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Confederation Park Education Through the Arts
Wins Arts Integration Award

On May 15, 2018, Confederation Park Education Through the Arts Elementary School in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada, won the 2018 Arts Integration Award from the Arts Schools Network (ASN), the nation’s largest professional membership organization of specialized arts schools. This award is presented to schools that demonstrate outstanding leadership in bringing arts integration strategies into the curriculum. The Arts Integration Award will be presented at the annual ASN Conference, October 23-26, 2018, Orange County, CA.

Confederation Park Education Through the Arts Elementary School (K-7) is a place where students and teachers engage with and through the arts. Students can develop their craft of music, dance, drama and visual arts, as set by the British Columbia Ministry of Education Curriculum. The faculty are also committed to delivering a rich and authentic arts-integrated curriculum where students explore themes, ideas and concepts through various creative processes and demonstrate learning in a variety of ways. They create conditions so that students may have multiple artistic entry points into the curriculum. In addition, students and teachers are given the opportunity to participate in specialized projects where new skills are developed and enhanced through the guidance of artistic experts with the many Artist-in-Residence programs that are provided. The school’s Parent Advisory Council is invaluable and has a significant role in all aspects of school community. Student learning is celebrated and communicated with performances and showcases of student work. However, it is the daily informal sharing and presenting of student work which provide students with challenges to develop their engagement through the arts, including the competencies of communication, personal and social, and critical and creative thinking.

Dedicated to excellence and leadership in arts education, Arts Schools Network, a non-profit professional organization founded in 1981, is a dynamic resource for arts school leaders, innovative partners and members of arts education institutions. Its mission is to provide leaders in arts schools with quality resources, support, and networking opportunities. ASN has provided communications, programs, services, conferences and events to support these goals for more than 35 years. Visit the website at www.artsschoolsnetwork.org to learn more.

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