



*21st Annual
Connecticut
Elementary Schools
Celebration of the
Arts Festival*

February 10, 2020

A silver wand with a bright, multi-pointed starburst light at its tip, positioned diagonally from the bottom left towards the center of the page.

Follow Your Dreams!

PROGRAM

4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Registration

5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Buffet and Activities

Caricatures by: Mario Peres
Michel Entertainment

Clowns: Candy the Clown
Valentine the Clown
Magic Man

Photo Booth: Kathy Emons Photography

6:30 p.m. Program Begins:

Welcome Remarks:

Dr. RoseAnne O'Brien Vojtek, Assistant Executive Director
Connecticut Association of Schools

Welcome Remarks:

Fox 61 News Representative

Fox 61 Raffle:

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Introduction of Kid Governor:

Michael Litke, Principal
Naubuc Elementary School, Glastonbury

Connecticut Kid Governor:

Myra Stanfield, Norfeldt Elementary School, West Hartford

Presentation of the
Student Awards:

School Principal or Designee
Presentation of Awards at Individual Tables

Introduction of Entertainment:

Eric Larson, Principal
Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School

Entertainment:

Holly O'Brien

8:00 p.m. Program Concludes:

Dr. RoseAnne O'Brien Vojtek

The Connecticut Association of Schools, through its Elementary Celebration of the Arts Festival, honors annually two outstanding students, in the highest grade level of each of the elementary schools in our state:

- Who have excelled in the areas of visual or performing arts
- Who exhibit high levels of citizenship and cooperative skills


Town	School	Recipient 1	Recipient 2
Andover	Andover Elementary School	Tate Knox-Silvia	Abby Nalette
Ansonia	John C. Mead School	Mackenzie Mitchell	Carmella Tatum
Ansonia	John G. Prendergast School	Sabrina Discko	Peyton Santiago
Ashford	Ashford School	Jack Cantrell	Louise Champagne
Bethany	Bethany Community School	Rose Calhoun	Alice Violet Rubino
Bethel	Anna H. Rockwell School	Isabel Bui	Nicholas Gusitsch
Bethel	Frank A. Berry Elementary School	Camryn Burns	Kylie Gerety
Bethel	Ralph M.T. Johnson School	Cameron Cox	Nina Williamson
Bristol	Edgewood Elementary School	Evelyn Lindsay	Ian Neill
Bristol	Ellen P. Hubbell Elementary School	Maja Pazik	David Santiago
Bristol	Greene-Hills School	Riley Bashaw	Rylan Colaiani
Bristol	Ivy Drive School	Mya Michaud	Avery Nye
Bristol	Mountain View School	John McGowan	Zoey Rupert
Bristol	South Side School	Hailey Bush	Sean Mayle
Bristol	Stafford Elementary School	Erin Martin	Zoe Melnick
Colchester	Jack Jackter Intermediate School	Sophie Cimbaro	Darareaksmeys Disher
Deep River	Deep River Elementary School	Addie Guzallis	Aemelia Kostek
East Hampton	Center Elementary School	William Finn	Daniel Sullivan
East Hampton	Memorial Elementary School	Madison Catalano	Reid Wilk
East Hartland	Hartland School	CarolAnn Titus	Jonathan Wutka
East Lyme	Flanders Elementary School	Aaron Lin	Sophia Selke

Town	School	Recipient 1	Recipient 2
Enfield	Edgar H. Parkman School	Arabella Herron	Taylor Rousseau
Enfield	Eli Whitney School	Jassel Salem	Natalie Sampson
Enfield	Prudence Crandall School	Charlotte Lowe	Victoria Seng
Farmington	East Farms School	Joseph Melzen	Shivika Vyas
Farmington	Noah Wallace School	Alexandra Enrique	Nicholas Song
Goshen	Goshen Center School	Anita Budge	Joseph Martone
Granby	Kelly Lane Primary School	Avery Pradhan	Ellis Hodgkin
Granby	Wells Road Intermediate School	Lily Vincenzo	August Mayle
Hamden	Spring Glen School	Sophia Carney	Nora McDonough
Hartford	Breakthrough Magnet School North	Bhuvana Areti	Emmanuela Iweoise
Higganum	Burr District Elementary School	Daniel Esteves	Avery Mulhall
Killingworth	Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School	Mia Lomuntad	Kacey Coon
Killingworth	Killingworth Elementary School	Isabella McGinley	Tulip Kish
Lebanon	Lebanon Elementary School	Elisabeth Person	Luke DePiano
Lyme	Lyme Consolidated School	Lauren Fulara	Joe Joyce
Monroe	Fawn Hollow School	Ryan Seif	Grace Shevlin
Morris	James Morris School	Quenten Meyer	Mackenzie Wojnar
New Fairfield	Meeting House Hill School	Bronson Brown	Leyna Woolsey
Niantic	Lillie B. Haynes School	Emmett Campbell	Sadie Eident
Niantic	Niantic Center School	Aidan Naktenis	Phoebe Tan
Old Lyme	Mile Creek School	Ceciley Buckley	Lillian Calabrese
Plainville	Frank T. Wheeler School	Xavier Colon	Jack Wilder
Unionville	Union School	Jessica Choung	Yuval Puranik
Warren	Warren Elementary School	Ruby Gregory	Tyler Horn
Waterbury	Woodrow Wilson Elementary School	Yandel Garcia	Eliel Rodriguez
Westbrook	Daisy Ingraham School	Cosimo Falcone	Isabella Newhouse


A portrait of Holly O'Brien, a woman with long, wavy brown hair, wearing a teal top, smiling at the camera.

Holly O'Brien

Holly O'Brien is so honored and grateful to be here to perform for the 21st CAS Celebration of the Arts Festival, 2020! Holly is a professional performer residing in New York City. Some of her favorite roles include: Belle in **Disney's Beauty And The Beast** (First Regional Production) Cumberland County Playhouse, Merry-Go-Round Playhouse, and Arkansas Repertory Theatre; Goldie in **Two By Two** directed by Martin Charnin (**Annie**); Norma Jean/Marilyn Monroe in **Norma Jean Enlightened**, for which she won the **Best Actress Award** with the **Midwinter Madness Theatre Festival** in NYC; Peggy in **The Taffetas** at Seven Angels Theatre in Waterbury, CT; Cindy Lou in **The Marvelous Wonderettes**; Luisa in **The Fantasticks**; Brooke in **Noises Off**; and, Cora in **The Iceman Cometh** in NYC.

A photograph of Holly O'Brien in a blue and white period dress, sitting and reading a book.

Holly has performed all over the world, in Vienna as a guest soprano soloist with the Wiener Musikseminar, as well as on the international Seabourn Cruise Line. Holly has also worked in tv/film, in several music videos, commercials, television shows, and web series. Her voice has been heard on several voice over projects. Holly was most recently seen in NYC as the role of Minnie in a new play written by Don Nigro, called **Glasshouse** with The Nylon Fusion Theatre Company. Holly also recently played the role of Glinda in a **Wizard Of Oz** tribute concert featuring music from the Broadway musical, **Wicked** in Nyack, NY.

A photograph of Holly O'Brien as Belle in a yellow gown, standing on a stage next to a man in a blue and purple costume. A logo for OneSource Talent is visible in the top right corner of the image.

Holly is a proud graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy in Interlochen, MI where she majored in Opera and Theatre, and she earned her B.F.A in Musical Theatre from The Hartt School at The University of Hartford. Holly would like to thank her friends, her parents Bob and Rosie Vojtek, and her wonderful husband, Mike Roche for their endless love and support!

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Myra Stanfield

Norfeldt Elementary School, West Hartford

Connecticut's Kid Governor® program is a national, award-winning civics program for fifth graders created by The Connecticut Democracy Center under the leadership of Brian Cofrancesco. This is the fourth year of the Connecticut Kid Governor program.

Each year, fifth grade students research community issues they care about, create three-point platforms to address those issues, and make campaign videos. Schools run primaries to select nominees and each school's winner advances to the Statewide Election. In November, fifth graders evaluate the online campaign videos of the final seven candidates and cast their votes for the student and platform they support. The student receiving the most votes serves a one-year term of leadership and advocacy as Connecticut's Kid Governor, working with The Connecticut Democracy Center to fulfill their campaign platform and mobilize students to take action and make a difference on the winning campaign issue. The six student finalists from the Statewide Election serve as members of the Kid Governor's Cabinet. The Cabinet meets regularly at Connecticut's Old State House in Hartford to discuss how they can support the Kid Governor's platform and collaborate to support each other's platforms.

This past fall, fifth graders elected Myra Stanfield from Norfeldt Elementary School in West Hartford as the 2020 Connecticut's Kid Governor. Myra is our state's fifth Kid Governor and her platform is *Standing Up for Animals in Need*. She was sworn into office at her inauguration on January 17, 2020, by Secretary of the State Denise Merrill at Connecticut's Old State House. Her one-year term will conclude next January. You can learn more about Myra and read her blog at CT.KidGovernor.org.

Kid Governor Myra lives with her three moms, Cindy, Sandy, and Laurie, her brother, Simon, and her sister, Carley. Myra loves animals. In fact, she has a rescue dog named Oliver, two cats named Seally and Cocoa, and a fish named Bowie. She loves to draw, play with her friends, make up songs with her friend Ali, and watch Marvel movies. She describes herself as a passionate, kind, empathetic, and honest leader who is willing to stand up for what she believes in.

Tonight, we are very fortunate to have our Connecticut's Kid Governor here with us to share her plans for her term and how each of you can support her platform.



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