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## **Hudson Junior/Senior High School Students Collaborate on Two Murals with Muralist Joe Pimentel**

**HUDSON, NY** — The Hudson City School District is proud to announce the completion of two mural projects, one at Hudson Junior High School and the other at Hudson Senior High School.

Led by talented muralist and teaching artist Joe Pimentel, over 60 students and staff members cohesively and beautifully brought inspiring murals to life in both buildings. Each mural contains quotes designed to empower students and staff every day. Both murals were completed on Dec. 15, four days of work after several months of planning.

"I'm extremely proud of the work of our students, staff and Mr. Pimentel for creating such beautiful artwork that will greet students, staff and community members for decades to come," Hudson Senior High School principal Derek Reardon said.

Pimentel is known for his detailed murals at parks and school districts throughout New York State. He said it was fulfilling to see students' joy following their hard work.

"Every school has a different setting and feel to it, and this one was very special," Pimentel said. "After seeing the first day, so many more students signed up to participate. Just from their comments to me, it meant a lot to them."

Austin Ringer, a 7th grade student at Hudson Junior High School, said he enjoyed participating in the mural project, praising the leadership of Pimentel and the collaborative nature of his classmates.

"It was really challenging for myself to do it because I didn't want to get paint on myself, but I was really proud of how the murals came out," Ringer said. "It was really fun; he (Pimentel) told me what to do. I followed it and it was really fun."



The Junior High School's mural is highlighted by an emerging Bluehawk with interpretations of diversity, respect and unity under the theme of "Rise Above" by Junior High School students. Just above the Bluehawk is Dr. Mae Jemison's quote, "Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations."

At the Senior High School, peace, love and kindness are prevalent with a soaring Bluehawk and Malcolm X's quote, "Light creates understanding, understanding creates love, love creates patience, and patience creates unity."

Pimentel's other artwork can be found on his social media channels, @JoePimentelArt, and on his website at <https://www.joepimentelart.com/>.

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