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To whom it may concern,

Re: David Kibuuka Modern Batik Artist in the School.

David Kibuuka and an assistant did an exciting project with the Grade 10 Visual Arts class at Don Mills C.I. The grade ten students enjoyed a portraiture theme to make their Modern Batik designs.

Many students became engrossed in the process and some really enjoyed the attention from David who was very careful to spend time with each student in the large class. His instruction was clear and each step of the involved process was not only explained but demonstrated to the individuals.

This was a marvelous opportunity for students to learn toning and colour blending with fabric dyes. This added a new dimension to the technical repertoire. Another technique the students enjoyed was the pen and ink detailing and integration of foreground with background. Some became very enthusiastic about the results and submitted their Modern Batiks to the Etobicoke *Arts Smart* student exhibit, held at *Sherway Gardens Shopping Centre*.

David has a gentle, relaxed manner with the students yet retains an air of professionalism.

As a teacher and artist's perspective, it was very nice to have enough staff and time to expose the students to Modern Batik, a medium that I otherwise would not be able to do with a large class.

Sincerely,

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