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International Artist Dominic Pangborn Visits SPF Middle Schools

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SCOTCH PLAINS/FANWOOD, NJ – On Monday, Nov. 14, internationally renowned Michigan based Artist Dominic Pangborn visited both Park and Terrill Middle Schools in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District. Pangborn was visiting courtesy of Park West CARES, the philanthropic arm of Park West Gallery, the largest art dealer in the world.

In addition to making one of their premier artists available to speak to SPF Middle School students, Park West Gallery is also making a generous donation of 20 works of art to the Education Enrichment Foundation of SPF. Those works of art will ultimately benefit SPF students district-wide.

While most students were expecting a boring lecture on the finer points of modern art, they were pleasantly surprised by Pangborn's amusing and unassuming presentation. He shared stories of his childhood in Korea as a "mixed race" child of a Korean mother and an American Military father, of his journey to America to be adopted by the Pangborn family, and how growing up in a family that already had 11 children when he arrived influenced him as a person and as an artist.

While Pangborn did concentrate many of his comments around art, he had a far more important message, emphasizing to the students that being a positive influence and "giving back" should always take precedence in their lives. He was also quick to point out that if they followed their passion and were successful financially, that would make it even easier to give back.

Pangborn's style is best defined as "Evolutionist." His works grow and change, utilizing various media and subject matter based on his life experiences. His paintings have been collected by President George H. W. Bush and Japanese Ambassador Naoto Amaki as well as various corporations. He is also a recognized, award-winning graphic designer and he has a line of fashion accessories that are sold in stores around the world.

Pangborn's visit and the donation of 20 paintings was orchestrated by Phyllis and Al Mirabella, who have a friendship with Dominic Pangborn and a relationship with Park West Gallery.

"We are grateful to Dominic and Park West CARES for making this generous donation", said Phyllis Mirabella, vice-president of the Education Enrichment Foundation of SPF. "This donation of art will ultimately generate dollars that will help our students in Scotch Plains-Fanwood."

More of Pangborn's work can be viewed at his website
<http://www.pangborndesign.com/>

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Splurge Bakery (<http://www.splurgebakery.com>), located at 105 Main Street, Millburn, NJ, will host a fundraiser for St. Stephen's Church on Friday, November 18th from 7pm-9pm. Tickets to the event, which will include a dessert buffet and wine, are \$30 per person, or \$50 per couple. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling Splurge Bakery with credit card information or just by visiting the bakery. St. Stephen's Episco... November 14, 2011

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