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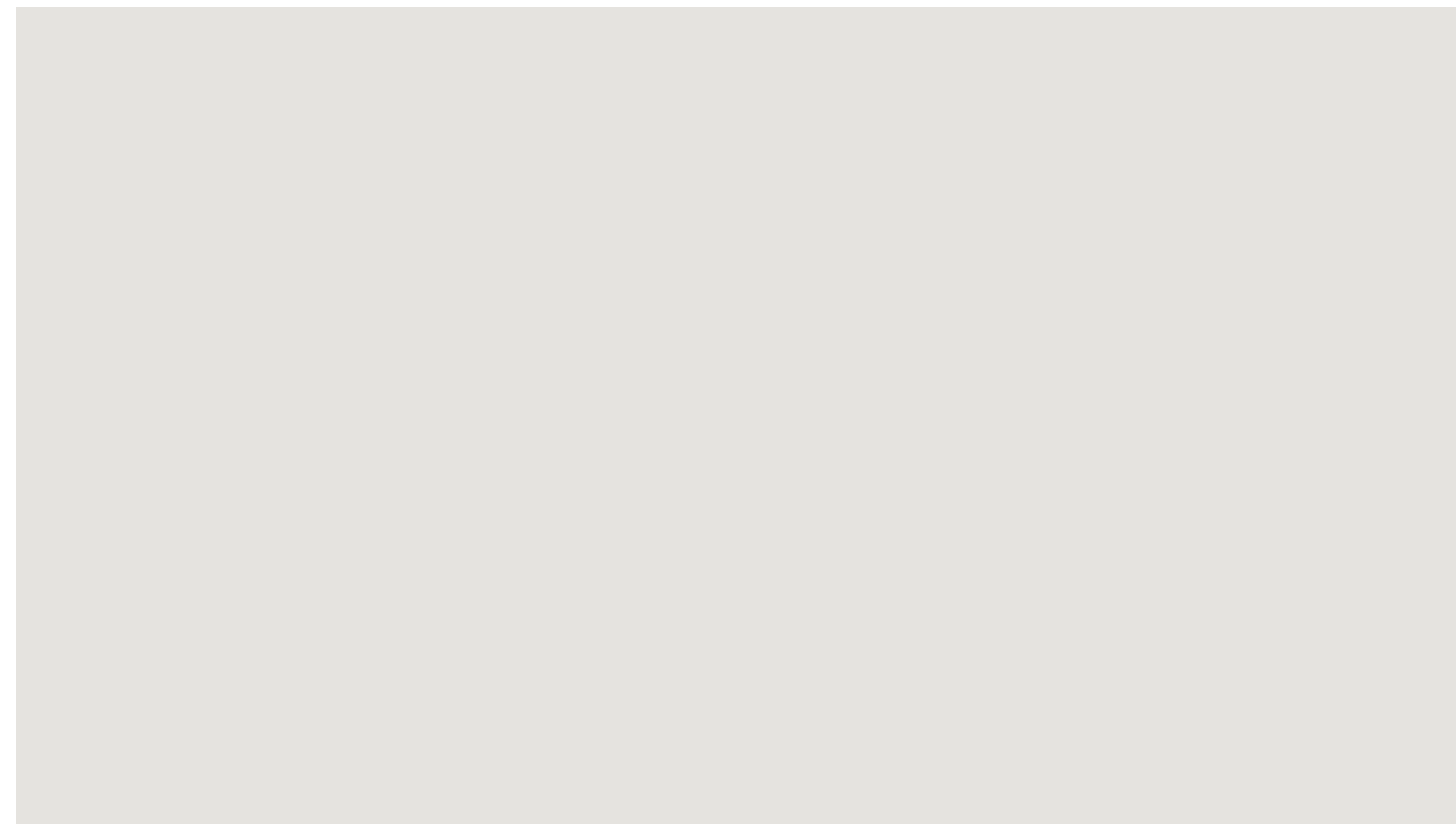
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It's amazing. The [halls of schools](#) in South Bend were decorated top to bottom with student art, writing, and activities in celebration of Comet ISON. Now ten pieces from nearly every school--over 300 fresh ideas--are on [display at the Colfax Cultural Center](#), shown here. This is beyond description. The exhibit is open to the public from November 19 through December 19, 2013, with an artists reception on December 6 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The South Bend Community School Corporation (SBCSC) has asserted that it values science by bringing the [Comet ISON experience into the classroom](#). In addition to being a [rare comet](#) of a type not seen in perhaps hundreds of years, Comet ISON has the appeal of having an uncertain fate when it rounds the sun. The comet has potential for [multiple scenarios](#) in which it could put on a show or it could be annihilated. What matters isn't so much the visible spectacle as the scientific discovery unfolding before our eyes. The schools are facilitating an observation in common of an uncommon event

Thanks and credit go to the South Bend schools, administrators, staff, and students for parlaying a celestial apparition into a community windfall in other disciplines, like the arts. You really have to see this exhibit for yourself.

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ISON Image of the Week

An illustration in honor of an important event

Everyone who visits this site has heard our host, [Suzanne Landrum](#), talk about ground-based observations, astrophotography, and satellites in space. We've certainly shown you some wonderful images of comets, but the most beautiful image of the week is the one we're featuring today.

We saw the first image of the Campaign mascot ISON, which is an acronym for the International Observing Network of Comet ISON. Many volunteers and school individuals and organizations embraced it, and have used ISON as an opportunity to educate about and children about space, astronomy, comets, and Comet ISON. One program in particular has caught our attention is [Comet ISON](#), based in South Bend, Indiana and maintained by [Chuck Bueker](#).

With widespread community support, Chuck has helped spearhead a fantastic program of [ISON](#) related to outreach and education, including Comet ISON, but one of the greatest accomplishments of the Comet Festival is the current program and website.

Many schools in each of the schools have used the program website to encourage both the scientific and the artistic aspects of Comet ISON, and it's the best thing that has happened to the ISON Image of the Week "Image of the Week" feature.

The students, over 1000 in total, were encouraged to make ISON inspired artwork, with around 100 pieces from each school being featured on the site of the [Comet Festival](#) in South Bend, Indiana. Here we are displaying a small selection of our favorite pieces of art made by some extremely talented kids, and inspired by some fabulous teachers. (We're incredibly hard to pick just one teacher from the number of fabulous ones, so we urge you to go to the Comet Festival website and check out [the Comet Festival ISON Image of the Week](#) and [from Chuck's website](#) for more information.) Feel free to let us know if you'd like to be included in our gallery and show your appreciation and support.

An illustration is displayed on the Comet Festival website.

The Comet Festival website (CIOC) has a section that is dedicated to displaying the Comet ISON experience. In addition to being more than a typical year in perhaps hundreds of years, Comet ISON has the appeal of being an incredible one when it passes the sun. The comet has generated multiple comets in which it will pass close to it, and it will be visible. What makes this unique to the ISON festival is the science, history, and the art. The school and the festival is a celebration in a central art program area.

Comet ISON is indeed an incredible event, and one to which we absolutely do not predict the outcome for the Comet ISON. We can predict that everyone, whether they be students, amateur astronomers, or school programs, can learn and be inspired by it.



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