

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

HISD students to experience the world of Van Gogh through Heart for Art Program showcase

WHAT: The Houston Independent School District Fine Arts Department is excited to work with DHL and the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam as they launch their [Heart for Art educational program](#) in Houston. During this special event, teachers will engage students with a painting lesson after viewing the delivery of a Van Gogh Museum Edition, a 3D, high-quality reproduction of a Van Gogh artwork in the classroom.







The program aims to inspire thousands of students at 59 HISD schools with limited access to art education with the art and life story of Vincent van Gogh. These lessons, developed by the Educational and Interpretation department of the Van Gogh Museum, will stimulate their creative development and encourage them to discuss important themes associated with Vincent's life. HISD will continue to provide additional art programs to its schools as they are beneficial to supporting social-emotional learning, cognitive skills, perseverance, empathy, school, and family engagement.

WHO: HISD Fine Arts Department Elementary Curriculum Implementation Coach **Rickey F. Polidore Jr.** and Secondary Implementation Coach **Chandel Bonner-Hancock**, The Vincent Van Gogh Museum's Director of Education **Gundy van Dijk**, DHL Express U.S. Sr. Director **Joe Green**, Museum of Fine Arts Houston Representative, Senior Manager, Object-based Learning **Jennifer Beradino**, HISD students and staff

WHEN: Tuesday, Apr. 25
9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Meyerland Performing and Visual Arts Middle School, 10410 Manhattan Dr. 77096

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