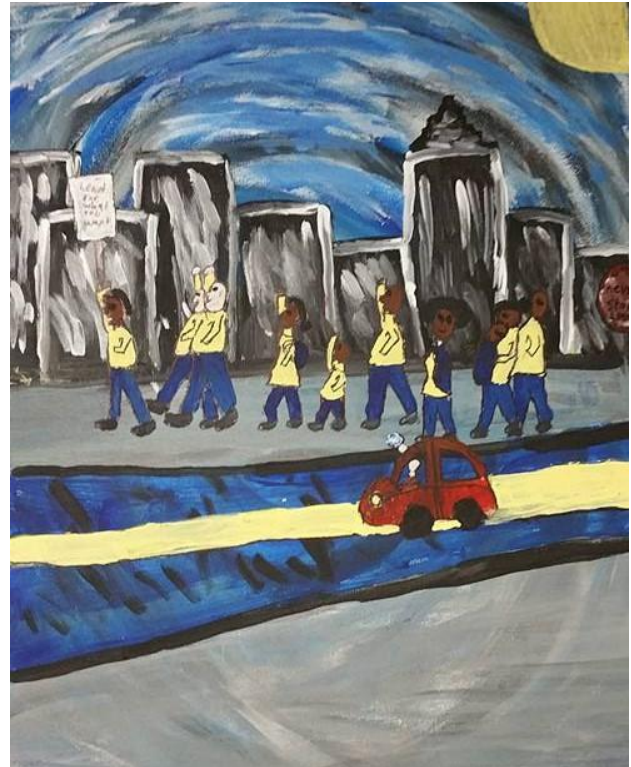


NBCS Student wins Art Contest

This Spring, Crayola and the National Art Education Association co-sponsored a national art contest open to all students pre-Kindergarten to grade 12. Over 2,500 pieces of art were submitted that followed the theme, "Empowering Students Through Creative Leadership." Only 12 winners were to be selected. **Che Darden, NBCS 7th Grader**, was one of the 12 students recognized for the quality of his submission. His artwork "Marching to the Freedom Land" was chosen and will be displayed in a permanent collection of art in Washington, DC and the Department of Education's regional offices. As a reward (as though having your art in a gallery in DC isn't enough), Che received a plaque featuring a photo of his artwork and a box filled with \$200 worth of Crayola products. However, it didn't stop there. The Crayola company itself was so inspired by another entry of Che's that they asked for permission for the art to be included with Crayola's education resources. Along with this came another \$200 in Crayola supplies. "Che went above and beyond in submitting THREE 16x20 pieces of painted art. He's a very talented artist and really put his best efforts into the contest," commented Art Teacher, Krystina McGee.



Marching to the Freedom Land

By Che Darden

Che donated a copy of his award winning painting to the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice after hearing an inspirational presentation at the school by its chief executive, Ryan Haygood.

Congratulations to Che!