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Until Wednesday, June 27, a group of 29 apprentice painters and kindergarten students at Queen Victoria Public School in Belleville present 87 small-format paintings inspired by artists Vincent Van Gogh, Pablo Picasso and Eric Carle, during 'Hanging with the Artists,' a special exhibition held at the John M. Parrott Art Gallery at Belleville Public Library.

all three," she said. "Co-directed is simply student and teacher working and learning together. We certainly did a lot of learning."

Each student artist has three

paintings up on the walls at John M. Parrott Art Gallery. Picasso studies are displayed on top, Van Gogh studies on the second row, and finally their interpretations of

Carle's collage techniques.

Both Tomlinson and Iozzo shared what they have learned about the father of cubism during the opening.

"When he (Pablo Picasso) started painting he wasn't famous at all," said Tomlinson.

"When he was young he drew very, very real pictures."

"That's weird for a little boy," added Iozzo. "He practised so much he got better, because practice makes perfect."

Tomlinson used a photograph of Iozzo's face showing different emotions and expressions to paint her version of Picasso's abstract portraits.

"I used Tori's mouth, my eyes, Mrs. Bryan's nose (a teacher at Queen Victoria), my own hair and Billy's top. We had fun," added Tomlinson.

Trevor Pross, chief executive officer at the library, said he and his staff value the partnership ties with Queen Victoria Public School and the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board.

Pross said he believes in the importance of literacy and art education within the community.

"The unique and detailed paintings that the kindergarten students have created at Queen Victoria School are beautiful and we are honoured to display them for the month of June at the John M. Parrott Art Gallery," he told the artists and their parents.

"The connections the students have made between art and literacy are impressive and I invite everyone to come enjoy this exhibit."

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