

April 30, 2015

Dear Falcon Families,

We are excited to announce that Quail Hollow Middle School has been chosen as the next site for the social art project “Faces of Diversity” endorsed through “Making It Better.” The project aims to spike dialogue and sensitivity among students, staff, and community through an artistic process. This project comes to us through a collaboration with artist Edwin Gil and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Character Development Department. Our school was selected as part of the Yogarteens End of Year Celebration. Yogarteens is a student club founded by our art teachers, Ms. Kelsey Cash.

How does the Faces of Diversity art project work? Contemporary, conceptual artist Edwin Gil creates a large art work in recycled glass using Gil’s propriety paint techniques featuring the face of one student. The student was chosen based on his/her life’s story which is used to create a narrative behind the artwork. This narrative is attached to the artwork via a QR code. The story and artwork is then used to promote the department’s mission to support the cultivation of positive school climates while promoting safe learning environments free of bullying and harassing behaviors.

Mr. Gil will be at Quail Hollow Middle School on Monday, May 4 and Wednesday, May 6 to work with all students to place their thumbprint on glass. The collection of the thumbprints will make up the finished piece of art. More information about the project and photos of the project in other schools can be found on the Faces of Diversity Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FacesOfDiversity> and at Edwin’s Gil’s website <http://edwingil.com/>

During the process and visits to the school from Mr. Gil, students may be photographed. The photos may be posted to the website associated with the work of art. If you would like for your student to opt out of collaborating on this project, please contact the school at 980-343-3620 or email at [james.mccaughna@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:james.mccaughna@cms.k12.nc.us) by 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 4.

We are honored to be selected as the next site for this work and we hope you share in our excitement. More information coming soon about the unveiling of the final work of art in late May!

Sincerely,

Rachael Neill  
Principal