

ARTs Education Update

February 2021

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!

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AFK ArtReach: Paper Fruit

In this [video](#) and [lesson plan](#), Amelia Epp shares ideas for Explore painting and sculpture as you learn about the artwork of Canadian artist Victor Cicansky and create paper fruit! In this video Amelia Epp shares ideas for representing texture using paint and demonstrates how to use the simple materials to create a colourful three-dimensional artwork.

We're wondering:

Where is our fruit grown?

How can we represent texture using paint?

We hope you will enjoy this resource and find support in the series in the months to follow.





Art from 44: Confirm by February 26

This year the District Art Show will be held as a virtual gallery. Please call Chantal Pinard at 604-903-3798 or email her at cpinard@sd44.ca by February 26, 2021 to indicate your school's participation.

AFK District Artist in Residence: Tajliya Jamal

Visual artist and illustrator Tajliya Jamal joined AFK as artist-in-residence this winter. AFK worked with Taj to create 4 art activity videos led by the artist. These videos provide hands-on and step by step drawing and bookmaking instruction featuring Tajliya Jamal's creative process. These art activities that can be carried out in the classroom or at home.

For teachers: Coming soon: an overview of the activities and materials included in the videos below as well as links to the BC Art Curriculum.

Tajliya is an emerging artist who was born in Vancouver, BC and is still currently living and working there. Working primarily in print media, she responds to cultural shifts and evolutions experienced in the city, specifically in regards to being mixed race, to multiculturalism, and the visibility or invisibility of both.





Band and Strings Registration begins January 15 - March 5!

Please share with your students this wonderful opportunity to be part of a Band or String ensemble – check out the video in this update! Now thirty years of goodness, the Band and Strings program ROCKS! Registration information can be found [HERE!](#)

AFK Interactive Virtual Gallery Tour Registration is still OPEN!

Artists for Kids and the Smith Gallery are inviting you to experience our teaching exhibit, Play!

[Grade 4-12 classes can register for a Virtual Gallery Tour with an AFK art teacher.](#) Each class will experience an interactive exhibition tour and Q & A via MS Teams. An introductory video and [unit plan](#) will prepare your class for the tour through a mind mapping exercise and a collaborative drawing activity! [Contact AFK to register.](#)

ARTISTS FOR KIDS
VIRTUAL TOUR
 JOIN US AT THE GORDON SMITH GALLERY FROM YOUR OWN CLASSROOM!

What teachers are saying...

"Everything was interesting and great. We liked very much the aspect of connection between Second Step and the birds. My students were engaged through the whole process."

Grade 4/5 Teacher
École Sherwood Park Elementary

What's on in the Gallery?

The Current AFK teaching exhibit is entitled Play and features works from the AFK Collection that exemplify the creative processes of play and inquiry. With the singular intent of supporting teachers and students K-12 across the curriculum, we are considering how play with materials (including food!), storytelling, words, and place inspires us to grow and learn. Visit the AFK website to learn more about the exhibition through videos and a 3D interactive virtual tour.

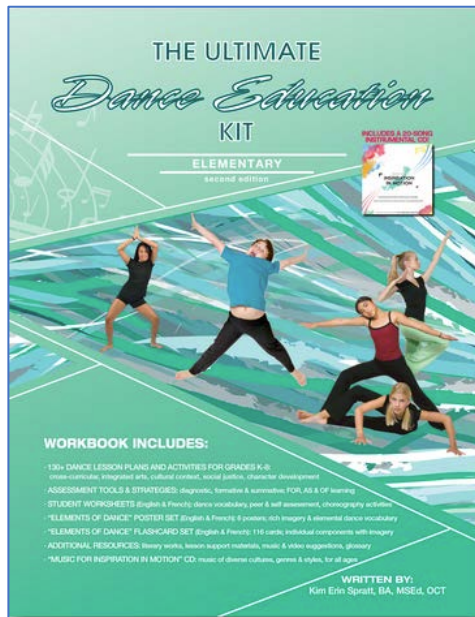
Collaborative drawing for Grade 4/5 students at École Lanson Elementary created to prepare for their AFK virtual tour

Classes are invited on a virtual tour through our current exhibit led by an AFK art teacher on MS Teams. Pre-visit activities are provided beforehand via video link and downloadable pdfs to introduce the exhibition artists and Big Ideas. Participants are engaged through inquiry, close observation, and thoughtful discussions about the art featured in the gallery exhibit. Key concepts and new artistic modes of creation come to life! The virtual tour is followed by a hands-on art activity provided as an online video link. Suitable for Grades 4-7.

Virtually Gallery tours for grades 4-7 will be offered on the following dates: Select Wednesday and Thursday from January 13 to March 11, 2021

Duration: 30-50 minutes

To register: Call the AFK office at 604-903-3798 or email cpinard@sd44.ca



The Ultimate Dance Education Kit!

This dance resource was shared with every school last fall. Please ask your Administration or Art Contact about this resource, it's fantastic! Every teacher in the school can be making use of this dance curriculum resource!

Black History Month: Anna Binta Diallo

To mark Black History Month, Artists for Kids is presenting an online resource to share with our community. This fall we were honoured to learn alongside Canadian artist Anna Binta Diallo who joined AFK as an artist-in-residence. We worked with Anna Binta to develop an artist talk and video series now available on the [AFK website](#). This video series provides a curricular resource for elementary and secondary teachers to explore the topics of identity and storytelling with their students. Secondary teachers can carry out a sequence of activities provided in the video series, while elementary educators may adapt the series by viewing the first video, followed by the [AFK ArtReach video](#) and [lesson plan](#), entitled [Stencils and Storytelling](#).

Anna Binta Diallo is a multi-disciplinary artist who investigates memory and nostalgia to create unexpected narratives surrounding identity. She is interested in blended identities and in her artwork she has explored her own heritage and life experiences as a French Canadian Black woman born in Senegal. Anna Binta Diallo is currently based in Montreal, or Tio'tia:ke, on the traditional territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka.

Ongoing Resources . . .

Young Artist of the Week

We are super proud of this program! Artists for Kids and the North Shore News continue to partner in providing a wonderful opportunity to showcase your school's most outstanding young artists. The young artist of the week will be celebrated by the North Shore News, the AFK website and on NVSD social media. The feature includes a short biography and a photo of the student to showcase their artistic talents.

The Young Artist of the Week program provides valuable recognition to our student artists and raises public awareness of the importance of arts education (visual arts, music, dance, drama) in our schools. Please find all that you need to nominate a student on [our website](#).



Art Education Learning Guides



AFK offers an extensive virtual resource of [Learning Guides](#) to support your work in the classroom, K- 12! All lessons continue to offer an interdisciplinary lens to support multiple curricular lenses.



Health and Safety

We are all following the [BC Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings](#) which has been **updated**. This document is a collaborative and dynamic publication that brings many of our sectors together to provide universal and targeted guidelines to ensure our work place is safe. Do check out our District's Health and Safety [Portal](#) for regular updates.