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Culminating Student Art Exhibit at Pine City Elementary School

ELMIRA, NY, November 20, 2017 – On Tuesday, November 21 from 9 – 10:30 a.m., first graders at Pine City Elementary school will showcase their artwork in a student art exhibit. For the past five weeks, students have worked with The Rockwell Museum on an artist-in-residence program called The Great Circle. The goal of the Great Circle Artist-in-Residence program is to unify learning across all first-grade curriculum content. Students build upon and synthesize grade level concepts, including folktales and legends, animals and habitats, geometry, astronomy, earth sciences, and learning about museums and the Lakota tribes of the Great Plains.

“We believe in the arts and in collaborative relationships with community partners. The Rockwell partners with area schools, teachers and supporters to provide authentic art experiences that support classroom curriculum. The Great Circle Residency is a program that reinforces our steadfast commitment to using art as a catalyst for important early learning. We’re so excited to see this program continue to thrive in Elmira, Bath, and beyond,” says Mary Mix, Senior Museum Educator of The Rockwell Museum.

Artist Aleta Wynn Yarrow works with each first-grade classroom five times during the residency, including one visit to The Rockwell. Students explore the overall theme of the Great Circle, and all topics are designed to complement the New York State Common Core curriculum, encouraging students to look at new ways to understand associated concepts. The Rockwell Museum is uniquely poised to help enhance the art curriculum in the public schools.

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ABOUT THE ELMIRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Elmira City School District is a dynamic and innovative learning organization dedicated to developing learners of character who value their educational experience and can compete globally and contribute locally by collaborating with students, families, and community partners to provide meaningful opportunities in a safe and engaging environment for all.

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