



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**TRANSFORMING ART IN EARLY EDUCATION
50 YEARS OF BEEP!**

MAY 18 - JUNE 26, 2023

Hunneman Hall

Brookline Public Library

361 Washington Street, Brookline, MA 02445

OPENING RECEPTION:

Sunday, June 4

3 - 4:30 PM

This art exhibition of young learners marks a celebration of 50 years of the Public Schools of Brookline Early Education Program, BEEP. Principal Margaret Eberhardt notes, “This exhibit spotlights what’s creatively possible for children as young as 2-5 year-olds in an inclusive early education environment - artistically, cognitively, socially and emotionally. These high-quality art experiences with a local artist in the classroom and with the support of our teachers can serve as a model. We’re making this rich collaboration visible to the community at large.”

The BEEP community, public and press are invited to the opening reception and exhibition at Brookline Public Library’s Hunneman Hall.

Through a generous grant, BEEP’s work with local artist and art therapist, Erin Palazzolo Loparo, showcases original artwork and documents the mindful, discovery-driven process behind it. It features over 250 students’ art, ages 2-5 years old, across 19 classrooms. According to Palazzolo Loparo, “Collaborating

with BEEP in this way is entirely joy-filled. We’ve created a transformative model for arts in early education where every child is experimenting, making choices and finding meaning.”

The Art Process:

These artworks, chosen and curated with teacher and student input, stem from art processes designed and led in the classroom by Palazzolo Loparo. They incorporate traditional and non-traditional mindful materials exploration and experimentation based on the works of artists Yayoi Kusama, Barnett Newman, Pablo Picasso, and Imagine. The program also offers a unique opportunity to share connections between a working artist and the work of students and teachers. This innovative early education art program begins



by sharing a story, a PowerPoint art presentation, and is followed by artmaking. Featured authors include: Sarah Suzuki, Mo Willems, Nina Laden, Anne Rockwell, Katherine Ayres and Christie Matheson.

About BEEP:

The Brookline Early Education Program (BEEP) is a research-based, innovative “inclusive environment where all children...can learn social competency, develop cognitive motor and language skills and expand their understanding of themselves and the world in which they live.” BEEP offers 19 classes across 6 sites throughout the town and serves children with a range of developmental levels and from diverse cultural backgrounds. BEEP Preschool programs are one year models that serve children ages 2.9- 3.2 and BEEP Pre-kindergarten programs are two year programs and serve children ages 3-5. All classrooms are supervised by the Principal for Early Education and two Early Childhood Program Coordinators. Small class size, highly qualified teaching staff, and small pupil-teacher ratios and multi-disciplinary teams combine to support children in the early years of their education.

Learn more at: <https://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/BEEP>

About BEEP Artist, Erin Palazzolo Loparo:

Erin Palazzolo Loparo MS-ATR is a former BEEP parent, local artist/teacher and registered art therapist who has scientific artwork on permanent display at Harvard Medical School. To view Erin’s artwork and commissions go to: <https://www.epl-art.com/> and [@loparoerin](https://www.instagram.com/erinpalazzolo).

Brookline Education Foundation:

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