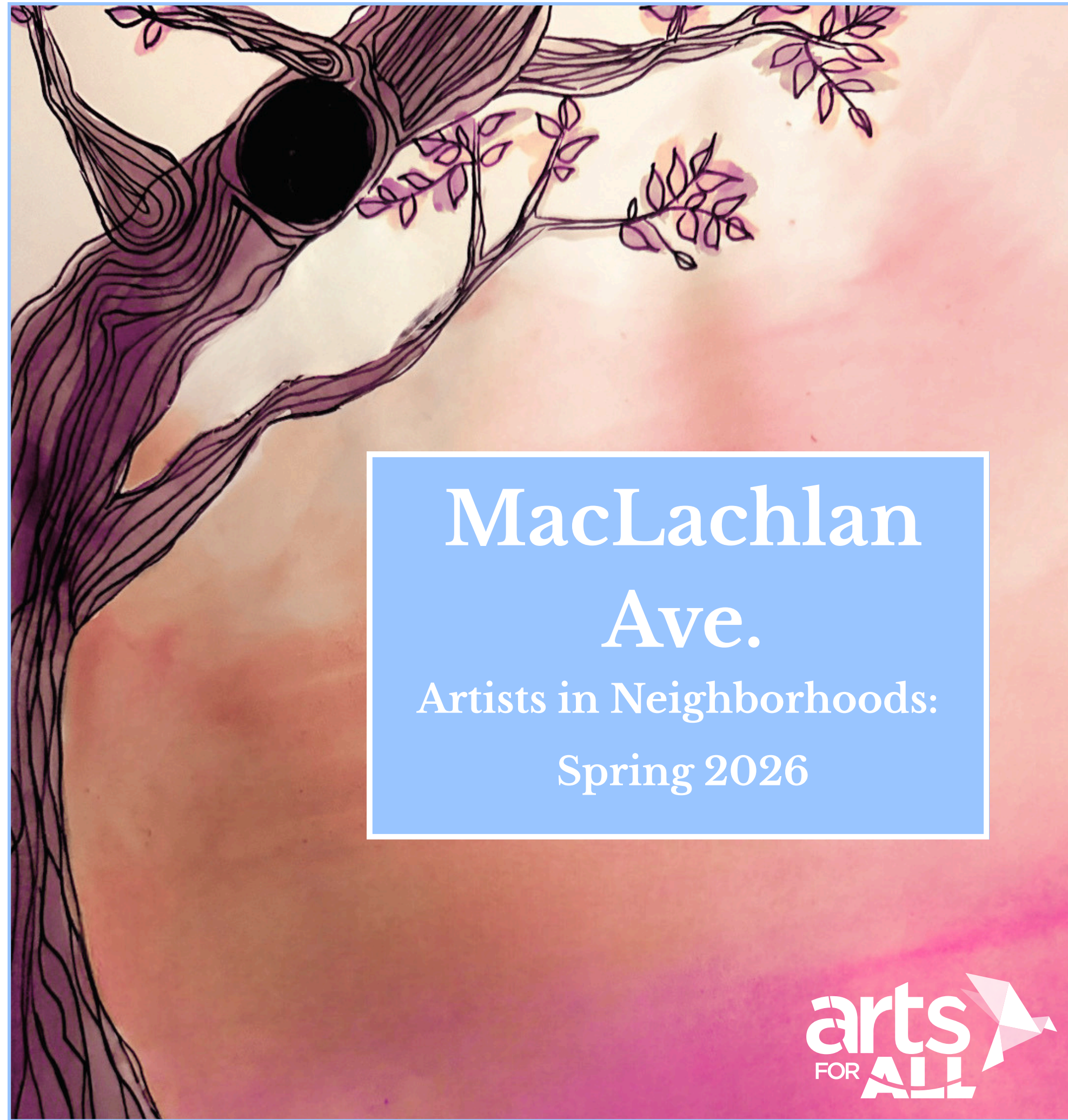




MacLachlan
Ave.
Artists in Neighborhoods:
Spring 2026





9 Weeks of Creativity at MacLachlan Ave.

Final Pedagogical Documentation:
MacLachlan Ave. ELCC and After
School Care
100 MacLachlan Avenue,
Caledonia, ON
Artist Educator: Abby Bothen

WEEK ONE: Creating art book covers/Creating a community

WEEK TWO: Salad spinner art!

WEEK THREE: Tin foil relief art/nature collages

WEEK FOUR: Introducing weaving/cellophane art

WEEK FIVE: Tye dye art/sensory wall

WEEK SIX: Mixed media collages/ watercolours

WEEK SEVEN: Shadow art/art with tin foil

WEEK EIGHT: Painting rocks/felt board

WEEK NINE: Gather around for a story/clay painting!





Stomp!
Stomp!
Stomp!

ELCC: Play Mat

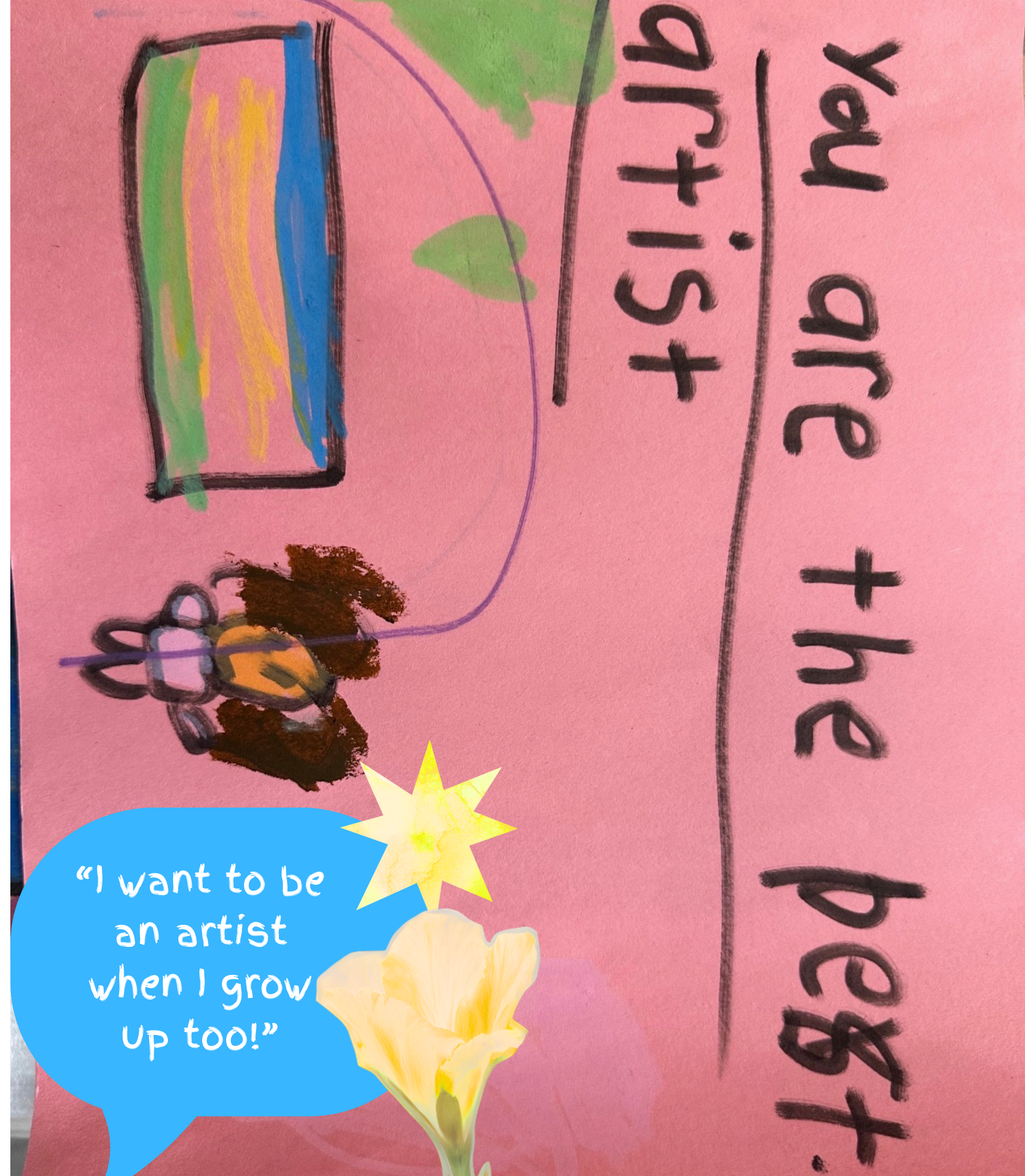


"Let's race!"

"Which
car goes
faster?"



Drawing our
favoruite things....



you are the best
artist

"I want to be
an artist
when I grow
up too!"



Press the
button as
fast as you
can!

AFTER SCHOOL:
Salad Spinner!



ELCC: Spin Spin Spin!

"Wow! It looks
like bird wings!"



"Look at all these
colours and
materials!"



ELCC: Sticky Paper Collages...

"Stick!
Stick!
Stick!"



**AFTER SCHOOL:
Tin Foil Relief Art**







ELCC:
Watercolour Spray...

woah....

“Look!
We’re
mixing
colours!”



“How do we make
a collage?”

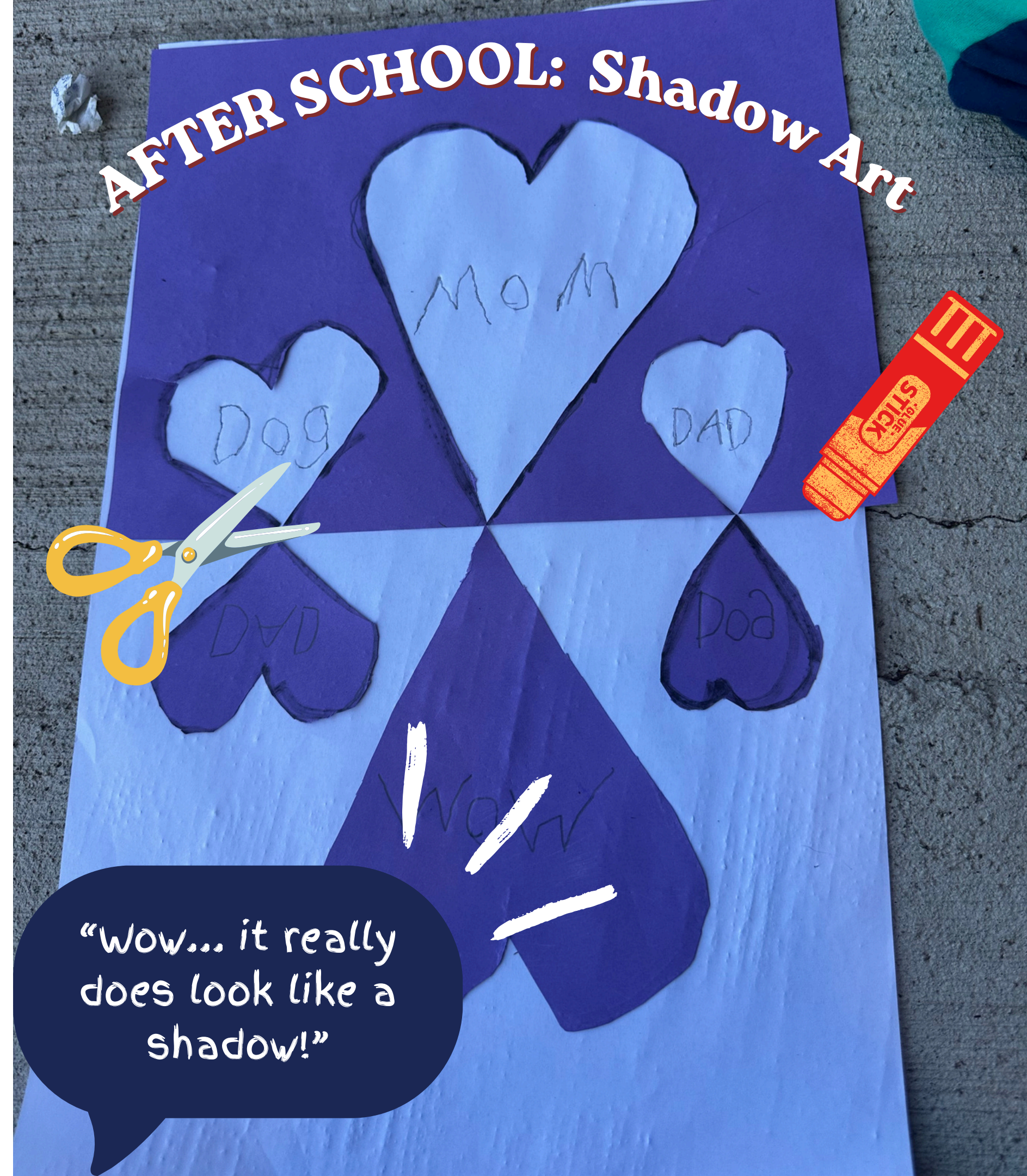
AFTER SCHOOL:
Collages...

Cut
Paste
Cut
Paste



Crumple
Crumple
Crumple

ELCC:
Tin Foil/Reflective
Surfaces Exploration...



AFTER SCHOOL: Shadow Art



"Wow... it really
does look like a
shadow!"



ELCC: Interactive felt board!

Stick

Rip

Rip

Stick

"wow! We are making a rainbow!!"



"It's a crazy blueberry!"

AFTER SCHOOL: Pet Rocks!

WEEK NINE: Wrapping up with one last activity!

Reflecting on the term

During the nine weeks of arts activities at the MacLachlan Ave. location with Today's Family, we learned so much about art and play, process work, and experimentation! It has been a pleasure working at this location and collaborating with the wonderful ECEs and supervisor Andrea, as they have all been extremely welcoming, helpful, and interested in what Arts for All has to offer.

To wrap up, our plan is to complete our term-long art books and create tissue paper wind chimes with the after-school children, and experiment with playdough materials with the ELCC children. These activities will, no doubt, be full of fun and endless possibilities, which is what I have attempted to bring to the Caledonia location throughout the entire term.

I observed so many insightful and creative moments during the nine weeks of programming here. From the ELCC children describing colours with words like “spicy” and “hot” to the after-school children making laptops out of their art books, I was always impressed by their ability to create visual artworks with no judgment, limitations, or fear that something wouldn't work. Together, we consistently created a space that encouraged safety, new ideas, and creativity, allowing everyone to thrive.

Arts for All's mission is to bring opportunities to children, and we certainly achieved this not only for them, but for the staff as well! It was a pleasure getting to know all of the staff and students at MacLachlan Ave., and I am grateful for the opportunity to have been part of this community.

