



# City of Pittsburgh

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## Text File

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**WHEREAS**, Crayola partnered with the National Association of Elementary School Principles to grant twenty schools with funding for innovative programs aimed at fostering children's critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication skills; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant program, entitled "Champion Creatively Alive Children" asked educators to nurture their students' imaginations by creating unconventional programs inspired by the question, "what if?"; and

**WHEREAS**, Pittsburgh Carmalt Science & Tech Academy in Brookline was awarded a Creatively Alive grant for a unique and challenging program developed by Principal Sandra Och; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carmalt Creatively Alive program encouraged students to explore the role of immigration and community on architecture and arts throughout our diverse Pittsburgh neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmalt's 600 students, who come from 30 different Pittsburgh neighborhoods, shared the unique cultures of their communities, and learned to embrace the similarities and differences among them; and

**WHEREAS**, students designed their own communities, and Architecture students from Carnegie Mellon University worked with students to build three-dimensional replicas of buildings in their neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmalt students then created commercials to promote their ideal neighborhood and shared them with students in other schools through distance learning; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh congratulates Principal Sandra Och, Carmalt teachers, and students for being a part of a program that embraces the unique and diverse cultures of our City neighborhoods; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council declares October 25, 2011 to be Pittsburgh Carmalt Science & Tech Academy Day in the City of Pittsburgh