

## TOURS FOR SCHOOL GROUPS: OCTOBER 2011 – MAY 2012

School tours at The Textile Museum are an excellent way for students to personally engage with art, history, social studies and more. The museum offers a variety of programs for students in grades 1 through 12, including thematic tours which complement current exhibitions and include touchable items and/or hands on activities. Docent-guided tours for groups of 6 to 40 may be scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday starting at 10:15 am and Thursday anytime after 1:30 pm.

To schedule a school tour, please call (202) 667-0441, ext 65 or submit your request online at [www.textilemuseum.org/education/schooltours.htm](http://www.textilemuseum.org/education/schooltours.htm) four weeks in advance of your preferred date. Please choose one tour per visit.

### CURRENT & UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

*Weaving Abstraction: Kuba Textiles and the Woven Art of Central Africa*  
*Second Lives: The Age-Old Art of Recycling Textiles*  
*Dragons, Nagas and Creatures of the Deep*  
*Woven Treasures: Japan's Tawaraya Workshop*  
*Sourcing the Museum*

October 15, 2011 - February 12, 2012  
Now through January 8, 2012  
February 3, 2012 - January 6, 2013  
March 23 - August 12, 2012  
March 23 - August 19, 2012

### THEMATIC TOURS

#### **Clothes of Many Cultures**

Grades 1 – 3

This interactive gallery experience explores cultures from around the world by looking at clothes. Students recognize some of the garments; others are new discoveries. Shapes, colors, and textiles are identified by hands-on encounters with various garments. Africa, Iran, India and Japan are some of the countries represented in this year's program.

#### **Designing Textiles**

Grades 4 – 12

The variety of ways that textile makers plan and execute designs is explored across cultures using current exhibitions and hands-on activities. Students investigate ways that motifs, design placement, techniques, and construction reflect lifestyle, traditions, and history. This year's program includes textiles from Africa, Turkey, England, India and more.

#### **Explore the World Through Textiles**

Grades 4 – 12

Students discover the numerous and sometimes surprising ways that textiles are used in everyday life by exploring ceremonial skirts, baskets and textiles from Central Africa, and other objects from around the world. Participants learn how the maker's choices of fiber, structure, pattern, and color reflect the diversity of cultures.

#### **Patterns and Symmetry**

Grades 3 – 12

Works of art are created through arrangement of designs and colors to form pleasing patterns. In the galleries, students discover border and interlaced patterns, symmetrical and asymmetrical designs, and more. Inspired by ceremonial skirts, cloth, caps and baskets, participants create patterns that are beautiful intersections of art and mathematics.



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