**WHAT IS ARTS INTEGRATION?**

Arts Integration is an approach to teaching in which students construct and demonstrate understanding through an art form. Students engage in a creative process which connects and art from and another subject area and meets both.

**THE PROGRAM**

- Playhouse Teaching Artist working **side-by-side** with classroom teacher to implement lessons for one hour, twice a week over the course of ten weeks.

- Working with **every** teacher, in **every** grade level at the school from TK – Grade 6 including special needs classroom.

- All curriculum planning and reflection is done collaboratively between Playhouse Teaching Artist and classroom teacher.

- Following **graduated release method of professional development**. For the first third of the program, the Playhouse Teaching Artist takes the lead on classroom instruction. During the second third, they co-teach the class. For the final third of the program, the **classroom teacher takes the lead in arts integrated classroom instruction and Playhouse Teaching Artist is there to coach, cheerlead and gently guide instruction, if necessary.**

**HISTORY**

- **A Kennedy Center’s Partners-in-Education Program** since 1999.
- Conducted in partnership with **San Diego County Office of Education VAPA Department.**
- Focused work in **Chula Vista Schools** since 2012.
- Started “whole school” model in 2017 at Montgomery Elementary.
- In 2019-2020 school years, expanded program to **three elementary schools** in Chula Vista Elementary School District: Finney Elementary, Palomar Elementary, and Harborside Elementary

**THE SCHOOLS**

**Finney (Myrtle S.) Elementary School**
3960 Byrd St. San Diego, CA 92154
- Principal: Beverly Prange
- Grades K-6, 386 Students
- 82% Hispanic, 8% Filipino, 5% White, 5% other or two or more races
- 34% English Language Learners, 70% Students from low income families

**Palomar Elementary School**
300 E. Palomar St, Chula Vista, CA 91911
- Principal: Patricia Magana
- Grades TK-6, 339 Students
- 87% Hispanic, 9% White, 5% other or two or more races
- 37% English Language Learners, 82% Students from low income families

**Harborside Elementary School**
681 Naples St, Chula Vista, CA 9191
- Principal: Lisa Forehand
- Grades TK-6, 668 Students 91% Hispanic, 3% White, 2% Black, 4% other or two more races
- 65% English Language Learners, 89% students from low income families

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Professional Development** with Kennedy Center Master Teaching Artist, Melanie Rick for teachers and teaching artists.
- **Professional Development** in GLAD Strategies for Teaching Artists & Professional Development in Inclusion Strategies for Teaching Artists
- **Slice of Life/Open House Celebrations** at all sites for invited guests including district administrators, parents, and stakeholders to view Arts Academy in action.
- Collaboration with **Options For All Films** to create impact video:
  - **Full Story:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81eAf0uD1vM
  - **Short Version:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7uSlpUM6aQ

*All school data gathered from www.greatschools.org

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