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**Barack Obama Elementary 21/22**

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**Welcome!** My name is Kathleen Chester. I teach art at the Barack Obama Elementary School. Our learning will be centered around the learning about Elements of Art and Principles of Design. You will get the opportunity to share, create, interpret, view art and artistic styles and make transdisciplinary connections! Additionally, as an emerging artist you will learn about creative processes and behaviors that encourage artistic growth and embrace the IB learner profiles. IB learners strive to be inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced, and reflective in all subjects. All these characteristics can be applied to the visual arts and help you to accomplish all your learning goals this year.

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ABOUT THE TEACHER:

*My name is Kathleen Chester. I grew up in Westchester County, NY. and attended the Ursuline High School in New Rochelle. I earned my Bachelor of Fine Arts and Art Education Certification Grades K-12 from the State University of New York College at Buffalo with a concentration in Art History and Sculpture. In 1988 I began teaching art in the Roosevelt UFSD and earned a Master of Studio Arts from Adelphi University in 1991. In 1992 I left teaching for 10 years to raise my family. When my youngest of 3 children entered kindergarten 2003’, I went back to teaching. This is my 19th year at Barack Obama Elementary and my 24th year teaching art. Today, I live in Port Washington, NY. with my husband of 33 years James Chester and 2 of our 3 adult children, Joseph 26, and Juliana 24. Our son James 28 and his wife Kaitlyn are married and live in Maryland.*

*☺ Some fun facts about me: My favorite color is yellow. I have 3 Bengal cats. I am a sculptor; I love to ride horses, garden, and visit museums. My favorite food is sushi and someday I would like to visit Alaska.*

**IB PYP Art Program Overview**

The art program at Barack Obama Elementary School is a program of hands-on involvement as well as of general appreciation for visual art through a variety of cross curricular /transdisciplinary connections and perspectives.  Our program supports both the New York State Visual Arts Standards and the Hempstead Public Schools Districts IB PYP initiatives.

Students will experience a variety of media and become more proficient with artistic tools and techniques as they progress through each grade. Additionally, the students enjoy viewing and critiquing the work of Master artists. Often, their experience includes creating a personal work of art in the style of their understanding of a specific artist or style of art that supports their grade IB unit of inquiry.

IB PYP visual art at Barack Obama School engages students in the creative processes through a continual cycle of creating and responding. Using a variety of materials and techniques, students explore, create, and reflect on Art and the artistic choices they make as they convey meaning, share cultures, develop their sense of self and expand their knowledge. Art is a venue in which students can inquire into, and express their understanding of, the IB central ideas and lines of inquiry explored in the PYP transdisciplinary program. The art program is student-centered, providing learners at different stages of development with the experiences that will further their artistic knowledge, concepts, and skills.