“Imagination is sometimes more important than knowledge.”

-Albert Einstein

"Arts education aids students in skills needed in the workplace: flexibility, the ability to solve problems and communicate; the ability to learn new skills, to be creative and innovative, and to strive for excellence" -Dr. Joseph M. Calahan V.P., Xerox Foundation

**Dear Art Students and Parents,**

West Ottawa’s art program has been, and continues to be, a strong one. Our students’ work is selected every year and is featured in local, state, and national juried shows. Our students have also received scholarships and have their work chosen as part of the Governors Traveling Show and honored at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The high-quality materials our students use contribute to the success of their work.  The Art Department’s budget allows all students to create interesting and unique works of art. In addition to the department’s budget, we use donations to expand the materials available for certain projects and classes.

We are asking for a donation of $20.00. These donations are voluntary and optional!  Donations do not affect student grades but allow the use of superior materials in creating high quality artwork projects.  If you choose to donate, checks should be payable to “WOPS.”

We greatly appreciate your support of your student’s art education as all of our students continue to produce outstanding work.

Thank you,

Rebecca Morrissey-*Art Educator, Macatawa Bay Middle School (786-2172)*

Tasha Nykerk-*Art Educator, Harbor Lights Middle School (786-1156)*

(Please sign and return to your art teacher)

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(**Print parent/guardian signature), give permission for my

child,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Print student’s name)

* to have his/her artwork, photographic portrait, and/or name displayed in local student art exhibitions in school and within the lakeshore community.
* to have his/her artwork, photographic portrait, and/or name (first name, Last, initial only) displayed with in West Ottawa Public School’s web page www.westottawa.net
* to have his/her artwork, photographic portrait, and/or name entered into local, regional, and national student art competitions. (Completing additional permission slips may be necessary at a later date

**Parent/guardian signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_