

# Oaxacan Weaver

Lincoln School Foundation

Presents:

Porfirio Gutierrez

<http://www.porfiriogutierrez.com/>

You can find a lists of Porfirio's local events @  
<https://www.margs.com/visiting-artists/>



On Friday April 8, 2016, The Lincoln Middle School hosted visiting artist Porfirio Gutierrez, a Zapotec weaver from Teotitlan del Valle, Oaxaca, Mexico. Porfirio demonstrated and spoke about authentic Zapotec weavings made of hand spun yarns that are dyed with local plants, minerals and insects. His family is proud to be descended from many generations of Zapotec weavers. From an early age, Porfirio and his siblings helped with simple tasks like cleaning wool, gathering dye plants or winding bobbins.

Throughout the day students in grades four through seven watched as the artist spoke about and demonstrated his craft. Porfirio spoke to the students in Zapotec, Spanish and English. During the presentations students were treated to a color mixing demonstration using natural dyes and minerals, were able to ask questions and were able to view life of Porfirio's family through a film.

Porfirio has recently accepted a fellowship to the Smithsonian Institute. His work has been included in many gallery and group shows including a show at the Smithsonian's American Indian Museum. Translator and artist Pat Picciano, of the Margaritas Restaurant Educational Outreach Program, joined Porfirio to help explain culture and artistry of weaving.

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