This year:

- Cultural Kaleidoscope engaged **447 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 **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 Cooley Landing in the East Palo Alto Baylands, Gamble Gardens, and Filoli.

- 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.

- Highlights from the evaluations include: CK improves the achievement gap in 21st century skills between districts, most notably **students improved on average 12% in critical thinking skills, creativity and communication**. CK increases teachers’ level of confidence or comfort with teaching art in their classroom, with **87%** reporting more desire to, or confidence in, integrating more art into their curriculum and lesson plans.

What participating teachers say:

“For me, the most important aspect of CK is the student relationships. This comes from giving them time to play and interact. This is why the collaboration days are such valuable experiences.”

—Palo Alto Unified 3rd Grade Teacher

“CK gave my students an opportunity to shine through Art. There were so many different mediums and strategies used that it gave every student an opportunity to both excel and have some necessary struggle before persevering and finding success.”

—Palo Alto Unified 1st Grade Teacher

“I feel like before CK started all of my students believed that artwork all had to look a certain way. They felt like a flower could only look like this, or that if their work didn’t look like the teachers then they were doing it wrong. After CK the students started to understand that all artwork can look different and represent the person making it.”

—Ravenswood City Kindergarten Teacher

“CK is a wonderful experience. I love it!”

—Ravenswood City 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.