

Thoreau Bicentennial News

Donna Przybojewski

Congratulations to junior high teacher Mrs. Donna Przybojewski, whose illustrations from her children's books on Henry David Thoreau were selected to be displayed in the Art Gallery of Cleveland Heights Library during the entire month of June. Also included will be some of her oil paintings that illustrate her new children's book on Henry David Thoreau, *If Henry David Traveled to the Southwest, An Imaginary Saunter*, which will be published in May 2018. This is a fitting way to officially end the Thoreau Bicentennial, which officially concludes July 12, 2018. There will be an opening reception to the art show on June 1. More details will follow.

Also, Mrs. Przybojewski has been accepted to speak at the Thoreau Society Gathering in Concord, Massachusetts July 12-15, 2018. She will give a formal presentation discussing what St. Benedict Catholic School has accomplished across grade levels and disciplines during the past two years as we "Sauntered the Year with Henry David Thoreau". When she spoke last year, everyone was amazed at what St. Benedict's had done, and the people in attendance, which included professors from Harvard and Princeton as well as other prestigious colleges.

In addition, Mrs. Przybojewski's article on St. Benedict Catholic School involvement with the Thoreau Bicentennial has been published in *The Concord Saunterer*, a publication that promotes the academic study of Henry David Thoreau.

St. Benedict Catholic School's administration, faculty, and students should be very proud of their accomplishments. We are being spotlighted not only in Concord, Massachusetts but across the globe since the Thoreau Society has members all over the world.