Rosarian plants its STEM program in new center

Artificial collaboration with PDBA students

A group of about 15 Palm Beach Day Beach Academy students, 3- and 4-year-old primary students and some third-graders, listened in rapt attention as painter David Kapp talked to them about doing his work – making art. “How many of you like art?” he asked them. “Raise your hand.” Every student’s hand shot up. “If you could do that every day of your life?” They answered every question. “What’s your favorite medium?” “What inspired you to make collage?” “Do you do pictures that are not in the artwork?” “Do you like painting the sky?” “When did you start making art?” “What’s your favorite thing to do in the artwork?”

After he patiently answered them all, he had a question of his own: “Would you like to make your own artworks?” And of course, they did. Teachers passed out black construction paper, scissors, glue sticks and bright fluorescent colored paper. The third-graders helped David Kapp and the teacher provided paper and guidance.

David Kapp has the ability through his art to reach every age and whoever’s interested in art,” said Lafe Kanell, CEO of the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens and former director of development at PDBA. “He was showing the children that art can transform and change us and empower us.”

Kapp’s visit was in conjunction with last week’s “Crossing the Grid,” currently on display at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens through July 31.

Students from Palm Beach Day Beach Academy’s Upper Campus art classes viewed the project, and the sculpture gardens later that evening. Lower campus students will visit the exhibit later in the month.

Art David Kapp press in front of his work, “2, cars,” on exhibit at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens. Kapp recently helped Palm Beach Day Beach Academy students get in touch with their inner artists.

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