

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Wheelchairs serve as paintbrushes for children with disabilities**

On Friday, May 29, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. students at Wesley School will use their wheelchairs as paintbrushes to create unique pieces of art. Large cotton canvases will be secured to the ground in the parking lot at the school located at 915 East Wesley Avenue in Muskegon. Students will then wheel their way through colorful paints as one of many projects offered during Wesley's May Day Arts Festival.

Wesley School Teacher, Sarah Clabuesch received a \$250 grant from the Muskegon Community Foundation for Muskegon County to cover the cost of art supplies for the wheelchair painting event for Wesley students. Rochelle Barr Sartorius, Arts & Select Projects Specialist for the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District said "This project will provide a fun and creative way for our students who use wheelchairs to express themselves through painting." The resulting art will be framed in whole or in multiple parts and exhibited throughout the Muskegon Area Intermediate School buildings.

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