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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 take great pleasure in announcing the **25**th **ANNUAL ELEMENTARY CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS** on February 5 and February 6, 2024, with a snow date of February 7, 2024, at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington from 5:00 to 7:30 pm.

Selection Criteria:

The program is designed to recognize students at the elementary level who demonstrate outstanding ability in the performing or visual arts and maintain a high level of citizenship and cooperative skills. Schools are welcome to create their own process for selecting students, but it is recommended that the students selected for this award be in the last grade within your school.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

To participate in this program, you must register via the secure <u>Members Only area</u> of the CAS website. After successfully logging in using your school number and login ID, select the option to "View/Submit Celebration of the Arts Banquet Reservation Form" and complete the necessary fields. Any questions regarding the registration process may be addressed to Cathy Prowe at cprowe@casciac.org or at 203-651-3909. Please provide the names of all those who will be attending from your school, including the names of the two students selected as award recipients.

MENU AND PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING:

The menu for the celebration will be child-oriented. Doors will open at 4:00 pm. From 5:00 to 6:15 pm, food stations will be located at one end of the banquet room serving tacos, pasta, salad, pizza, and icecream. Art-centered activities such as balloon sculpture and face painting will be stationed throughout the banquet room. In addition, caricaturists will be present to create portraits of each award recipient. The award ceremony will begin at 6:15 pm followed immediately by entertainment at 6:45 pm. The program will conclude at 7:30 pm.

COST TO CAS MEMBER SCHOOLS:

The award recipients from CAS member schools will attend free of charge. Parents, guardians, principals, classroom teachers, music and/or art teachers are also invited to attend at a cost of \$33.00 per person. **Non-member schools** may attend if space is available. The cost for award recipients from non-member schools will be \$33.00 as well as for each guest who attends with them. Non-member schools will be charged an additional fee of \$100.00 per school to participate.

RESERVATIONS:

Your early response is appreciated as we expect that the vast majority of Connecticut elementary schools will participate.

Your reservation must be received no later than January 12, 2024.

Schools from towns with names beginning with the letters A to L will attend on Monday, February 5. Schools from towns with names beginning with letters M to W will attend on Tuesday, February 6.

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. The Elementary Level Board and the Arts Committee look forward to receiving your reservations and to greeting you on February 5 or February 6, 2024, (or on the snow date of February 7, 2023) at the Aqua Turf.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Caouette
Assistant Executive Director