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After Tragedy, EHS Student Dedicates Artwork to Friend

On Labor Day Sunday, EHS sophomore Joesiah Robison passed away in a tragic drowning accident on a Spring Lake beach, a loss that continues to resonate through the Ewing School Community.

Now one of Joesiah’s classmates and close friends has found a way to honor and remember Joesiah through his artwork.

Students in Ewing High’s Ceramics class were assigned to create a carved tile project. The tile had to include use of depth and show imagery through the theme of surrealism. EHS art teacher Ms. Weber told her students that images in the tile only had to make sense to them and can be based off a dream or memory.

Sophomore Antwone Buckham first met Joesiah through the Ewing Recreational Basketball league in eighth grade and they quickly became good friends.

"Joesiah was a person who was chill, athletic, caring, and didn’t care what other people thought about him,” Antwone stated. “He was a good friend and a friendly person. He was very talented in basketball and dedicated to the sport and improving himself.”

Antwone decided to craft and design his art project in memory and honor of Joesiah.

“I just want everyone to know about him. I also want his parents to know we all love and miss him, he’s gone but never forgotten,” he stated.

"The stars represent heaven and space/ fire represents how everyone knew he would go far with his basketball career. "LLJB" means long, live, Joe Blow. Joe Blow was a nickname that most of his friends called him. I would like to give this to his family so that they know we all cared about him and are still thinking about him,” Antwone shared.

“Art is a powerful tool that can be used to promote many positive qualities for students.” Ms. Weber stated. “It is a great feeling to know that the Ewing School District values the arts in their schools as it is being used to promote healing for not only students who lost a friend but as a way to immortalize the memory of a young person and to show his family how much we all cared about him.”