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## **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Kindness for Paws Art Show to launch with an award ceremony**

*Initiative founder Molly Schappel to be honored; in-person art sale will  
begin immediately after on Sunday, May 21*

Towson, Md. – Through the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Kindness for Paws Art Show at White Marsh Mall (on the first floor by Macy's Home Store), community members can purchase portraits of adopted animals created by local students and teachers, and the funds raised will benefit the Maryland SPCA.

Kindness for Paws is one of the service-learning project options embedded into the Baltimore County Public Schools' middle school art curriculum.

This year's Kindness for Paws will take place in person from 12-3 p.m. on Sunday, May 21. Student artwork will be sold for \$10 each and teacher artwork for \$20 each. The art will go on display beginning on Saturday, May 13, during mall business hours.

From May 13-31, community members can go [online](#) to purchase digital downloads of student artwork (\$5 each) and teacher artwork (\$10 each). The sale will be larger than ever with 2,232 pieces of art from 48 public and private schools and 60 teachers.

Before the in-person sale begins, Baltimore County Councilman David Marks will present an award to Molly Schappel, a visual arts educator at Perry Hall Middle School and the founder of Kindness for Paws, as well as additional awards to participating art teachers. The awards ceremony will take place at White Marsh Mall on Sunday, May 21, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Participating BCPS schools in this year's Kindness for Paws are:

Catonsville Middle School  
The Chatsworth School  
Dulaney High School  
Dumbarton Middle School  
Eastern Technical High School  
Featherbed Lane Elementary School  
Franklin Elementary School  
Gunpowder Elementary School  
Jacksonville Elementary School  
Johnnycake Elementary School  
Kingsville Elementary School  
Lansdowne Elementary School  
Loch Raven High School  
Loch Raven Technical Academy  
Martin Boulevard Elementary School  
Middle River Middle School

Northwest Academy of Health Sciences  
Parkville High School  
Perry Hall Middle School  
Pikesville Middle School  
Pine Grove Middle School  
Pleasant Plains Elementary School  
Pot Spring Elementary School  
Ridgely Middle School  
Sandy Plains Elementary School  
Shady Spring Elementary School  
Southwest Academy  
Summit Park Elementary School  
Victory Villa Elementary School  
Vincent Farm Elementary School  
Watershed Public Charter School  
Wellwood International School

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