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As the end of the school year approaches, cultural arts events are being planned for next year. We, at Art Quest, want to thank you for including us as part of your enrichment calendar. We would like to tell you about our new programs, workshops and research.

Our newest addition, **Two Cultures Meet: Native American and European Art**, is a look at the ways in which the two cultures influenced each other from the age of exploration to the 20th century. The images encourage an in-depth discussion of the attitudes of the indigenous Americans and the Europeans. This seminar is a stimulating visual journey for upper elementary and middle school students.

Our **Spanish and Latin American Art** program takes viewers on a journey from 17th century Spain to contemporary Latino culture in the United States. The images depict themes that include Christianity, the influence of missionaries, political upheavals and reaction to war, and images of beauty. Artistic traditions and movements such as the Baroque, Cubism, Surrealism, Magical Realism and the work of Mexican Muralists are viewed and discussed. This lecture is well-suited for social studies and Spanish language classes for students in grades 5-9.

Please look for further descriptions of these and all of our programs on our website:
www.artquestprograms.com

A Letter from a Parent

Hi Perry, I was one of the two parent volunteers at your program last week at Franklin and I had to find your contact information so that I could let you know how absolutely wonderful the program was. I truly learned more about art, as well as social studies and history, in that short hour than I did in all of elementary school. My visits to the MFA will change dramatically based on what you shared with the audience about looking at artwork. This was one of the best presentations of any kind that I have ever been to and I wanted to thank you.

Lisa Staff, April 2007

Give teachers and students the gift of *Art Quest* next year:

- **Jump-start** the year with a program that introduces the curriculum.
- **Celebrate** our multi-cultural society with African-American, Indian, or Spanish and Latin American Art.
- **Coordinate** Art Quest with your Art Department to enhance the hands-on creations made by students.
- **Inspire** your school to exhibit art work made by professional and student artists all the time and at special art shows.
- **Rejuvenate** your students during testing periods. Art Quest is a great spa for the mind!

In addition to our student seminars we offer **teacher workshops**, which can be customized for school faculty, academic departments or districts. Most recently, the Massachusetts Cultural Council provided funding for the Witchcraft Heights Elementary School series of six teacher workshops focusing on literacy and the arts. The Brookline K-8 Social Studies department engaged Art Quest to introduce our strategies for integrating the visual arts with its curriculum.

We are pleased to present workshops to Parent Teacher Organizations to inform your community about the benefits of including the arts in education. Art Quest will present an interactive session that includes visual images designed to stimulate discussion using creative, critical and discriminatory thinking skills. Our website now has an explanation as to why it is critical to advocate for the arts in education.

The Art Quest calendar always fills quickly. Please click here to print the [Request Form](#) for next year to assure that we can accommodate your school.

