

Arlington Public School K-12 Visual Art Department

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“Students Reflect”

A video edited by Arlington High School student Daniel Gorbunov

And co-produced by Art Teacher, Polly Ford and Visual Art Director, David Ardito

During the school closure in the spring, the Arlington Public School K-12 art teachers with the help of Sara Burd, Director of School Counseling and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) created a “Call for Art” to all students in Google art classes. The prompt was simply this:

“We invite every student to submit a visual artwork in any medium that reflects on the past ten weeks of your life”.

This open prompt encouraged student artists to create a personal work of art at home that communicated their thoughts and feelings about what it was like to be out of school for that extended period of time. Hundreds of students reflected on this and created work that you will see in this video. We tried to include every work that was submitted.

All K-12 art teachers collected the student work in their Google classrooms and passed them along to a high school student, Dan Gorbunov, who had volunteered to create a video that combined this artwork with student voices, APS staff voices and music of his choice. We think he did an amazing job!

We hope you agree that the production captures the thoughts and feelings of our young artists and that giving students these opportunities to express them is essential to their social and emotional well-being. The video can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/T04g7wgiHVo>

Or here via ACMI: <https://acmi.tv/videos/students-reflect/>

And we acknowledge these fourteen dedicated APS art teachers who assembled the student work and who guided their students in caring and creative ways throughout the school closure from March to June, 2020.

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