

**HISD schools continue Art Car Parade tradition**

*April 10, 2018 -* Some 20 HISD schools are currently working on their entries for the 31st annual Art Car Parade, which lines up along Allen Parkway on Saturday, April 14, and rolls out at 2 p.m. into downtown Houston.

“To see the collaborative efforts of our students, teachers, parents, and communities coming together is very exciting,” said HISD Director of Fine Arts Wenden Sanders. “HISD’s cultural diversity and creative spirit have worked together to inspire art cars representative of the vast array of talented visual arts and CTE educators.”

In addition to the parade, three convoys of art cars will visit HISD schools the morning of Thursday, April 12 for “Main Street Drag.” The event began in 1991 and has grown in the number of cars participating and number of locations visited. This year, three different processions will visit eight HISD schools between 9:20 a.m. and noon. The schedule is as follows:

9:20 a.m.: River Oaks Elementary School

9:20 a.m.: Harvard Elementary School

9:30 a.m.: Lovett Elementary School

10 a.m.: Herod Elementary School

10 a.m.: Jefferson Elementary School

10:40 a.m.: Horn Elementary School

10:40 a.m.: Barbara Jordan High School

11:20 a.m.: Garden Oaks Elementary School

For those who want to get a jump on the Art Car Parade on Saturday morning, they can see the cars up close and talk to the owners at the “Starting Line Party” along Allen Parkway between Montrose and Sabine Street Bridge at 11 a.m. There will be food trucks, music, beverages, and more.

Nearly 250 cars, bikes, skaters, and motorized creations take about two hours to wind through the streets of Houston and end up back along Allen Parkway. For the parade route and complete details, see [Houston Art Car Parade](http://www.thehoustonartcarparade.com/25th-annual-houston-art-car-parade/).

“I have visited many HISD art car campuses, and I have seen a surge in artistic courage and creativity,” said HISD Visual Arts Curriculum Specialist Rickey Polidore. “Teachers have expanded their approach to instruction and allowed students the freedom to activate their inventiveness.  I am so excited for the public to see the efforts of our talented teachers, students, and community members.”

Rebecca Bass at Heights High School is working on her 29th art car. Last year’s tribute to Prince won the Mayor’s Cup, and this year the car titled “It’s Only Rock and Roll, But I Like It” is dedicated to the Rolling Stones.

Frank Black Middle School, which won last year’s top student-created car, is entering two cars this year. Baylor College of Medicine at Rusk is collaborating with Medical Bridges, which works to bridge the healthcare gap worldwide by procuring and distributing medical equipment and supplies to underserved communities. Lovett Elementary loaned their art car from last year to Rusk, and Sam Houston MSTC is driving a limousine.

Carnegie Vanguard High School received an environmental grant, and their art car, “Plastic Pollution,” will promote saving the environment. Kashmere Gardens Elementary and Kashmere and Barbara Jordan high schools are working together on their entry. Pershing Middle is teaming up with a 24-hour emergency health services provider on a white Mercedes. Arabic Immersion Magnet School (AIMS) is expanding on the school’s owl mascot-themed car from last year.

Here is a list of participating HISD schools, including the names and numbers of their art cars, as of press time:

•             Arabic Immersion Magnet School (No. 88): Booma, the Driving Owl

•             Baylor College of Medicine at Rusk (No. 94): La Ambulancia Loca

•             Black Middle School (No. 18): The Mandala Car

•             Black Middle School (No. 19): The Panthermobile

•             Carnegie Vanguard High School (No. 16): Plastic Pollution

•             Condit Elementary School (No. 86): Growing Leaders

•             Eastwood Academy (No. 89): Swim Shady

•             Garden Oaks Montessori (No. 22): Teach Peace!

•             Hamilton Middle School (No. 90): The A-5 Jet Scooter

•             Hamilton Middle School (No. 21): Out of This World Huskies

•             Harvard Elementary School (No. 23): STEAMwork Makes the Dream Work

•             Heights High School (No. 95): It’s Only Rock and Roll…But I Like It!

•             Herod Elementary School (No. 93): Herod Hero Tree Art Car

•             Horn Elementary School (No. 21): Horn Elementary is Blooming

•             Kashmere High School, Barbara Jordan High School, Kashmere Gardens Elementary School (No. 20): Adventure Alive

•             Love Elementary School (No. 17): The Mother Widow

•             Lovett Elementary School (No. 92): OWL van GO

•             Northside High School (No. 25): Northside Mission 1

•             Pershing Middle School (No. 24): PandaMobile

•             Sam Houston MSTC (No. 26): School of Artists