



THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

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Dear Elementary Level Principal:

The Arts Committee and the Connecticut Association of Schools Elementary Level Board takes great pleasure in announcing the **THIRTEENTH ANNUAL ELEMENTARY CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS** sponsored by LIBERTY MUTUAL to be held on February 6 and 7, 2012, at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. The theme for the evenings' festivities will be "A *Celebration of the Arts.*"

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OBJECTIVE

The objective of this program is to recognize students with outstanding citizenship, cooperative skills, and artistic ability in performing or visual arts at the elementary level.

PROCEDURE

To participate in this program, registration must be completed electronically via the CAS-CIAC web site. To submit your information, please click on the member-schools login link in the upper left-hand corner of the CAS-CIAC home-page. Enter your school number and login ID and after successfully logging in, select *Submit Elementary Celebration of the Arts Banquet Reservation Form*. Any questions regarding the registration process may be addressed to Barbara O'Connor at bocconnor@casciac.org or 203-250-1111. Please provide the names of those who will be attending from your school including the names of the two students selected to receive awards. The students selected should have outstanding ability in the performing or visual arts, and their citizenship and cooperation skills should also be taken into consideration. It is recommended that the students selected to attend be in the last grade within your school.

MENU, COST AND PROGRAM FOR EACH EVENING

The menu for the festival will be child oriented. Food stations will be located in various areas of the room serving tacos, pasta, salad, pizza, and ice-cream. Food will be served from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Art centered activities will be stationed throughout the banquet hall such as dance, balloon sculpture, visual arts, and face painting. Six caricaturists will create portraits of each award recipient. **COST:** The award recipients from each school will be free of charge. The cost for all others attending will be \$23.00 per person. Parents or guardians, principals, classroom teachers, music and/or art teachers are also invited to attend. At 7:00 p.m. each evening, the award ceremony will begin. At 7:15 p.m. the children will be entertained by Cool Cat Jazz, a nationally recognized jazz group. The program will end promptly at 8:00 p.m.

RESERVATIONS

We expect that the vast majority of our elementary schools will participate. *Your early response is appreciated, and we must receive your reservation no later than January 20, 2012.*

Towns with names beginning with the letters A to L will attend on Monday, February 6.

Towns with names beginning with letters M to W will attend on Tuesday, February 7.

If there is a scheduling conflict, please notify the CAS office and we will be happy to try and accommodate your school on the other evening. In the event of inclement weather, we will hold that night's banquet on Wednesday, February 8th.

The Elementary Level Board and the Arts Committee look forward to receiving your reservations and to greet you on February 6 or February 7, 2012, at the Aqua Turf.

Sincerely,

Maureen Berescik

Karen Fitzsimmons

Maureen Berescik, Chair, Arts Committee

Karen Fitzsimmons, Chair, Elementary Level Board

PLEASE SHARE THIS LETTER WITH YOUR ART AND MUSIC TEACHERS!!

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