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Student Art Exhibit Will Showcase Talent and
Support the El Segundo Educational Foundation Fundraising Drive

EL SEGUNDO, Calif., February 7, 2000 – While the El Segundo Educational Foundation event committee is busy planning the February fundraiser at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant, El Segundo's kindergarten through 12th graders have begun to create unique works of art that will be exhibited and sold that evening. The students' work will decorate the lobby where a silent auction will be held and will be priced at \$20 for each creation.

The theme for the art show is "A Treasure Chest of Learning" and children are encouraged to use the medium of their choice to create their entries. "Paints, pencils, pastels, anything goes for this exhibit," said Barbara Briney, who is organizing the student art show with school superintendent Dr. Bill Watkins. "This is a great opportunity for the students to share their artistic talent with our community and we are hoping a lot of kids choose to participate."

Some teachers are making the art show a class project and others are encouraging their students to get the creative juices flowing at home. Every child who submits an entry will receive a participation certificate, and four lucky artists will receive prizes.

"My students will be painting their contributions in class as part of our study of Monet. The money raised by the Foundation comes right back to our schools for things like computers and playground equipment, so it also will teach them the importance of participating and volunteering their time for a good cause," said Nancy Jacobson, a kindergarten teacher who will be moving with her class to newly renovated Richmond Street School when it opens.

The only restriction for entries to the art exhibit is that they must be on the poster board provided by the Foundation and must include the student's name, school site and grade level. Entry forms/poster boards are available in the office at each school in the district. Entries can be turned in at the school offices and the deadline for submitting them is Friday, February 18.

Tickets to the event are \$30 per person in advance and \$40 at the door. The event will raise money through ticket sales, corporate donations, an opportunity drawing, a silent auction, and the sale of student artwork to parents and other event patrons. For information about the art show, please contact Barbara Briney at 310-322-2618. For inquiries about the El Segundo Educational Foundation or for event reservations, call 310-615-2650, ext. 229.

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