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## Tinicum Students Give Philadelphia International a Global Décor

*Art project provides a window to ponder popular destinations in the U.S. and abroad*

**PHILADELPHIA** – Where in the world would students want to visit? Tinicum School fifth grade students in teacher John Mitch’s art class spanned the globe in their imaginations and articulated their wishes in creative artwork that is literally pictured on windows at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL).

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, Mitch and 30 students fashioned a colorful mural of silhouettes of iconic symbols associated with destinations throughout the world. The mural covers the large windows near the security checkpoint in Terminal D and is accessible to the public.

The silhouettes, which are pasted atop a colorful mosaic tissue paper background, are composed of familiar and unique symbols of places in the U.S. and abroad including the Statue of Liberty, Eiffel Tower, Parthenon, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Disney World, Gateway Arch in St. Louis and even City Hall in Philadelphia.

The Airport partnered with the school in neighboring Tinicum Township in order to interact with area students through the medium of art.



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"This was a great opportunity to engage our young neighbors and introduce them to the excitement of air travel while tapping their creativity to contribute to the Airport experience of travelers, visitors and employees," said Airport CEO Mark Gale. "I hope they enjoyed this activity as much as the Airport staff and commend the student artists for their fine work."

Although the students never left the Airport, their day at PHL gave them the sense of travel excitement both through the mural creation and an Airport tour. As part of the class project, the students wrote short essays about the places they would like to visit after leaving the Airport and used Google Earth to locate their destinations.



*Airport CEO Mark Gale and Director of Exhibitions Leah Douglas  
with Tinicum School teacher John Mitch and his art class*

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$14.4 billion in spending to the regional economy and accounting for more than 141,000 jobs.