

Mission Educators Bulletin

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Color My World

I seek color. I long for color. As an art major, we learned what colors compliment each other and what colors actually clash and take away from the beauty and integrity of the other. We learned which colors are actually in the same family though maybe vary in shade and intensity a bit. That white (light) is actually the presence of all color and that black (darkness) is inevitably the absence of all color.

Our understanding of color has helped us move through the 40 days of Lent and fasting when the physical environment around us of late winter is often drab, dark and dreary. We know that once Easter arrives and we will be celebrating the Resurrection of Christ, that we will be greeted with a season of rebirth, renewal and refreshment filled with the abundant color of a Minnesota springtime. The Easter Season is a wonderful time for all of us to come out of the darkness and into a new light; to see, to embrace, to love and to welcome **all** of the colors around us.

Color comes in the faces of our friends and family; neighbor and foe; immigrants and refugees; child and elder; black and white; woman and man; disabled and able-bodied; Muslim and Christian; educated and working class; English speaking and native speaking; wealthy and in poverty; serviceman and woman/

veteran and civilian;...

As you can see, there is more color around us than a box of 64 Crayola Crayons and therefore more color than we can imagine possible to lighten and brighten our world, our life and our hearts. Springtime has come to our landscape when colors naturally burst forth from the earth ready to showcase their glory to the world. Let's allow the colors of those around us to burst forth and share their glory with the world, to leave the starkness and darkness that might be shrouding them from becoming what they are meant to be and allow them to shine their bright and glorious light for all to see!



The Gift of Color

Thank You for all the colors of the rainbow.
Thank You for sharing these colors with all of the fish,
And all of the birds,
And all of the flowers that You have given us.
And thank You for the colors of the Heaven-in-the sky,
And of the Heaven-in-the-sky,
And for sharing these colors in the people of the world.
You give us color as a gift, God,
And I thank You for all of these
Beautiful colors and beautiful things and beautiful people.
What special gifts You have given to us!

Mattie J.T. Stepanek (11 years old)

Don't Forget!

1st-National Day of Prayer
5th- Cinco de Mayo
6th- National Teacher Appreciation Day
10th- World Fair Trade Day
11th-Mother's Day
26th- Memorial Day

"Light is a thing that cannot be reproduced, but must be represented by something else—by color."

Paul Cezanne