District Recognitions

August 22, 2017

We are excited to recognize the designers and construction technicians of TUSD's newest ARTSmobile *We the People: The Many Faces of America.*

Inspired by the many ethnicities that comprise our student population, as well as the rich history of our country, the new TUSD ARTSmobile was created by members of the Fine and Performing Arts Department. Created over a 10 month period, the exhibit will be launched next week rotating from school to school accompanied by arts integrated hands-on lessons.

We the People includes

- A replication of the **Statue of Liberty** and **Ellis Island**
- **A steam ship** representing one of the ways people came to America
- **Video monitors** sharing interviews with our students speaking in their native language and dressed in their traditional dress
- A **Timeline** reflecting the history of immigration to America
- **Family trees** shared by some of our own TUSD families from European, Native American, Asian, Middle Eastern, Hispanic, and African backgrounds
- A **Courtroom scene** showing a naturalization ceremony
- A **Tree of Cultures** for students to add a leaf honoring the culture with which they identify the most

Board members have received student materials that will be distributed as students and teachers tour the ARTSmobile.

Our gratitude to these talented people who conceived, built, will teach and transport *We the People.*

Ruth Winslow – Arts Curator and Head Designer
Betty Reichlein – Art Technician, costumed figures
Carol Corvo – Visual Arts Specialist and Co-Designer
Hillary Douglas – OMA Visual Arts Specialist
Trista Tamura – OMA Visual Arts Specialist
Linda Ball-Rodriquez – OMA Visual Arts Specialist

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Nancy Jensen – Volunteer cataloguer
Jane Nakatani – Volunteer art technician
Dena McDuffie – Volunteer art technician
Kevin Matsunaga – Volunteer art technician
Susie Matsunaga – Volunteer contributor
Raul Corrales (District Transportation) – ARTSmobile Driver
Dr. Joan Ashcraft – Director, Fine and Performing Arts

Thank you for all of your support on this work of art!

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