



This year:

- Cultural Kaleidoscope **engaged 397 students from K-5th grade in 20 classrooms** in the Ravenswood City School District and the Palo Alto Unified School District.
- The Art Center organized **30 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 Lucy Evans Baylands Nature Center and the Palo Alto Art Center.
- The program is 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.
- Highlights from the evaluations include: CK improves the achievement gap in 21st century skills between districts,

most notably **students improved on average 23%** in critical thinking skills, creativity, communication, and collaboration. Evaluations also showed an **increase of 24% across districts** in “Artistic Habits of Mind” which include: developing craft, engage and persist, envision, express, observe, reflect, stretch and explore, and understanding the art world. CK increases teachers' level of confidence or comfort with teaching art in their classroom, with **76%** reporting more desire to, or confidence in, integrating more art into their curriculum and lesson plans.

- This year, for the final experience, CK teaching artists created artmaking videos for their partner classrooms in English and Spanish. Projects, focused on materials that students would have at home, including cardboard trees, bird sculptures, and drawing lessons.

What participating teachers say:

“Collaboration days are awesome because the kids get to meet other children that they would not normally meet. They get to see how their lives are similar and different. They experience that some things are universal, and some things are unique while experiencing the joy of artmaking.”

—Ravenswood City School District 2nd Grade Teacher

“My class had fun with the different art media and became more confident as artists. When we had a visiting artist come to our class, the kids proudly said, “We are artists too!”

—Palo Alto Unified 2nd Grade Teacher

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.