

Marty Frew



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On Monday nights at the Jackson School of the Arts, you can find children learning about colors, textures and papier-mache.

Marty Frew is behind it all.

Frew started teaching with the staff at Art 634 five years ago. It gave her the motivation to earn a teaching certificate from Siena Heights University in 2008; she earned her bachelor's degree in fine arts from Siena Heights in 1999.

Her classroom is a relaxed environment, where kids have the guidance and support they need but are free to be creative and explore new ideas.

"She's in high demand," said Robin M. Drews, an administrative assistant at the school. "When Marty's teaching a class, there is usually a ton of people signing up."

Frew likes to dabble in many mediums but has recently been interested in ceramics and pottery.

"I made a mosaic for the Center for Family Health at Middle School at Parkside and am working on one for Jackson High School," she said.

Frew believes strongly in the importance of art education.

"It shows the kids a way to problem solve," Frew said. "Whether it's a math problem or a language arts problem, they will be more open to different ways to look at it."

At a glance ...

■ **Name:** Marty Frew

■ **Age:** 32

■ **Residence:** Jackson

■ **Family:** Married to Jeremy; two children, Ethan, 11, and Abbey, 9.

■ **Fun fact:** Frew spent some time studying art history in Paris while attending Siena Heights University.

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