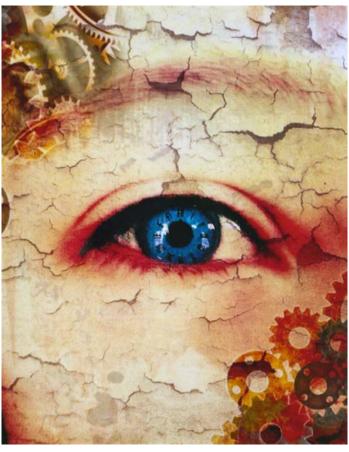
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As a seventh-grader in Ms. Gaub's class last year, Beni McAllister created "Clock Work." It is one of the pieces featured on the September/October page of the 2014-15 student art calendar.

North Middle School art program ranks number eight in state

Teacher <u>Cynthia Gaub</u> honored by Artsonia – the world's largest online kid art museum

"Cynthia Gaub ... deserves to take a step out of the art room and into the spotlight!" says an award notice from Artsonia in September. "Gaub has been recognized ... for outstanding leadership in the area of arts education for student's online art gallery. According to Artsonia, the gallery ranks as number eight of all such student galleries in the state of Washington.

This leadership award honors teachers who go beyond the classroom walls to encourage family and community involvement in arts education. The award also recognizes art programs that incorporate technology.

Artsonia notes, "While teachers in more than 100 countries showcase their student artwork on Artsonia, Cynthia Gaub has created a school community deserving of recognition." In 2013-14, North's gallery showcased 1,500 pieces of art. More than 11,921 online visits to the site have generated 110 comments.

"Artsonia is a simple, yet effective way to get parents and family members more involved in art education," said Gaub, "and my students love it."

The work from Gaub's students are always featured favorites during the district's annual middle school student art show. The middle school show, scheduled from May 4-15, 2015 at the Community Resource Center at 3900 Broadway, is one of three grade-level shows that illustrate the talent of district art students and their teachers. The elementary show is hung from March 17-31, and the high school student art work is on display from April 13-24 next spring.

Throughout the Community Resource Center, visitors will find student art on display. These are pieces purchased each year by the Everett Public Schools Foundation from the high school artists to be kept as part of the district's public student gallery. Many on display are created by Gaub's former students. You can also see art work from North Middle School students on the 2014-15 student art calendar – along with examples of high quality art from schools throughout the district.

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