

SPOTLIGHT ON: ART TEACHER CHRISTINE TISCHIO

The Clinton Courier stopped by the art room and caught up with our art teacher, Christine Tischio.

**When you were in elementary school, did you like art?
What made you want to teach art?**

I LOVED art in elementary school! But it wasn't until I was in Middle School that I decided I wanted to teach it. I had the best teacher, Mr. Butler, who encouraged all of his students to be creative and have fun!

What's your favorite museum?

My favorite museum is The Museum of Modern Art. It has so many famous pieces of art and always has exciting new exhibits! My favorite was the Tim Burton exhibit a few years ago.

Where did you grow up? Do you have any brothers or sisters?

I grew up in East Brunswick with my mom and my older brother Jon.

Do you have any pets?

I have one cat. Her name is Maybe.

What kind of art is your favorite art to do?

I have always loved to draw but have recently really gotten into collage and recycled art. One of my most favorite pieces is my chandelier that I made out of old forks and spoons!

Favorite project at Clinton Elementary with students?

Philly Tee Shirts!! Silk-screening is such a fun process to begin with, but to be able to make something that the entire fifth grade got to show off on their biggest field trip made it even better!

What surprises you about teaching elementary school students?

Our little artists' amazing imagination. They never cease to amaze me!

If you could do any art project at Clinton School it would be...

A giant glass/tile mosaic.



Self-portrait by Christine Tischio

What do you do when you're not teaching art at Clinton School?

I love watching football and going on little day trips. Some of my favorite places to visit are the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton and Philly's Magic Garden. And I am the cheerleading coach at Metuchen High School.

If you could meet any artist, it would be — because —
Chuck Close, because he is such an amazing artist and has a truly inspiring story. Our fourth graders will learn all about him in art later this year.

In twenty years, you would like to be...

Making art full time

Favorite place to be?

Outside!!

If you could travel anywhere in the world...

I would really like to go to Egypt to see the pyramids and all of the beautiful artwork inside them.

— Elizabeth Aaron