

## Teacher's Message

It is our summer vacation and whether people are enjoying time with their families out of town or being lazy at home, it is a much needed break. I am currently at Texas Tech working on my Master's in art education. I'd forgotten what it was like to be on a college campus and work 15 hour days in the studio. It is very satisfying and extremely exhausting all at the same time. I have been able to retain information like I hadn't when I was younger, yet my body doesn't allow for me to handle late nights and long hours like I did when I was younger! A fair swap? I haven't decided yet... All that matters is that I am gaining a wealth of knowledge to better myself as an artist and to bring back to my students.

With that in mind, I have already started planning what we will need to do for our upcoming It's Your World project. Lessons are being reviewed and donations are still greatly needed. **Thank you SO much to TFCU** and their employees for the supply drive they're doing this month for us! They have been so supportive of this community service project and we greatly appreciate all of their help!

SISD will return to school at the end of July. I will meet the new incoming students and see the old familiar students from previous years. We will advertise our cleanup/art task to the 2016-2017 group and, no doubt, get more people on board.

Our August newsletter will come with volunteer cleanup dates and more information about the collection of trash and creation of artwork, so be on the lookout! We are still in need of donations and supplies, so if you're able to assist, we'll accept anything with open arms!

Enjoy what is left of your summer!

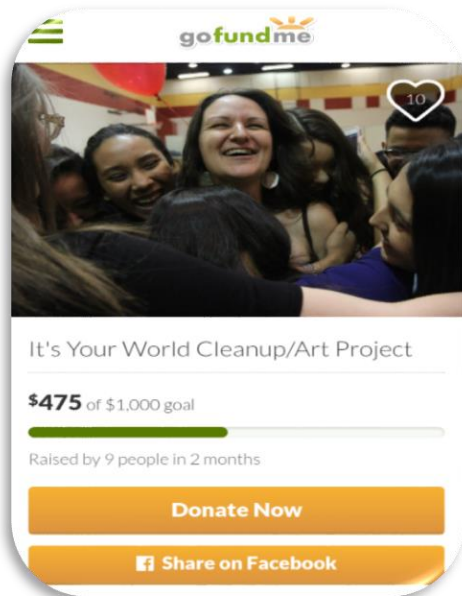
Candace Printz



Visit our school website for more info: <http://www.sisd.net/Page/46847>

For photos from the Chelsea Clinton kickoff event, follow this link: <https://sisdphotogallery.smugmug.com/2015-2016/March-2016/Get-Going-Day-Project-with/>

# GoFundMe



We just recently created a GoFundMe page that is dedicated to receiving monetary donations to support our project. The Paso del Norte Foundation has graciously offered to match our donations up to \$1,000. **We're just \$525 away from reaching our goal!** If you're able to give, we'd appreciate it. If you're not, you can still support us by sharing our webpage with your friends and families. For more info: <https://www.gofundme.com/22jqfxgs>

Also, we are still seeking in-kind donations. Below is a list of items and services that we are in need of. If you know of anyone that would be willing to assist with these things, please e-mail Ms. Printz at [zurest@gmail.com](mailto:zurest@gmail.com) or call 731-6271.

- Art supplies- matboard, glue, string/yarn, scissors, beads, paper, tape, paint, brushes, charcoal, etc.
- Building materials- wood, glass, power tools, saws, pliers, wire cutters, wire, tile, fencing, nails etc.
- Water and food for the volunteers that are cleaning the land
- Safety items-trashbags, gloves, masks, soap, scrubbers, storage containers, first aid kit, trash clamps
- Pedestals for the display of any sculptures
- A facility to store all the trash that we have collected
- Catering for our exhibit receptions
- Exhibition spaces in El Paso, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Juarez, Mexico
- Banners, etc.

## Classes

For the upcoming school year, two classes have been approved that will be dedicated to the It's Your World project. This is very unique, as it has never been done before. Classes will focus on the creation of recycled art and what it takes for a project like this to be maintained and successful. Approximately 50 students will be able to have the daily opportunity to expand the project and eventually learn how to manage this art venture as if it were a mini non-profit. This is an incredible advantage, as we will not have to depend solely on after school meetings to move the project forward. Students have already started to apply to



be a part of the 2016-2017 classes. Numerous students have put in applications to be team leaders, as well. This will allow for students to have experience in event planning and the creation of community service art. All efforts will be graded, but more importantly, they will have real-world knowledge about what positive things their actions can bring about.

# It's Your World-Student Video

By: Claudia Juarez

The It's Your World project will be creating a short informational video to promote the project's theme of green-living. This also allows opportunities for students to advance their skills in audio-video. The video is still being planned out with the release

date early next school year.

Mr. Duenez, a freelance audio/video producer, has agreed to donate his time and expertise to assist the students in this endeavor. The video will feature the project, describing its premise, in hopes of garnering support for the cause.

