

One Person's Trash is Another's Treasure

Sterne Lower and Middle School students put their creativity to the test during the annual Sterne Trashion Show in celebration of Earth Day on April 22. Science Curriculum Coordinator Spryte Heithecker began this tradition two years ago, inspired by similar shows around the world which taught students about the environmental pitfalls of the fast-fashion industry.

The Trashion Show is a fun way for students to create one-of-a-kind pieces of wearable art using recyclable materials, clean trash, and discarded fabrics. Students work collaboratively to decide what materials they need, brainstorm a design, and create a piece to represent their homerooms. They elect an emcee and one or two models from each homeroom, write their script, create their designs, and finally walk in the Trashion Show before a panel of faculty/staff judges. Our theme for 2024 was Planet vs. Plastic, and as you can see from the photos, our students created some memorable looks.

"It's so fun watching students brainstorm an idea and watch it grow to fruition," said Heithecker. "The unexpected changes they made and how enthusiastically they worked with their homerooms made this year's Trashion Show so special. We had so many new students who really stepped into the roles of models and emcees without question. It's grown to an event that we look forward to every year!"

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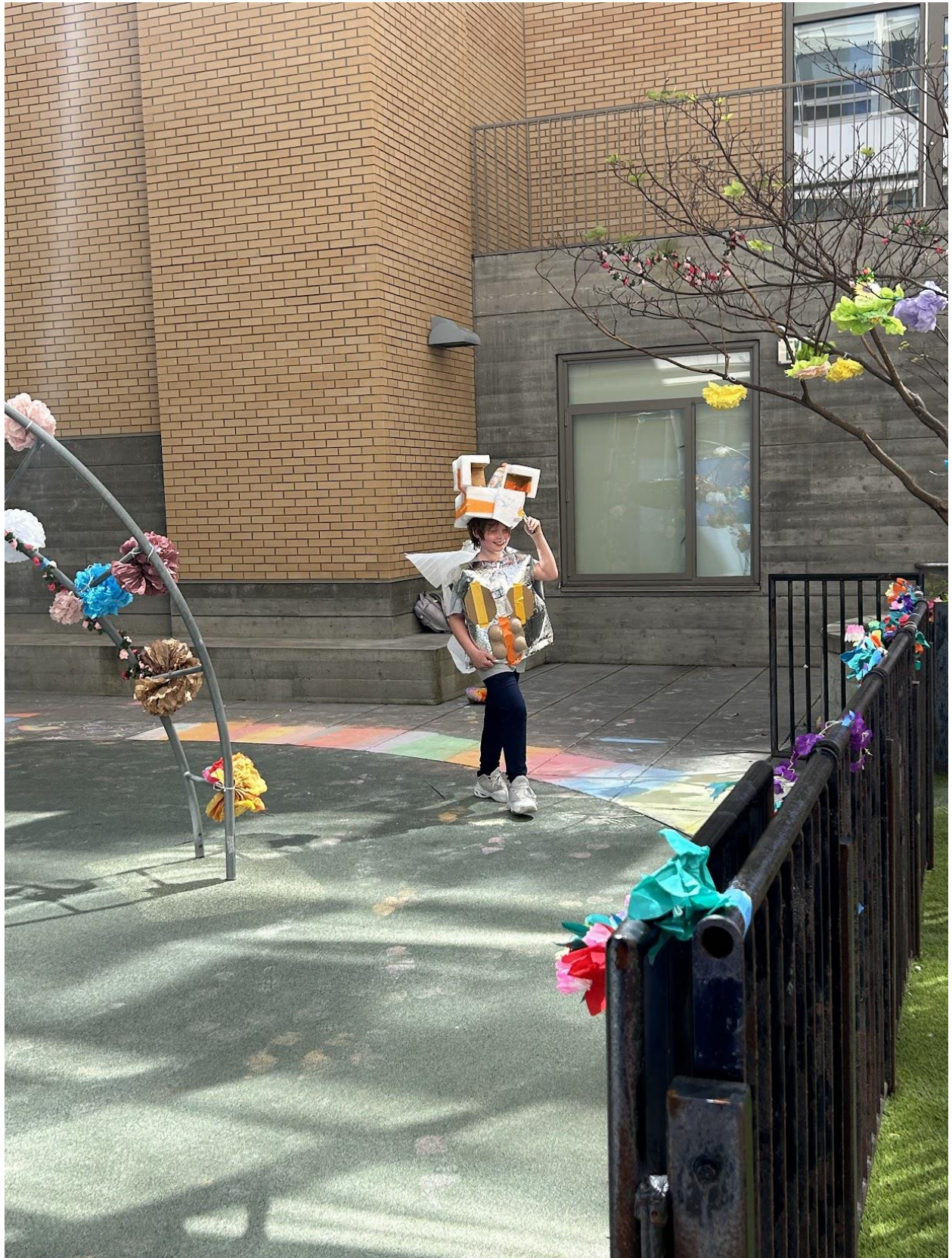
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