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Briarcliff kids paint for shot at \$5,000 worth of art supplies

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SAMANTHA BRIX PHOTO | Shoreham-Wading River students created a mural on an empty storefront in Shoreham Plaza Thursday afternoon for a shot to win \$5,000 in contest run by WALK 97.5.

Youngsters from the Shoreham-Wading River School District pulled smocks over their heads, picked paint brushes and lined up outside the shuttered Bridal and Tuxedo store in Shoreham Thursday afternoon, waiting for their turn to contribute to a giant mural on the store’s front window.

The kids carefully decided what they’d paint and where. They weren’t trivial decisions — the mural could be worth \$5,000.

The students were participating on behalf of Briarcliff Elementary School in a contest run by WALK 97.5 that will win the art department cash if their mural garners the most votes on the radio station’s website.

When Shara Maso, the art education coordinator in Briarcliff’s PTA, heard about the contest, she rounded up families in the Shoreham-Wading River community to help.

“Winning \$5,000 would be huge for us,” Ms. Maso said. “That’s way more than our art budget.”



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Schools across Long Island are eligible to participate by painting a Long Island scene on an empty storefront in their communities that includes the words “My Hometown” — the name of the contest — and submitting photographs of the finished product to WALK’s website.

“We have some hefty competition,” Ms. Maso said. “We’re up against high schools and we’re only kindergarten and first grade, but that’s not deterring us. We’re determined.”

If Briarcliff wins the cash for its farm scene mural, Ms. Maso said the art department will likely use it to purchase more supplies and expand programs and projects.

“We’re doing this not only to win the money, but also to bring the community together and work toward something together,” she said.

Ms. Maso provided all the paint supplies, California Pizza Kitchen and Subway contributed cookies and brownies, and Scoops and Sweets, next door to the painting, offered discounted ice cream for all involved.

Representatives from WALK 97.5 showed up with speakers, blasting pop music to keep the little painters pumped up.

Voting through WALK's website begins June 8, the day Ms. Maso plans to go on a social media rampage to promote Briarcliff's painting and snatch up votes.

And if Briarcliff gets the most votes and wins 5,000 big ones?

"I think we'll do a celebration," said Briarcliff kindergardener Kiara Maso.

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