FLOWER CITY ARTS CENTER

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Arts Center Provides Community Opportunity Students from World of Inquiry Learn Balance, Activist Art

(ROCHESTER, NY –May 2, 2017) Students in 7th grade at School 58, World of Inquiry, are incorporating arts into their science and math curriculum (STEAM) through a partnership with Flower City Arts Center. Two days will be spent at the Arts Center, where students will work to answer questions about balance. Exploring what it means to be balanced, how balance is maintained, and if balance is achievable are just part of the science expedition the students will be taking part in.

Students will learn about finding their own center as well as rotational centers through a workshop in the Ceramics Studio. A session with papermaking and bookbinding will allow students to explore the balance that can be achieved through recycling. Finally, students will gain an understanding of printmaking and the role it has played through history by creating an original piece of work inspired by the words of Frederick Douglass.

Students at this Rochester City School are typically budgeted approximately \$4 each annually for this type of educational field trip. The cost has been offset by donations to Flower City Arts Center, which has a goal of providing art to all people.

Through the support of funding from Finger Lakes REDC and New York State Council on the Arts, Flower City Arts Center has been able to reach out to more student groups this year through the work of our Outreach Coordinator, Joanna Heatwole. We look forward to doing more of this type of work in the future. – Janice Gouldthorpe, Executive Director, Flower City Arts Center

About the Flower City Arts Center

The Flower City Arts Center, previously the Genesee Center for the Arts & Education, is a community-based not-for-profit that educates, encourages and inspires all people to create and enjoy the visual arts. As a member of the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts, the organization is committed to making high-quality arts education available to all.

Flower City Arts Center has been operating since 1970. The Center is a darkroom and photography facility, a ceramics workshop, and a printing and book arts center. Support of the Center benefits youth outreach programs and programs for the community. All of the money raised stays in Rochester and directly benefits members of the Rochester community. The Center uses its resources to provide youth programs in schools, offers over 200 classes to the general public, and rents space to artists and others interested in the visual arts. Internships, facilities for advanced area arts students and resource facilities for anyone interested in book arts, photography and pottery are also available. Three galleries in the building serve as exhibit space for local, regional and national artists.

Flower City Arts Center is supported by funding from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

For more information, contact the Flower City Arts Center Administrative Office at 585-244-1730, or visit our website at www.rochesterarts.org.