



CULTURAL KALEIDOSCOPE

Palo Alto Art Center Artists-in-the-Schools Program

*“The meetings are imperative and useful for communication between teachers and teaching artists.
Thank you once again for giving me the opportunity to participate in this enriching and valuable experience!”*

—Michele Ketcham, Walter Hays, 2010-11

CULTURAL KALEIDOSCOPE

- Creates focused and dynamic visual arts experiences for students and teachers.
- Helps students from diverse backgrounds develop cultural appreciation and respect for the communities of others.
- Promotes creative expression and pride in creating an intensive art project.
- Enriches and integrates with existing classroom curriculum.

STRUCTURE

Cultural Kaleidoscope serves K–5 grade classrooms from the Palo Alto Unified and Ravenswood City School Districts. The program centers on project teams composed of two teachers (from two different districts) and one artist. Artists guide students in creating both individual and collaborative art projects. Artists meet with each class individually 10 times for an hour each time. In addition, the classes meet each other for visual art lessons three times; two collaboration days and one exhibition tour. Program instruction occurs November 2011 – March 2012.

PROGRAM MEETINGS

In program meetings prior to the start of classroom visits, classroom teachers collaborate with their artist on art lesson planning. Project teams also outline shared objectives, schedule artist visits, and develop strategies for collaboration among students. Project teams use the California State Visual and Performing Arts Standards as a guide to plan and evaluate program content.

CULTURAL KALEIDOSCOPE EXHIBITION AND TOURS

The program concludes with an exhibition of work by Cultural Kaleidoscope students at the Palo Alto City Hall. Students will exhibit and tour their artwork in May. Classrooms will tour the exhibit with their partner classroom from the other school district and students will collaborate to create chalk murals.

Projects offered may vary each year.



Artist Franci Lopez with students and their Hawaiian shirt artwork



A student adding his piece to a collaborative banner



Artist Jane Moorman helping students paint a Mexican story mural

ART

Cultural Kaleidoscope

2011-2012 Schedule of Events

culture, collaboration and creativity in your classroom



Artist Stephanie Enos helping students create a mural about the Ohlone Indians



Students created masks inspired by African masks, using plaster and paint



Belle Haven students with their artwork that they will exchange with Walter Hays students



Installation from the Cultural Kaleidoscope exhibition, May 2011

CULTURAL KALEIDOSCOPE 2011-2012 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 16, 2011: Application deadline for classroom teachers

October 6, 2011, 4-6 p.m.: Artists Only Meeting

October 27, 2011, 4-5:30 p.m.: Project Teams Meeting

November 2011 – March 2012: Classroom instruction

November 17, 2011, 4-5:30 p.m.: Project Teams Meeting Lesson Review

January 26, 2012, 4-5:30 p.m.: Project Teams Planning for Collaboration

May 22-30, 2012: Art Exhibition Tours at Palo Alto City Hall

May 31, 2012, 4-6 p.m.: Mandatory Program Evaluation

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TO APPLY: Complete the enclosed application form and send or fax it to Cultural Kaleidoscope by **September 16, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.**

CONTACT: Cultural Kaleidoscope: 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301 **Phone: 650.329.2106 Fax number: 650.326.6165.**

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