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MAKE YOUR **MARK**



ARTS, EDUCATION, AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL.



**“MAY IT EVER BE
USEFUL
TO THEM.”**

MARK C. HONEYWELL
1952 DEDICATION OF THE HONEYWELL CENTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

Welcome to the first issue of Make Your Mark, a new publication celebrating the extraordinary generosity of our donors. The title is inspired by Mark Honeywell, whose statue at the Honeywell Center's entrance (and on this cover) depicts him with two children—a lasting reminder of his belief in the power of the arts to inspire future generations. Today, that same spirit lives on through you, our supporters.

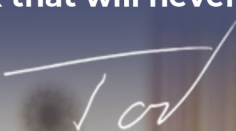
Each issue will shine a spotlight on areas where your generosity makes the greatest impact. In this inaugural issue, we've chosen to feature Visual Thinking Strategies, a transformative program of our Arts In Education initiative.

For me, my personal passion for the arts is rooted in music. I play a few instruments, and attending live performances is a central part of my life. Yet, over the past few years, I've become equally passionate about our **Arts In Education Visual Thinking Strategies** initiative, which may be surprising as it centers on visual art rather than music. What draws me in is not necessarily the medium, but the skills it cultivates. With VTS, visual artwork is used as a tool to guide students in observing closely, analyzing thoughtfully, debating respectfully, and communicating clearly.

In a time when critical thinking and respectful debate are more important than ever, VTS has a profound impact that extends far beyond the classroom. These are the skills that shape how people connect, collaborate, and lead in everyday life.

While these are essential strengths for success, they often fall outside the reach of standard classroom resources. We are incredibly grateful that our network of educators and school administrators recognizes this and invites us into their classrooms to enrich their curriculum with VTS. **And we are incredibly grateful to you, our supporters, for making it possible to offer this at no cost to the schools.** I encourage you to read more about this impactful program in our feature story.

Visual Thinking Strategies is a leading example of how the arts are a catalyst for growth, creativity, and engagement. **I am honored to be part of an organization that has such tremendous support** for these opportunities. You are not only helping shape the next generation but also providing unforgettable experiences and lasting memories for people of all ages—a **mark that will never fade.**

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HONEYWELL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



ARTS IN EDUCATION: FRAMING THE FUTURE

THROUGH ART AND GUIDED DISCUSSION,
STUDENTS EXPLORE IDEAS AND FIND THEIR VOICE.

In classrooms across Northern Indiana, **three simple questions**, “What’s going on in this picture?”, “What do you see that makes you say that?”, and “What more can you find?” are sparking something extraordinary. Students lean forward, eyes tracing every detail of an image, hands raised to share their ideas. There are no wrong answers, only opportunities to look closer, think deeper, and explain what they see.

This is Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS), one of Honeywell Arts In Education’s most impactful programs.

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IMPACT FROM PROGRAM

Designed to **nurture critical thinking, collaboration, and confidence**, VTS uses visual art to spark discussion and guide students in developing their reasoning skills. Once a month, a Honeywell trained facilitator visits classrooms (grades 3-5), guiding students through open-ended questions and encouraging them to back their ideas with evidence. Each session concludes with a writing exercise, building language skills alongside analytical ones.



The results speak volumes. In the 2024-25 school year, **93% of teachers reported that VTS had a “tremendous” or “substantial” impact** on student thinking and learning. Educators consistently see students, especially those who may struggle in traditional settings, begin to find their voice.

VTS currently serves every elementary school in Wabash County, reaching 46 local classrooms and 116 in neighboring counties, totaling 162 classrooms across 21 schools in five counties.

Honeywell recently expanded this impactful program to serve Fort Wayne Community Schools (FWCS), growing from a pilot in seven third-grade classrooms at two schools in the 2022-23 school year, to 57 third and fourth-grade classrooms in 2024-25, and 79 third, fourth, and fifth-grade classrooms across nine schools in 2025-26. This expansion is supported through funding secured from Foundations and individuals from Allen County. As additional funding is secured, expansion to more schools across the region is possible, ensuring that more students have access to this transformative educational experience.

“I’ve seen **tremendous improvement** in my students’

critical thinking, providing evidence, and communicating ideas. We've seen the process and skills used in VTS in Social Studies, Math, and Reading. This program has made a huge difference for my students, especially the quiet ones and the English Language Learners," said Mrs. Conner, Harrison Hill Elementary School Teacher.

Third-grade teacher Mrs. Wells of OJ Neighbours Elementary has witnessed a similar transformation: "VTS provides students with **opportunities to practice their critical thinking skills, writing skills, and another chance to speak up** and share their thoughts in a comfortable environment. I have definitely seen growth in my students in areas of communication and collaboration. VTS has provided great opportunities for my students to put these skills into practice."

"At Honeywell, our priority is creating meaningful, high-quality education opportunities that reach every corner of our region," says Kristi Unger, Director of Education at Honeywell Arts & Entertainment.



"VTS helps students realize there is more than one way to see the world, an essential skill for lifelong learning and citizenship."

In 2024-25, Honeywell Arts In Education provided more than **73,000 student interactions across 14 counties and 86 schools in Indiana** through programs like VTS, Arts Integration, Teaching Artist Residencies, and more. Education programs are **offered at no cost to the schools**, removing barriers so that every child, regardless of background, has the chance to develop the critical skills that will shape their future.

Honeywell Arts In Education is made possible thanks to generous donor and sponsor support, excelling the organization's mission of arts, education, and entertainment for all.

HONEYWELL HOUSE OPEN HOUSE

December 3 • 5:30 PM

Come tour the house before it closes for renovation in 2026.

Watch for your invitation coming soon.



NEW! POP & POUR RECEPTIONS

Honeywell supporters, Opening Act and above (\$300+ annually), are invited to join us before select Honeywell Center shows for good company and a complimentary glass of bubbly.

Watch your email for invitations throughout the year! 5



**HONEYWELL ARTS ACADEMY
CONCERT SERIES**

ON THE HORIZON LOOKING AHEAD

As we look to the months ahead at Honeywell Arts & Entertainment, they are filled with music, revitalization, and new ways to experience arts and entertainment together.

The **Honeywell Arts Academy Concert Series** launched in September, showcasing five accomplished Academy alumni groups in a 10-performance series in Indianapolis and Wabash through June 2026. These artists, musicians on the cusp of major careers, will share their music in intimate settings in the Crystal Terrace at the Columbia Club in Indianapolis and the Parkview Ballroom at the Eagles Theatre in Wabash. This series carries forward the vision of Richard Ford, whose passion for music and young talent helped spark the founding of Honeywell Arts Academy. “What makes this series so thrilling is the caliber of talent,” says Artistic Director Ranaan Meyer. “It’s the kind of experience where you’ll walk away saying, ‘I saw them when...’” Tickets are available for purchase at honeywellartsacademy.org.



HONEYWELL HOUSE RENOVATION

Meanwhile, the **Honeywell House** is preparing for an exciting transformation. Programming will pause in early 2026 for renovations that include expanded performance space, enhanced outdoor seating, and upgraded guest accommodations. These updates will elevate the guest experience while building on the House’s long-standing legacy. Contact Sarah See at 260.274.1431 for more information, including how you can support this project.



CLARK GALLERY EXHIBITS

Visual arts continue to be a cornerstone of Honeywell’s mission. At the **Clark Gallery**, the Winter Banner Competition will be on display this month, featuring original works from Wabash County elementary students. The Next Generation: University Art Competition in December will showcase emerging talent from colleges across Indiana. From students’ first brushstrokes to carefully crafted university artwork, both exhibits invite guests to look closely, think deeply, and see the world through the eyes of its creators. Celebrate our young artists at art receptions, offered with nearly every exhibit throughout the year. Visit honeywellarts.org/exhibits for more information.

Together, these efforts shape a future where the arts aren’t just experienced—they’re part of how our community grows. With your continued support, these initiatives become experiences that inspire, leaving a lasting mark on all who attend.

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SALLY KROUSE
HONEYWELL FOUNDATION BOARD

Since joining the Honeywell Foundation Board in 2013, Sally Krouse has shared her time, talent, and expertise with extraordinary generosity. As Board Chair since 2023, Sally's leadership helps guide the Honeywell mission to provide arts, education, and entertainment for all. A lifelong educator and engaged community volunteer, Sally brings insight that strengthens programs and expands opportunities. Together with her husband, Bob, she shares a deep passion for enhancing the cultural and educational vitality of the community, helping ensure the arts continue to inspire and connect people of all ages.



ROBERT & JANET HALDERMAN
MARK C. HONEYWELL SOCIETY

Robert and Janet Halderman are cherished members of the Mark C. Honeywell Society, a special group of donors who have chosen to leave a legacy through planned giving. Their generosity is shaping Honeywell's future in powerful ways. A named endowment they established fuels Arts In Education, bringing creativity and discovery into classrooms year after year, while their estate gift ensures these opportunities will continue for generations. With Janet's prior 24 years of board service and their ongoing community leadership, the Haldermans exemplify the lasting impact of legacy giving.



MARY ANN DAYMUDE
ARTS IN EDUCATION SUPPORTER

Mary Ann Daymude created a named endowment to support Honeywell's Arts In Education program, ensuring students will experience the power of creativity in the classroom for generations to come. A named endowment is a permanent fund, with earnings that provide ongoing annual support—allowing Mary Ann's gift to make a difference year after year. Her meaningful connection to the Honeywell Foundation reflects her strong belief in the life-changing impact of the arts and her desire to make that impact endure.



ANNE GARVER CURLESS
STAR SOCIETY

Anne's support of the Honeywell Foundation began when she and her husband, Howard Garver, contributed to the Honeywell Center Building Fund in 1992. Anne continued her commitment to Honeywell at the Star Society giving level with Larry Curless for nearly three decades. As cherished supporters and friends of the Foundation, their giving has strengthened programs that enrich lives across the community. Today, Anne continues to carry this shared legacy forward, reflecting their close relationship with Honeywell and their deep belief in the power of the arts to inspire, connect, and transform.

GIVING TUESDAY
MORE
THAN ARTS IN EDUCATION

It's strength through creativity.

Honeywell Arts In Education provides arts-inspired learning resources for educators that spark creativity, encourage problem-solving, lead collaboration, and encourage critical thinking, inspiring students through the arts to succeed and thrive in the future.

**BE THE REASON
IT'S MORE**

Learn more or give by calling
Sarah See at 260.274.1431 or
online at honeywellarts.org.

