

Woven Fences Reprise

2016

Sixth graders repeat a Christo-inspired project originally done in 2010 Lowell School, Wash DC



“All our projects are like expeditions. The story of each project is unique. Our projects have no precedent.”

Christo

Unlike the projects Christo and Jeanne Claude undertake, our 2016 Woven Fence Project did have a precedent set back in 2010 by our 4th graders.

This year, however, the artists were 6th graders, the site was overlooking our middle school, and the materials were different. Having viewed work online done by Christo and Jeanne Claude and having discussed the uniqueness, the scale, and the ambition of their work, students were enthused to make their own colorful installation. Working collaboratively, 6th graders wove strips of brightly colored commercial plastic table cloth material through the fences. While wind and rain immediately challenged the installation, it endured for several weeks and when the sun did shine the brilliant colors shimmered as if a rainbow had descended upon the campus.