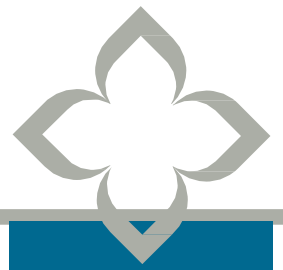


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Encourage and enable elders to share their knowledge and talents with school children to reverse any negative aspects of ageism.

## Art is All Around

If you look closely at ordinary found objects you will find a whole world of creativity at your fingertips. This was the message that Jack Fix brought to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms of art teacher Mindy Burger. Since a young boy, Jack, now a resident at the Deupree House, has looked closely at ordinary objects such as pieces of wood, metal and even bones. His creativity and imagination then takes over, turning these objects into works of art. He showed a version of an Indian Breastplate to the students that he made when he was 13 years old



utilizing carved willow sticks, boot laces, antique beads and actually spurs from a rooster's leg and teeth from a pig. The students were surprised and inspired in other objects Jack has made, such as wood carvings, a necklace from snail shells and stone sculptures. Retired from P & G where he was involved in product clinical testing, Jack has a never-ending urge to create. He told the students to not be afraid, that they can create just as well. The students were urged to think, look and create with whatever they can find over the coming summer months. Art teacher, Mindy Burger, wants them to bring these objects back in the fall to see the final results. Art is all around, just look closely and imagine.



## Did you know?

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