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MBIT recognized for assistance in *Save Kids Castle* project

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (MBIT) faculty members and students were recognized at the Kids Castle Art Celebration held on Saturday, May 31, 2014 in Doylestown Township. During the restoration process for Kids Castle, second and third year students enrolled in the Building Trades Occupations (BTO) program at MBIT worked on a number of figures to embellish Kids Castle. This project, under the supervision of instructor Michael Sykes, focused on cutting out various figures including knights, jesters, princes, princesses, a wizard, and a plethora of animals. All of the figures were then placed on the exterior of the Kids Castle to welcome visitors and community members to the park. Inside Kids Castle is a special wooden mural showcasing each of the programs offered at MBIT. In honor of the BTO program's dedication to *Save Kids Castle*, Mr. Sykes was presented with a shield that included the BTO logo.

In addition to the work provided by the students in 2013, Michael Sykes and his level 100 Construction Carpentry students at the time provided assistance with restoration in 2007 for the 10 year anniversary of Kids Castle. During the 2007 restoration, students in the Commercial Art and Design program, overseen by instructor, Bradley Rosenau, provided graphics and signs located throughout Kids Castle and the surrounding buildings.

Additionally, Jacob Malz, Commercial Art and Design student, and Stephanie Vallette, Cosmetology student, created a mural that now adorns the fence surrounding Kids Castle. They too were recognized for the time and talents.

For more information, please contact Mr. Michael Sykes, Building Trades Occupations Instructor, or Miss Erin-Caitlin Rinker, Organizational Advancement Coordinator, at 215-343-2480.

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