



How to get started...

## Chalk Festival

A great way to promote creativity in children, have fun, and a source of pride once it's all done! Everyone should do it!

Budget - \$500.00 for approx. 620 elementary students and 22 classrooms.

Crayola chalk works well and is reasonable priced.

Talk to principal to schedule a date. After STAR testing, seems to be a favorable time...

*"We schedule it on the day before Open House - The Art is a great attraction at Open House and we have heard from Teachers that their attendance has improved over the last two years the kids really want their parents to see what they have created!"*

Stacey Haslett, SVPTA Council Vice-President  
commenting on Del Lago Elementary's Chalk Festival

### Event Chairperson

(Programs, Art Advocate, Reflections or other as well as a parent that is comfortable sketching)

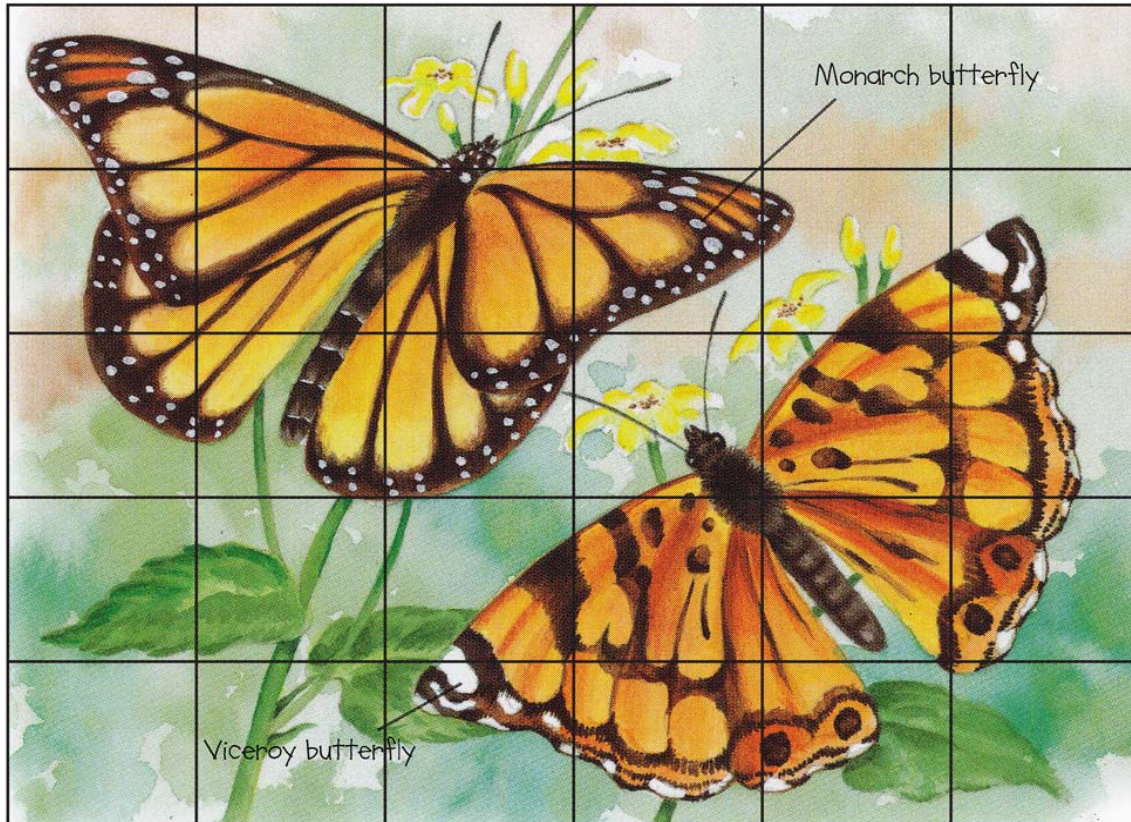
#### -Order Chalk and Supplies

Coordinate with teachers and Class Leader for each classroom (volunteer parent, Room Mom, Art Masters Rep, or Jog Captain).

## Duties of Lead Parent

Attend Training (held by event chair about 1 month prior to event)

Help teacher select art (Google “grid art” for some ideas. Here are a couple of websites that will help... draw-n-paint.com, incredibleart.org, and billybear4kids.com/Learn2Draw/grid-art.html)



Supply art to Event Chairperson so that grid can be created and possibly sketched (or the class can create their own grid)

*“For the majority of the classes, the grid can be a 5 square x 6 square. Depending on their art, it can be horizontal or vertical. This gives 30 squares which worked well for the class size so that each child could get a square or if the class had 32, a couple kids can share.*

*For some of the higher grades, the 30 squares still worked. They tend to sometimes work more freely and not assign exact squares. It kind of just works itself out. If a higher grade has a real complex image and the design lends itself to a more vertical piece, then set theirs up as a 5 square x 7 square, giving them 35 squares”.*

Patty Roberts, Del Lago Elementary Arts Advocate

Recruit parent volunteers for day of event

Work with the classroom teacher on schedule for the day, so groups of three or four can come out and fill in one square each or assign a student to a square and set a schedule for the day. Whatever schedule the classroom teacher prefers.

One to two days before layout grid on blacktop in front of or near classroom. If needed, ask parent volunteer to broadly sketch the murals outlines for the students and draw a grid over the image, so the project resembles a paint-by-numbers piece.

Some classes will take a few hours to complete; others could be out there most of the day.

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