

# 1,000 kids, 5 teams of artists, one huge pageant

Third-graders from Ramsey International Fine Arts School waited Thursday in fish costumes they made to join "The Tree of 1,000 Leaves All-School Pageant." The pageant was the result of a 10-week residency by five teams of artists from the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theater in Minneapolis. Artists worked with teachers and more than 1,000 students between kindergarten and eighth grade. The show, a celebration of the Tree of Life, featured a 20-foot tree with 1,000 leaves, each with a personal message.

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Third-grader Cassie Arcoren conferred with her teacher, Lee Ellis, before she and her class joined schoolmates in the pageant, held at the Washburn High School football field.

