

# ARTs Education Update

April 2022

**Welcome** to our ARTs Education Update, we hope this will be a useful place for you to find support for the awesome care that you give to our kids!

## A Quick Glance Inside . . .

### New Updates

- [Arts Week, WE did it!](#)
- Spring Gallery Programming at the Gordon Smith Gallery Registration is **OPEN APRIL 13**
- Arts Ed Pro D Series
- AFK Artist-in-Residence workshop with Russna Kaur: Grade 3 nominations **DUE APRIL 22**
- Spring AFK After School Art Classes are still **OPEN** for registration
- Registration for AFK Summer Camps is now **OPEN**
- Registration for the Paradise Valley School of Visual Art is now **OPEN**
- Registration for 2022 Summer Camps are now **OPEN**
- Registration for the 2022 Summer Intensive is now **OPEN**

## Arts Week 2022



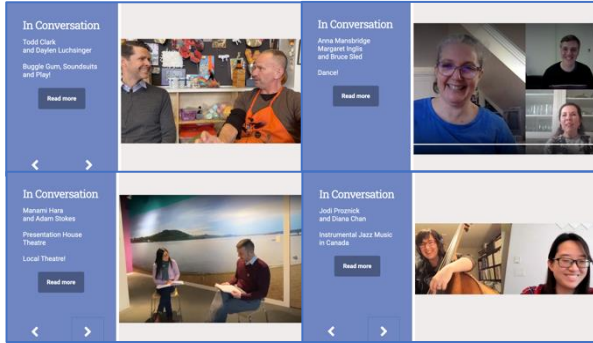
It's with hope that this platform will continue in the years to follow, allowing educators to use this virtual site as a place of connection with their community and with each other, to build our community and our capacity as educators.

While the Arts Week was released this week, ALL conversations, resources and student performances will live on the [Arts Education](#) webpage for use throughout the year.

The virtual resources are organized into two areas on the [Arts Education](#) webpage:

## Public

### In Conversation Series

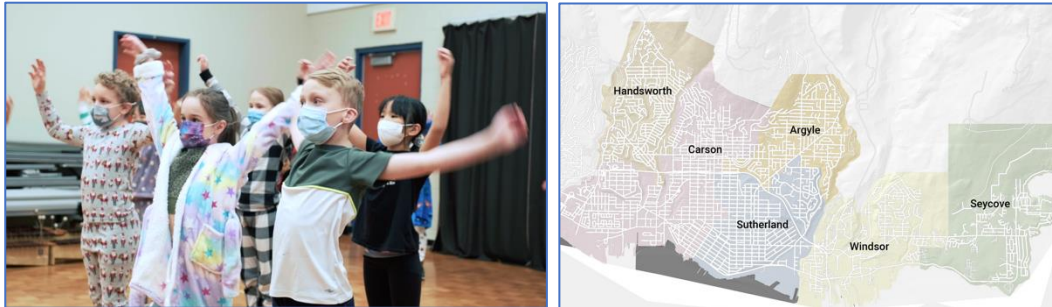


### Resources



## NVSD Password Protected

### Student Performances



### An Indigenous Connection through Deer Song, offered by Xats'alanexw siyam



**THANK YOU** for your support of our first Arts Week!



## Gordon Smith Gallery Spring Arts Exhibit

We are excited to welcome K-12 classes to the Gordon Smith Gallery for the spring exhibition, *We Can Only Hint at This With Words*.

Teachers can sign up for a half-day gallery visit. Artists for Kids art educators will lead classes in an interactive tour of the exhibition and a hands-on artmaking activity.

Classes can visit from 9:30am-11:45am or 12:30pm-2:30pm on select dates from April 27-June 24. Registration will open to teachers on **Wednesday, April 13**. Visit [this website](#) to find the registration link.

The exhibition *We Can Only Hint at This With Words* will feature large scale, multi-surfaced mixed media paintings by Russna Kaur, shaped cut-out paintings by M.E. Sparks, and mixed media sculptures and stop-motion video by Andrea Taylor. The exhibition opens on April 23.

Learn more about the exhibition [HERE](#).

## Arts Ed Pro D Series

### Online

#### The VR Voyage: Stories of Belonging on the North Shore

Oozing from the shores of the Maplewood Mudflats is a tale waiting to be told... The story of the mudflat squatters. In the late-1960s and early-1970s, a young group of Canadians decided to call the mudflats their home.

Set up in stilt-supported shacks over the tidal mud, these young folk tried a different way of living. The result was a hippie paradise; a community living at a slower pace, surrounded by fresh air, coastal wildlife, and lush vegetation.

Immerse yourself into the story with our actor-interpreter created video on [The VR Voyage: Stories of Belonging on the North Shore](#).



## NVSD

Join us at AFK on May 9  
for an artist talk and studio  
workshop with artist,  
Russna Kaur!

Russna Kaur is an artist living and working in Vancouver. She holds a MFA from Emily Carr University of Art + Design (2019) and a BA (Honours) with a studio specialization from the University of Waterloo (2013). Kaur explores how the surface of a painting can reveal a narrative that addresses complex personal and cultural histories. Her large-scale and multi-surface paintings are developed through rigorous explorations of color, text, digital sketches, and mixed media. She has exhibited widely and her work is a part of several collections including the Audain Art Museum and the Vancouver Art Gallery.



Learn more about her artwork [HERE](#)

Date: **Monday, May 9**

Time: **TBD**

Registration: [Booking Central](#)

## Grade 3 Enrichment, painting with Russna Kaur!

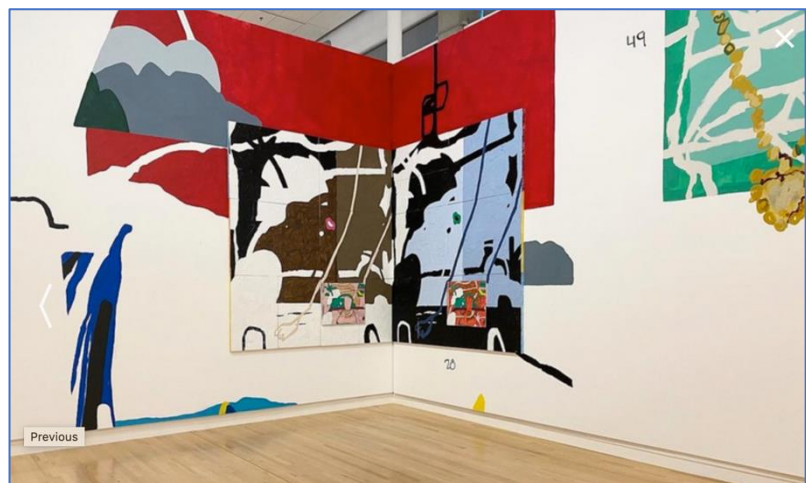
Artist-in-Residence: [Russna Kaur](#)

Date: **May 10-13, 2022**

Nominations from teachers: [DUE  
APRIL 22](#)

This May AFK is excited to offer an Artist-in-Residence program for grade 3 students, providing an opportunity to work for two school days at the AFK studios with artist Russna Kaur.

This unique program provide vital skills training and the necessary dedicated time and focus that gives young artists the rare opportunity to immerse themselves in creativity and art making. During two school days, grade 3 students who are nominated by their school, will work with professional artist, Russna Kaur. Students will create bold, colourful paintings incorporating personal stories and collaged imagery. They will explore painting techniques including layering, creating surface texture, colour theory, and incorporating text and collage. [For information on nominating a student, please contact the AFK office.](#)





## Registration for AFK 2022 Spring After School Art remains OPEN with limited spaces!

Please find more information on the AFK website [HERE](#).

[Thank you for your support](#) with sharing this programming to families, this could not be possible without you!

## Paradise Valley School of Visual Art SUMMER VISUAL ARTS CAMP is BACK!

Registration for our 27<sup>th</sup> summer camp is now OPEN!! Young artists 8-14 will explore their surrounding with artist Annie Canto in the beautiful setting of Paradise Valley! For more information, check out the details [HERE](#)

[We are SO EXCITED!!!!](#)



## Registration for AFK 2022 Summer Day Camps is now OPEN!

Students will enjoy a week full of studio art activities including drawing, painting & printmaking taught by an art specialist teacher. All art materials are provided, and children will experiment with many art materials and techniques. They will also have the opportunity to explore outdoor art making and recreation time. Each day will include recreational activities outside, weather permitting. For more information, please visit the AFK website [HERE](#)

## AFK is pleased to offer its Summer Visual Arts Intensive!!

It's BACK! Students aged 14-18 will explore drawing, painting and printmaking with artist Janet Wang in the beautiful setting of the Gordon Smith Gallery, to develop a body of work throughout the week that can be added to their personal portfolio. For more information, please visit the AFK website [HERE](#)

[Please check out our next ARTs Education Update May 6!](#)