

# Enjoy art? Love kids? Be a Lawton Art Docent Program volunteer!



Heading into its seventh year, the all-volunteer, PTA-funded Lawton Art Docent program brings exciting art into each Lawton classroom once a month. The program opens students' eyes and minds to important artists and techniques through visual art appreciation strategies, art history, and hands-on art making.

Easy-to-teach curriculum and kid-friendly materials are provided -- all you need to be a volunteer docent is your time and interest in visual arts!

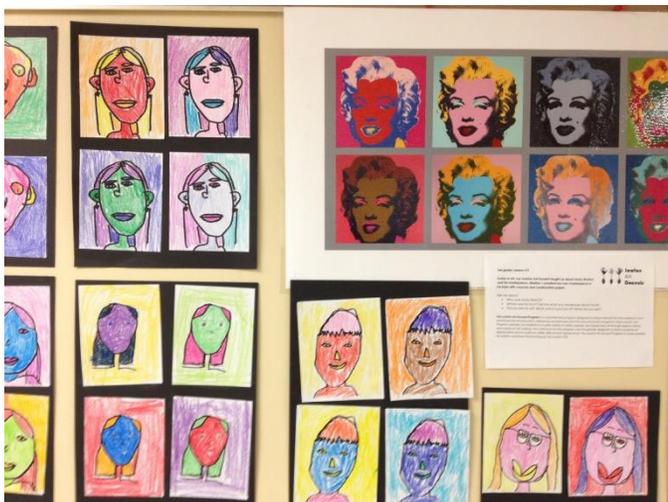
At least 2 volunteer docents are needed for each classroom; more are welcome!

We are also looking for **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS** to fill the roles of:

- curriculum manager
- supplies/materials procurement
- volunteer liaison
- calendar coordinator

**SIGN UP:** Contact co-chairs Emily Leedy ([emleedy@gmail.com](mailto:emleedy@gmail.com)) or Joely Johnson ([joelyjenniferjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:joelyjenniferjohnson@gmail.com)) or any member of the Lawton PTA.

**LEARN MORE:** <https://lawtonartdocents.wordpress.com/>



Warhol-inspired self-portraits in the 3rd grade.



Kindergarteners' bridges in the style of Monet.

## ABOUT THE LAWTON ART DOCENT PROGRAM

The mission of the Lawton Art Docent Program is for every Lawton student to feel that art is relevant to their lives – whether it be a result of artistic skills or knowledge they’ve developed, or interest and inspiration gained from a particular artist, style or period in art history.

### What is an Art Docent?

Docents are parent or community volunteers who lead one art lesson per month in a classroom of their choice. Docents work alone or with a docent partner along with their classroom teacher to schedule lessons far in advance and have the support of the classroom teacher as well as any other parent volunteers they wish to recruit to assist during lesson time. Easy-to-follow lesson plans and materials are provided to Docents so they can hit the ground running. Docents also attend a 2-hour evening training session, which will take place at Lawton one evening in October to be determined.

### What is the time commitment?

In addition to the 2-hour training evening (1:1 training is available if docents are unable to attend), the volunteer time commitment is about 2 hours per month from October to June. This includes:

- Leading the 1-hour lesson in class as well as some time coordinating with the classroom teacher
- Reading over the lesson plan, gathering art materials for the lesson from the Lawton docent supply area, and putting materials away afterward.

### What happens during a Docent Lesson?

A typical monthly lesson begins with a 20-minute talk about an artist and work of art. Kids then create their own artwork inspired by a technique, style, or work of that artist. While we study artists from many periods in art history, most have been selected based on the artworks’ accessibility to children – that is, we have chosen art with which children are likely to connect and be inspired.

### How Does the Art Docent Program fit with other Lawton art programs?

Teachers teach art lessons and concepts that are part of the state curriculum. The Lawton Art Docent Program does not aim to meet these requirements, rather aims to enrich this art education through fun, compelling and memorable creation and study of art. Additionally, the Lawton PTA pays for artists-in-residence programs that tie into the classroom curriculum, and the Docent Program is in addition to this.