

Young Changemakers: Thorncliffe PS Junior Artists 2023-2024 Art Projects



Koffler Arts and Recreate Place

2023-24 Young Changemakers: Thorncliffe Park PS Junior Artists

Program presented from 2023-2025

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Art can spark curiosity, ignite new ideas,
and change a space in magical ways.



How does art make you feel?



Is there art in your community that
you enjoy?



Students at Thorncliffe Park Public School worked with artists to explore how art can transform spaces in their school.



This book
showcases their
art projects.

They worked
to create
something truly
meaningful for
their school
community.

*River of Art
Takes Flight*

By students and
artist Janet Hinkle





Students explored how their art can help protect local birds. They turned their paintings into animal and plant window stickers, displayed as a winding river.

Their artwork now helps prevent birds from colliding with windows and showcases the students' care for the natural world.



What types of messages or drawings would you add to your window art?



Growing Memories

By students and
artists Katie Strang &
Christine Dewancker
of D&S Projects





Students reflected on places that bring them joy and collected objects that connect to these memories. They used these to create story tiles, placed in a new garden.

The result is a garden filled with their shared memories.





Can you think of a
place that brings
you joy?

*Weaving
Together
Trees &
Community*

By students
and artist
Roda Medhat







Students wove colourful patterns into mesh tree cages, transforming the area into a vibrant and joyful space. Their creations reflect a deep appreciation for their environment and school community.

Where else could you weave a beautiful design?



You too can make art for
everyone to enjoy!





What will you create?

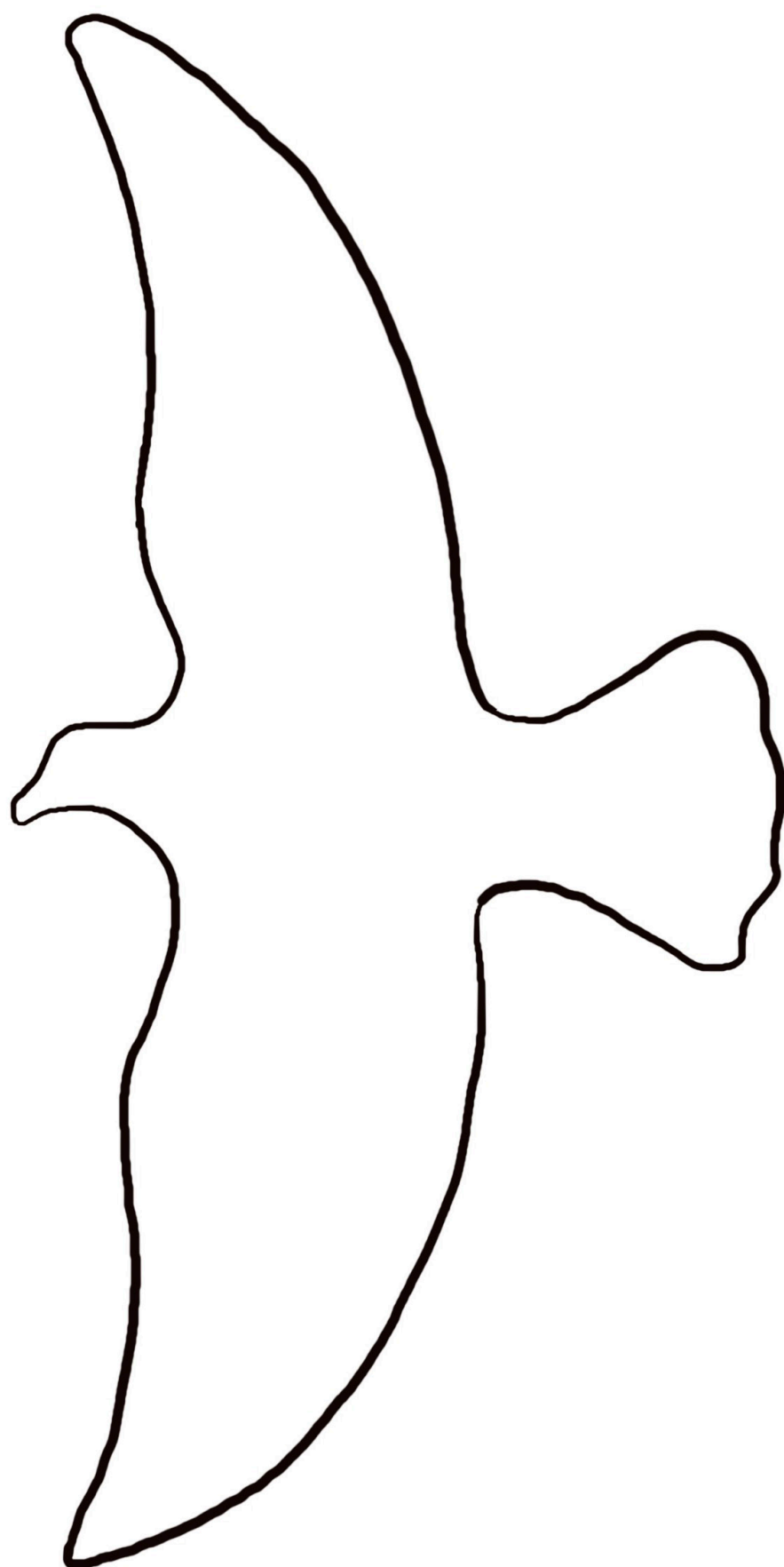
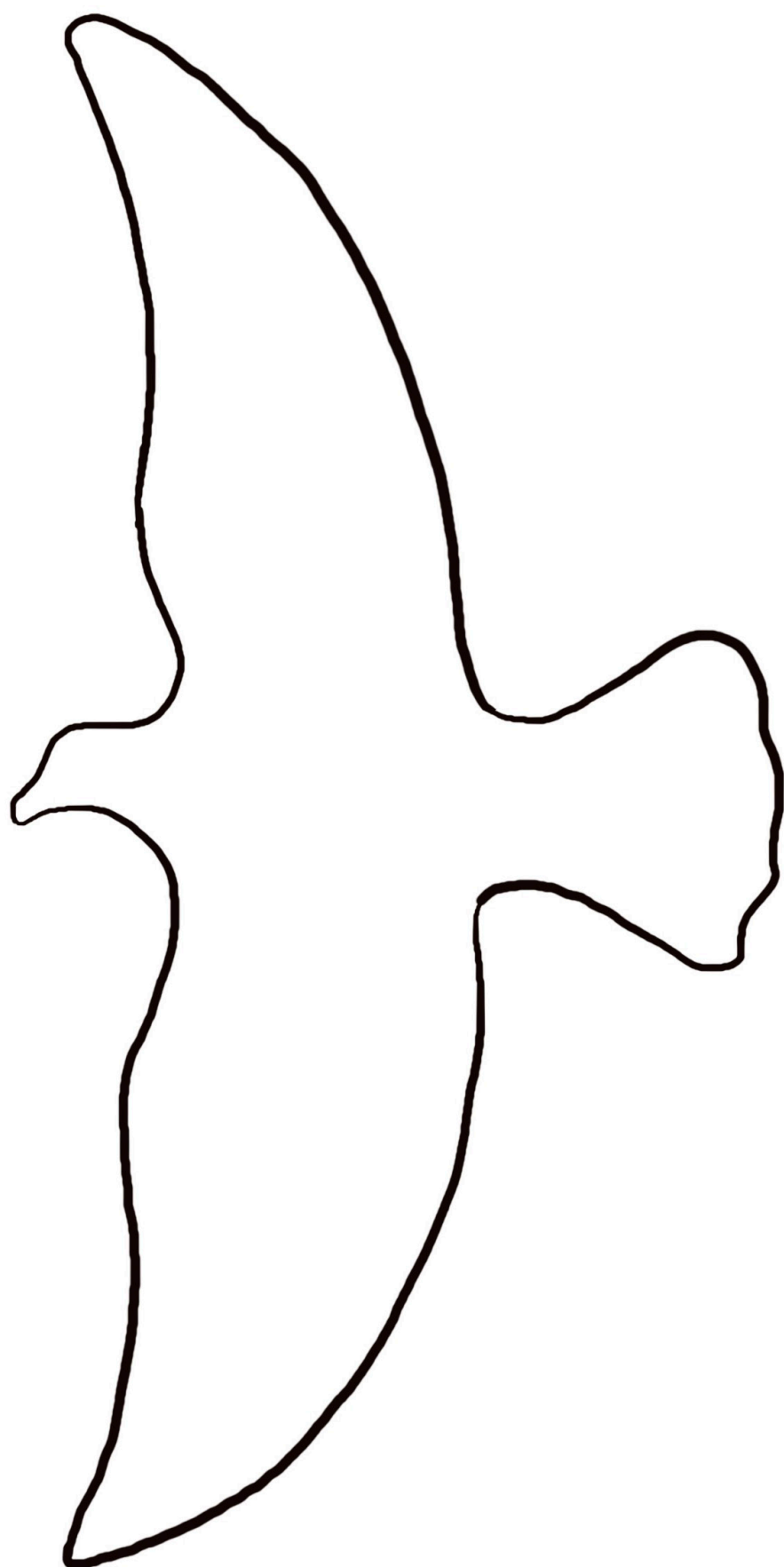
Art Activity: Soaring Together

Have you ever gazed up at the sky and noticed a flock of birds flying together? Each bird is unique, yet when they are together in flight, they appear as a graceful, unified cloud of movement.

1. Close your eyes and imagine what this might look like.
2. Using the bird template, create a design that reflects who you are. What brings you joy? Is there a person, animal, place or activity that sparks joy? Draw, colour or collage your ideas.
3. Cut out your bird and hang it beside your friends' creations. Notice how each bird is unique and together they form a beautiful flock.



Thank you to Janet Hinkle for her inspiration for this activity.



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Koffler Arts

The Young Changemakers: Koffler Arts Studio Program (YCM) supports the artistic growth for students resulting in the creation of art works in their school. This experience provides a unique opportunity for collaboration between artists, children, educators and community. We believe that equitable access to art can support children's overall wellbeing.

Koffler Arts is a multi-disciplinary arts platform for contemporary visual art, performance and literary events, that situates the contemporary Jewish experience within broader social, historical and cultural conversations on identity, memory and place. Working with an elastic network of Canadian and international artists, Koffler Arts provides a stimulating and supportive environment for the promotion of current artistic practices, the creation of new work, and the exchange of ideas across disciplines.

www.kofflerarts.org

Thorncliffe Park PS Team

A big thank you to the students and teaching team at Thorncliffe Park PS for your commitment and openness to creating art in your school.

Photography

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Recreate Place

Recreate Place designs child-friendly experiences that prioritize the meaningful participation of children and young people in community art projects. We create age-appropriate experiences for children and youth to impact the designs, plans and decisions affecting their community. As lead Program Designers and Facilitators with YCM, it's an honour to be working closely with students to help see their ideas come to life!

www.recreateplace.ca

Artists in Residence, 2023-24

Janet Hinkle is an interdisciplinary artist with a practice rooted in fine art and craft. With a fondness for mixing materials, she is driven to explore concepts involving identity. Pulling inspiration from both mid-century forms and futuristic design, her work manifests as installation, sculpture, gatherings, time-based media, and both human-food and human-flora interaction.

www.instagram.com/_janethinkle/

D&S Projects is a collaboration between artists Katie Strang and Christine Dewancker. Through D&S Projects, they explore the relationships between the built environment and cultural production, and the psychological effects of space. Their projects aim to inspire imagination, understanding and connection with the places we inhabit.

www.dsprojects.com

Roda Medhat is a multi-disciplinary Kurdish-Canadian artist. He designs public art sculptures to make art accessible to the masses, creating works of massive scale that are designed for spaces other than formal art institutions.

www.rodamedhat.com



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