



### By the numbers:

- **6,596 students, teachers, and chaperones participated in 250 tours this school year.** Classrooms from **38 schools** in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, Foster City, San Carlos, Mountain View, Saratoga, and Santa Clara spent time viewing art in the Art Center’s galleries with a trained docent and participated in a hands-on artmaking activity that emphasized the theme of the exhibition.
- **Eighteen classrooms** from the Ravenswood City School District in East Palo Alto, **totaling 450 students,** participated in a Project Look tour at **no cost** thanks to the Art Center Foundation’s support of scholarships and transportation expenses.
- **Six** new docents graduated from our training class in the fall. Project Look tours were supported by a total of **20 volunteer docents and interns.**
- To accommodate entire grade levels that want to visit together, the Art Center was open on Mondays to select groups. This year, **21 classrooms** visited on **nine** Mondays.
- **Ninety-eight percent** of teachers report that their students had the opportunity to practice the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills of collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and communication on a Project Look tour.

### See and Make:

- The Great Glass Pumpkin Patch tours delighted students as they created luminous drawings inspired by glass and saw a hot-shop flame working demonstration.
- The *Play!* exhibition inspired open-ended creativity with bubble prints and a surrealist pattern dice game.
- Students created miniature worlds after viewing *Through That Which is Seen: Dioramas in Contemporary Art.*
- During the annual celebration of children’s creativity, students viewed the *Cultural Kaleidoscope* and *Youth Art* exhibitions and created stop-motion Claymation videos.

### Project Look generated rave reviews from teachers:

*“When the students first saw the art teacher put a piece of paper on some red bubbles, the paint did not leave much of an image. However, after the second demonstration, when she lifted the paper from the paint and bubbles there was an audible gasp of amazement from the students. It is moments like these that reflect how much children enjoy the experience of seeing and making art.”*

—1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, *Play!* tour

*“The kids understood that artists used different media/tools to make art and that it can be done in a fun way.”*

—Kindergarten teacher, *Play!* tour

*“One of the most meaningful moments of the fieldtrip was my quietest kids making observations - participating.”*

—2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher for Diorama tour

### About Project Look

For more than 30 years, Project Look has provided fun, educational, and memorable art experiences to thousands of students in Palo Alto and the surrounding area. Highlighting the experience of seeing and making art that is central to the Art Center’s mission, Project Look combines an interactive exhibition tour led by volunteer docents with a related hands-on art activity taught by professional art educators.