

CULTURAL KALEIDOSCOPE

Year in Review 2017-2018

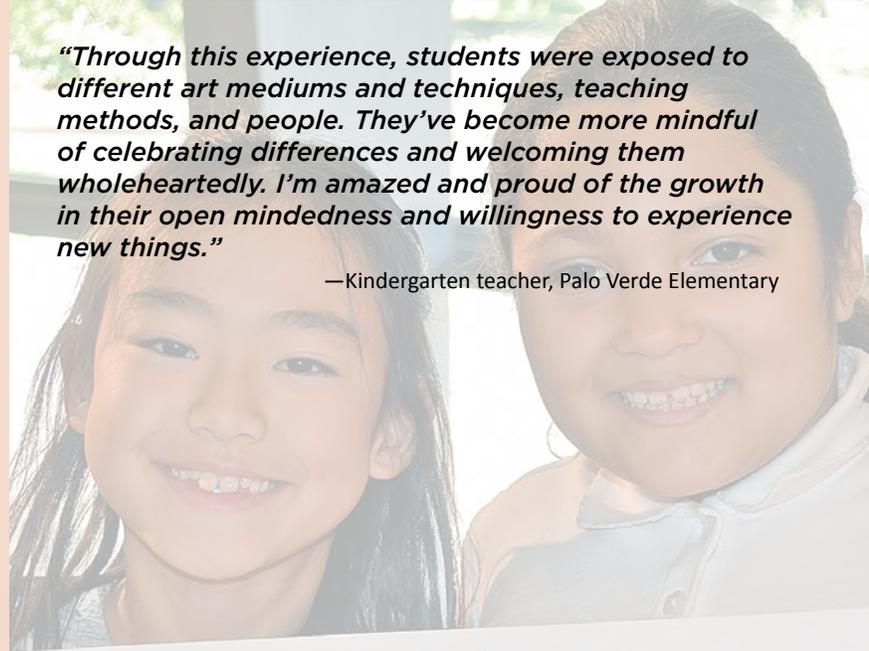


This year:

- Cultural Kaleidoscope engaged **423 students in 20 classrooms** in the Ravenswood City School District and the Palo Alto Unified School District from kindergarten to fifth grade.
- The Art Center organized **32 Collaboration Days**, providing opportunities for students to practice communication skills and collaborate on creative endeavors with their buddies.
- This year, integrated arts lessons focused on science, social studies, and language arts. To supplement cross-curricular lessons, Collaboration Days took place at the Junior Museum & Zoo, the Palo Alto Children's Theatre, the Baylands, and the Art Center.
- The program was provided at **no cost** to participating schools thanks to the support of the Art Center Foundation for all expenses including Teaching Artists' salaries, buses, and art supplies.
- Students toured the culminating exhibition at the Art Center with their partner class, where they saw their artwork professionally installed.

"Through this experience, students were exposed to different art mediums and techniques, teaching methods, and people. They've become more mindful of celebrating differences and welcoming them wholeheartedly. I'm amazed and proud of the growth in their open mindedness and willingness to experience new things."

—Kindergarten teacher, Palo Verde Elementary



"When my class got to know the students from our partner class they were so excited to have buddies from another school and find out how much they had in common."

—2nd grade teacher, Addison Elementary

"My students were able to exemplify stamina and persistence, working on and improving the same project over several weeks. I think my students will remember the amazing art they made, the way it made them feel, and the new friendships they formed."

—1st/2nd grade teacher, Belle Haven School

"I felt so proud when I heard my students sharing stories about their families and cultures with our visiting artist. They rarely talk to me about those things so it was awesome to provide that opportunity."

—1st grade teacher, Costaño School & 49ers Academy

About Cultural Kaleidoscope:

Cultural Kaleidoscope is a unique artists-in-the-schools program that links the neighboring and diverse communities of Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park, building bridges through the arts. By partnering two K-5 classrooms from Palo Alto Unified School District and Ravenswood City School District to foster connections between students from diverse backgrounds, Cultural Kaleidoscope provides cross-cultural art experiences to hundreds of students annually. A culminating exhibition of student artwork is featured at the Palo Alto Art Center. Students are led on a gallery tour of the exhibition and enjoy artmaking activities with their buddies.

