

ARTs Education Update

June 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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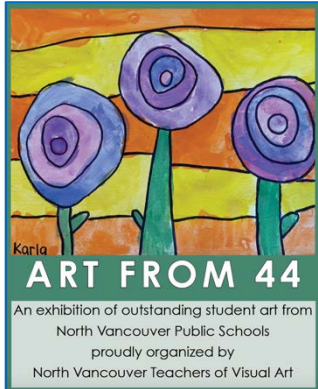
Young Artist of the Week!



Artists for Kids and the North Vancouver School District are excited to partner to spotlight excellence in the arts through the Young Artist of the Week program. The Young Artist of the Week program provides recognition to student artists and raises public awareness of the importance of the diverse Arts education offered in schools across the North Vancouver School District.

This year, the program has expanded to include visual arts, music, dance and drama. Starting the week of May 24, 2021, students who have been nominated by their schools will be recognized on the AFK and NVSD websites and social media channels. Each weekly spotlight includes a photo of a student with their work in arts and a short biography. The Young Artist of the Week program exemplifies how a community comes together, celebrating and supporting children and youth in the community. For over 30 years, the North Shore News partnered with AFK, providing recognition to student artists and raising public awareness of the importance of arts education in North Vancouver School District schools and community. AFK is extremely thankful to the North Shore News for their generosity and grateful to continue this tradition, now with the North Vancouver School District.

We will be accepting nominations until June 25th. Students will be featured this summer and in the upcoming year. More information can be found [HERE](#) on how to nominate a student.



Art from 44 Exhibition!

Art from 44 is now LIVE!

Congratulations to our artists who are exhibiting their work, so proud of your accomplishments!

If your school is not represented and you would like to submit work, please contact Chantal Pinard at 604-903-3798 or email her at cpinard@sd44.ca if you have any questions.



AFK Collector's Program

After over 30 years of programming, it's extraordinary what can be possible when we come together with a common vision, supporting our kids, educators and artists in our community.

Our community's continued support has made such a difference!

With appreciation, we have

brought back and renamed, our Loyalty Program at AFK.

We are pleased to launch the *AFK Collector's Program*, offering our valued customers the ability to receive significant discounts on our unique collection of Canadian fine arts prints. For more information on this print program, please click [HERE](#). For more information on the NVSD payment program, please click [HERE](#).

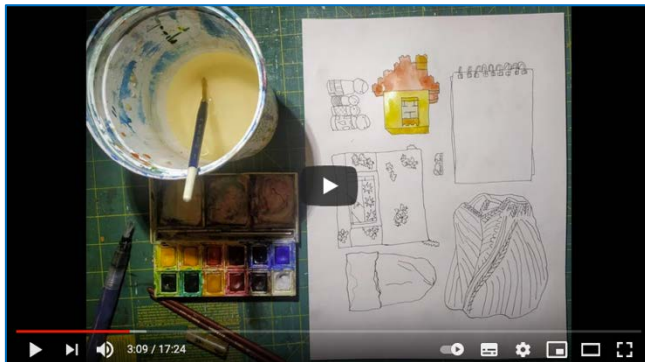
Supporting Your Classroom: Looking at Residential Schools through the Lens of the Visual Arts

Indian Residential Schools: Mixed Media Collages

This activity is based upon the work and process of two artists, George Littlechild and Jane Ash Poitras. Both artists have used research and mixed media processes to explore topics of history, story, and memory centering around cultural loss, exploration and re-learning. Students will be asked to respond visually to Canada's historical and current issues surrounding residential schools. In the process of this response students will be asked to make emotional associations with colour, imagery, text, symbols, mark-making and patterning using the work of Poitras and Littlechild as sources of inspiration. Both a [Lesson Plan](#) and accompanying [Power Point](#) are available to support you.



The Stories We Carry With Us: Mixed Media Drawing

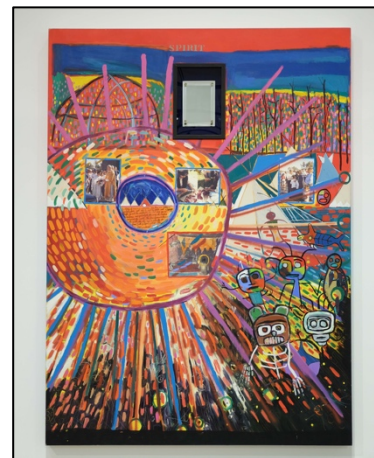


This [video](#) presents an art activity in which viewers create a mixed media drawing representing our personal histories through symbols. We also learn about Orange Shirt Day, an annual day dedicated to learning about the history and impacts of Residential Schools in Canada and to honouring Indigenous children who attended these schools. We explore a print by Canadian artist Kenojuak Ashevak and draw inspiration from a photography trend called "knolling". As we create our own drawings we consider the

invisible backpack of experience and history that we all carry with us and ways that we approach others with compassion and respectfulness. Please find a supporting [curriculum document here](#).

Recording Journeys of Learning and Unlearning: Visual Listening Journal

The activity presented in this [video](#) is inspired by the artwork of Canadian artist Jane Ash Poitras, who uses research and mixed media processes to explore the topics of Indigenous culture, history, and politics. Specifically, she examines the past and present impacts of colonial practices, such as the Indian Residential School system. In her artwork Shamanic Journey (1992), featured in this video, Poitras creates a visual record of her own journeys of knowledge, inspiration, and spiritual insight. In this video viewers learn how to create their own visual listening journal in which they record their personal journeys of



AFK District Artist in Residence: Nadina Tandy



In this series of 2 videos, AFK Artist-in-Residence Nadina Tandy shares a collage activity in which students collect objects from outdoors, create rubbings, and select playful collage imagery from a pdf "collage kit". Students then combine these elements to create a playful collage creature. Nadina discusses how she incorporates play and experimentation into her own artistic practice and she shares creative ways that she's displayed and reproduced her own collages.

How can we represent stories from our own lives using a combination of drawing and text?
What can we learn through telling stories from our own daily lives and through engaging with other's stories?

District ArtStarts Grant

We are applying for the ArtStarts grant, to bring funding to our district events, festivals and artists in residence.

If you have hosted an artist in your classroom or at your school [this school year](#), please contact cpinard@sd44.ca. Your support with this district funding makes a significant difference by providing funding to support district events, festivals, and artists in residence, a HUGE thank you!



If you are planning to bring an artist into your school for [next year](#), please contact us so we can share with our granting body, the continued collaboration and support that we give to our local artists in the work that we do as educators.

North Vancouver School District has a unique funding model that brings funding to our district to host accessible events, workshops and festivals that can support our district as a whole. We are hopeful that next year, we can continue to host our traditional Jazz Festival, Primary Days of Music, Dance Festival and our Intermediate Music Festival! Thank you for your support to make this happen!

Senior Summer Art Intensive Camp at AFK!



Students ages 15-18 will explore drawing, painting and printmaking with contemporary artist [Aileen Bahmanipour](#) in the acclaimed Gordon Smith Gallery and will be guided in their production of art works by NVSD teacher, Kory Bogen. All students are encouraged to develop a body of work throughout the week that can be added to their personal portfolio.

Aileen Bahmanipour is an Iranian-Canadian artist based in Vancouver since 2014. She has received her BFA in Painting from the Art University of Tehran and MFA in Visual arts at the University of British Columbia. Bahmanipour has exhibited her work in a body of solo and group exhibitions in Iran as well as in Canada, including her solo and group exhibitions at Vancouver's grung gallery, Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery, Gallery 1515, Hatch Art Gallery, and Two Rivers Gallery. She is the recipient of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council grant in 2017, Gail and Stephen A. Jarislowsky Artist in 2019, and Early Career Development grant from BC Arts Council in 2019.

AFK Fall Teaching Exhibit

For your planning next year, we invite you to look for the announcement of our Fall Teaching Exhibit Curatorial Message late June!



Happy June!
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