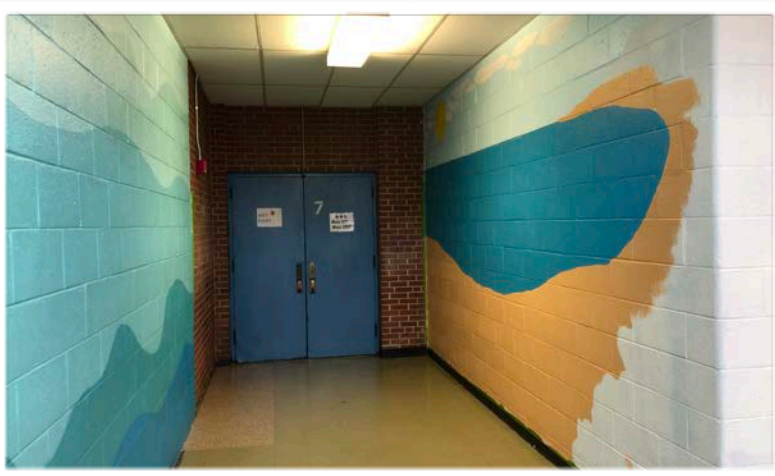
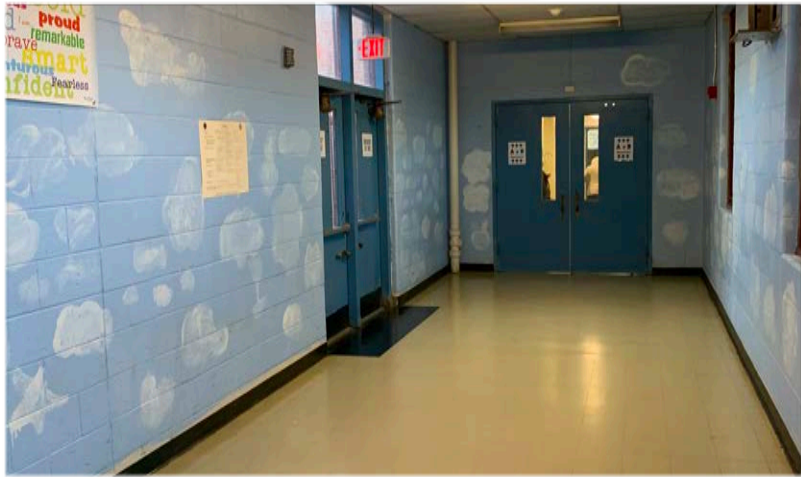
Picasso Project Grant

Loesche Elementary School was awarded the Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth's Picasso Project Grant for the 2019-2020 school year. This grant provided funding to transfer the B wing level kindergarten and first grade wing breezeway into a tropical rainforest mural! The mural's inspiration came from our partnership with Drexel University's biology department and their Bioko Biodiversity Protection Program. While the mural is incomplete due to the school closure, there was a lot accomplished as you will see in the Before and After pictures! We all look forward to the time we can return to school and complete the project. All Loesche students had some involvement in the project, either creating art for the project or actually painting the mural itself!



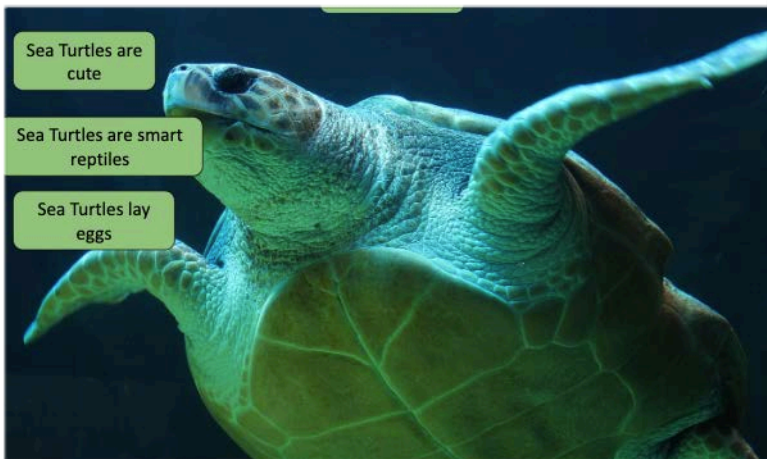
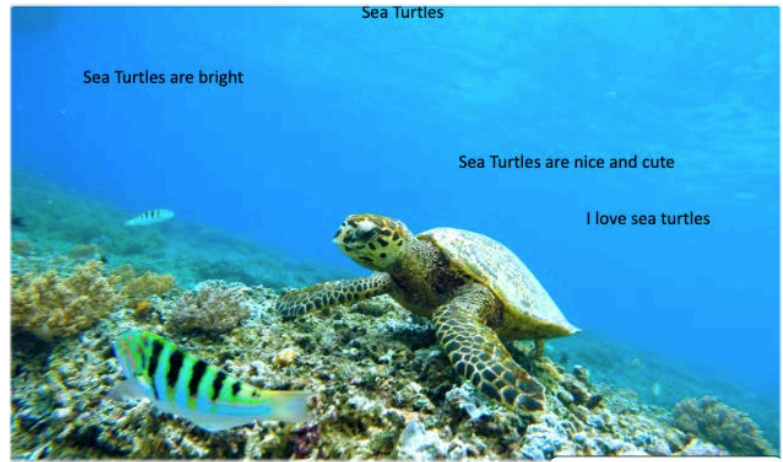
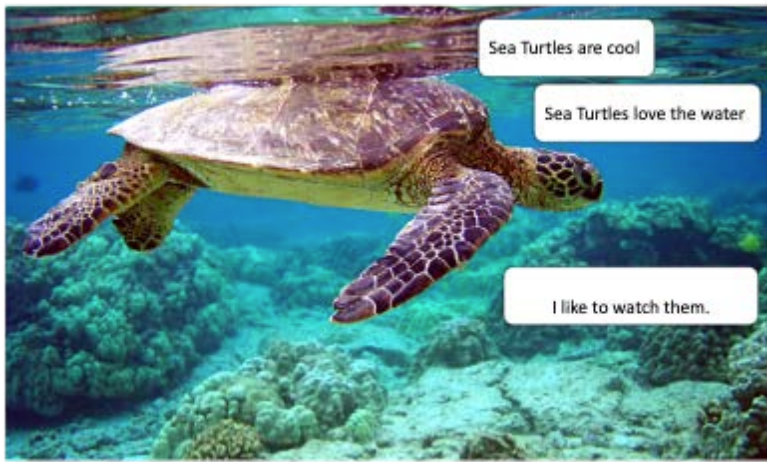
Before

In Progress





Part of the Picasso Projects calls for collaborations, and art teacher Mrs. Giampietro collaborated with Mrs. Miller our technology teacher. Mrs. Miller guided students in creating e-books about Bioko, and students also wrote Haiku's with accompanying images, for a literacy connection.



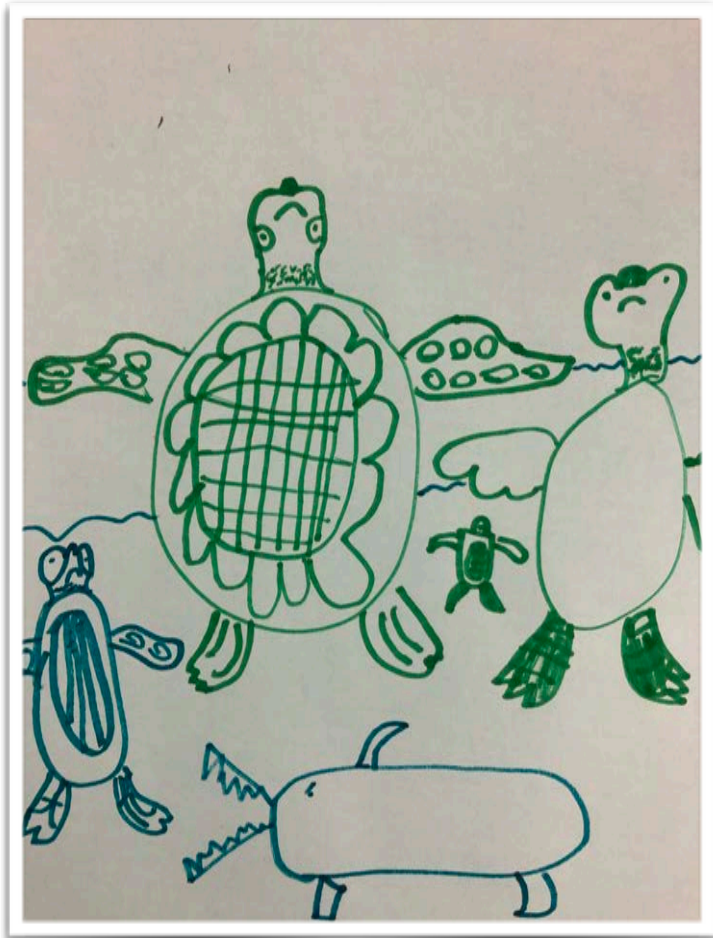
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A display was placed in the main hallway of Loesche that contains samples of each project that was done this year by students and related to the Bioko project and Picasso Project Grant. Funding from the grant provided special art materials to allow students to create their amazing works of art. As they created their projects they also learned about geography, science, conservation, and biodiversity.





Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



Diya- Grade 2



Matvii- Grade 2



2nd Grade



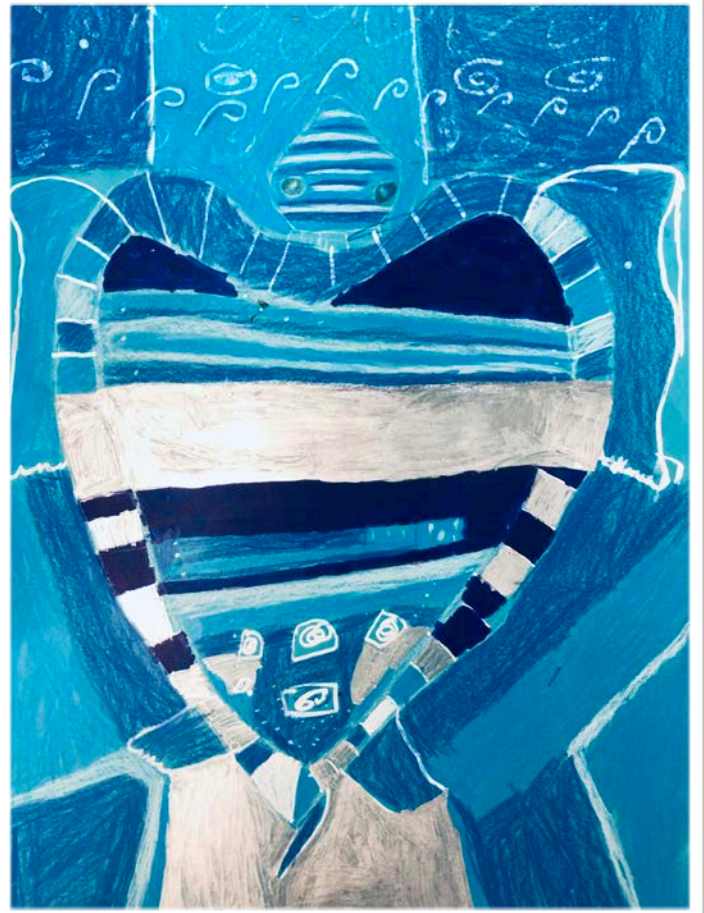
2nd Grade



Maria- Grade 3



Oyshabegim-
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Samirbek-
Grade 3



4th Grade





Junyen- Grade 4



Alsu- Grade 4



4th Grade



Faridun-
Grade 5

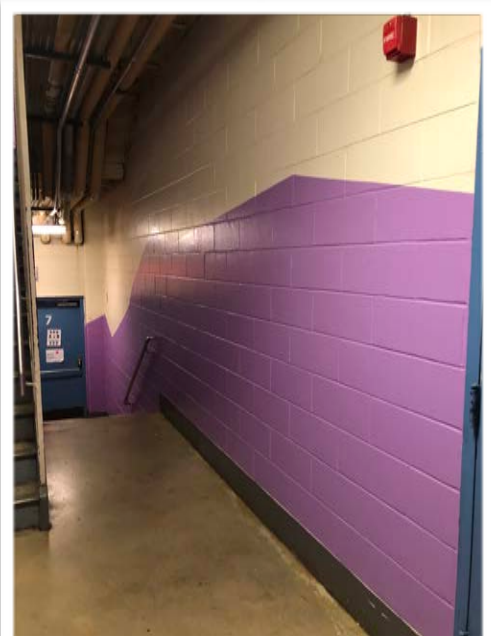
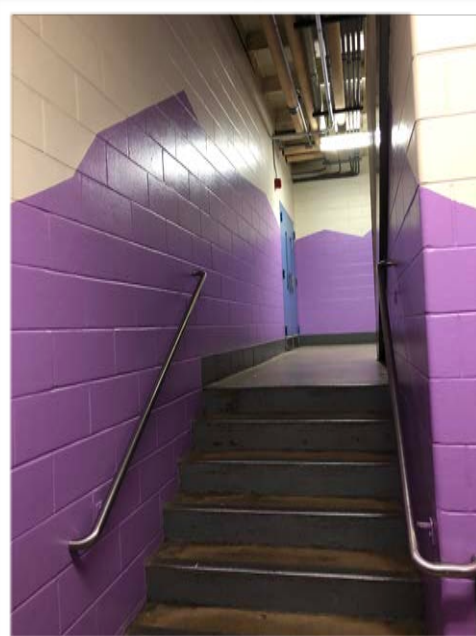
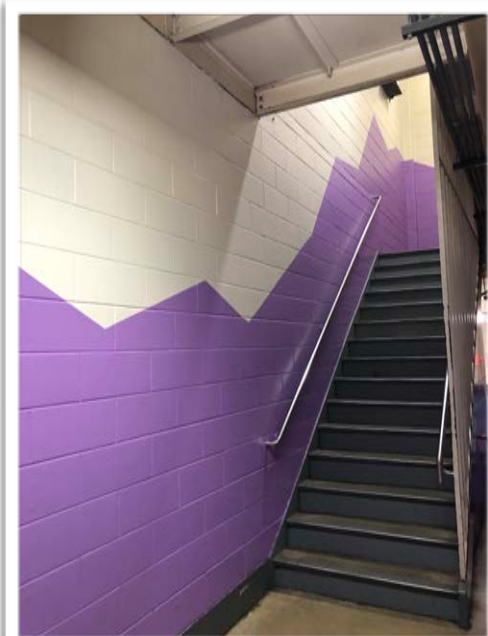


5th Grade



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Funding from the Picasso Project Grant also allowed us to paint the stairwell adjacent to the Breezeway mural, so that students could have a vibrant passage to entering the mural space!



Families created beautiful vases with tropical flowers and learned about Bioko at the Learn Across Loesche Night.

