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Trinity Montessori elementary student Benjamin Pylko and his classmates hang their artwork, which depicts their ideas of what they would like their new school to look like. The art show is in honor of Montessori week celebrating 100 years of the Montessori philosophy.

Celebrating art and giving

A show of original works highlights what the Montessori School means to its students

By TORI UTHE • Photo by Adrian Kraus

Montessori kindergartner Ryan Jin loves green. So when he created a picture of geometric shapes, to signify the Montessori philosophy of teaching shapes, the choice was an obvious one.

"The green ones are my favorite, because you can build things with them and they're green," Ryan said.

Ryan joined more than 200 students, ranging in age from 18 months to 12 years old, celebrating the century-old Montessori philosophy of art and giving. The celebration took place at the Trinity Montessori School, which was founded 40 years

ago.

As part of the celebration, each class was asked to create a piece of artwork that would depict the philosophies or themes of Montessori. All of the artwork hangs on clotheslines outside the classrooms.

"Montessori is a peace-based curriculum, teaching children to have fundamental peace with themselves and become better learners," said Lorraine Scarafile, who heads the school.

For instance, Ryan's kindergarten class, which includes children from 3 to 6, was given the theme

of Montessori materials.

"The artwork shows what they do – and love – about Montessori," said Scarafile.

Graphic artist and Trinity Montessori parent Jamie Columbus has plans for these artistic creations.

"Once all the artwork is complete, we will select pieces for new brochures and materials we are creating," said Columbus.

Columbus created a three-dimensional project of