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Churchill Elementary Art Program Ranks # 9 in the State!

Gurnee, IL-- Tricia Mucklow, art teacher at Churchill Elementary in Oswego, IL, deserves to take a step out of the art room and into the spotlight! Mucklow has been recognized by Artsonia - the world's largest online kid's art museum - for outstanding leadership in the area of Arts Education at Churchill Elementary. The school's online art gallery - www.artsonia.com/schools/churchill2 - ranks # 9 in the state, according to Artsonia.

The Leadership Award presented to Tricia Mucklow honors teachers who go beyond the classroom walls to encourage family and community involvement in arts education. The award also recognizes significant achievement in the area of technology integration within the school arts program. State rankings are based on specific criteria, which demonstrate both aspects of the Leadership Award.

While teachers in more than 100 countries showcase their student artwork on Artsonia, Tricia Mucklow has created a school community deserving of recognition. During the 2008-2009 school year, the Churchill Elementary gallery showcased 2819 pieces of artwork. This popular collection of art has been visited more than 54046 times and has received 659 comments from friends and family. *"Artsonia is a simple yet effective way to get parents and family members more involved in Art Education,"* said Mucklow, *"and my students love it!"*

In addition, family members can purchase keepsakes imprinted with the child's artwork, with Artsonia donating 15 percent of their annual product revenue back to the school art program. This year, the art program raised \$443.44.

Headquartered in Gurnee, IL, Artsonia is an online kid's art museum providing free, educational resources for kids, families and schools. Founded in 2000, Artsonia continues to integrate technology in the classroom, develop multi-cultural understanding through art and increase family involvement in children's education. To find out more, visit www.artsonia.com.
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