



A section of one of the three large "portrait canvasses."

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**"The Color Project" at Park Terrace Elementary promotes discussion on uniqueness and tolerance; official unveiling is May 25, 26**

Park Terrace Elementary students spent the first week of May participating in "The Color Project," an activities-based program provided by Tolerance Minnesota, and funded by the Park Terrace PTA.

Throughout the week, students were introduced to the science behind skin color through books and discussions, and were encouraged to **celebrate one another's uniqueness**. The week of activities culminated in the creation of three large portrait canvasses, on which each student painted his or her likeness. Each student was assisted by artist-in-residence Rachel Mallinger and a number of parent volunteers.

Students participated in the mixing of paint colors to match their individual skin tones, and were encouraged to recognize that people come in a variety of beautiful shades. The official unveiling of the special canvasses will take place in conjunction with the Park Terrace end-of-year Fine Arts Festival. Family and friends will be able to view the murals during 45-minute celebrations on **Thursday, May 25 at 2:30 pm**; and on **Friday, May 26 at 11:15 am and 2:30 pm**.



Brenda Pina Ebenezer Fanibi, and Mathew Dahl with Rachel Mallinger from "Tolerance Minnesota."



Rachel Mallinger with Justin Tran, and Jeffrey Strachota



Paint, brushes, mixing bowls: some of the tools of The Color Project



Taylor Turnquist takes a turn.



Matthew Dahl, Olivia McKusick, and Harry Williams paint their images.