



**27TH ANNUAL
ELEMENTARY CELEBRATION
OF THE**
Arts

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AQUA TURF CLUB
PLANTSVILLE, CT



**UNIVERSITY
OF HARTFORD**



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Agenda

4:00 – 5:00 PM REGISTRATION

5:00 – 6:30 PM DINNER BUFFET AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- Caricatures by Michel Entertainment
- Magic by Derek
- Magic of Drew Michaels
- Balloons by Sue

6:30 PM

WELCOME REMARKS

Diana Burns, Ed.D.,
Principal, Chapman Elementary School, Cheshire
Chair, CAS Elementary Board of Control

2026 CONNECTICUT'S KID GOVERNOR

Theresa "Tessa" Hallinan
Green Acres Elementary School, North Haven
Community Issue: Inclusion for Students with Disabilities

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AT INDIVIDUAL TABLES

Diana Burns, Ed.D., and School Principals or Designees

INTRODUCTION OF ENTERTAINMENT

Diana Burns, Ed.D.

ENTERTAINMENT

Cool Cats
History of Rock Musical Informance

CLOSING REMARKS

Diana Burns, Ed.D.



SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

Cool Cats

The Cool Cat Experience is a journey to the Roots and History of Rock with age-appropriate learning, humor, student participation, and fun!

The 5 members of the Cool Cats bring a wealth of training and experience to their work as performers and educators.

The band includes three Hartt School of Music graduates, and includes Percussionist/Manager Sal Ranniello, Guitarist/Banjoist Jamie Sherwood, Bassist Don Wallace, Reed player Chris Coulter (sax, flute), and Brass player Jim Fryer (trombone, trumpet).

Each Cool Cat brings their musical talents, love of American music, and enthusiasm for teaching to school groups of all ages.



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Town	School	Honoree	Honoree
Berlin	Emma Hart Willard School	Grace Adams	Alessia Castro
Bethlehem	Bethlehem Elementary School	Autumn Sanzone	
Bridgewater	Burnham School	Lev Toczylowski	Avery Gustavson
Bristol	Ellen P. Hubbell Elementary School	Payton Rosemond-McClendor	Thomas Taylor
Bristol	Greene-Hills School	Derek Cote	Solymar Luis-Fuentes
Bristol	Ivy Drive School	Brooke McKenna	Daria Dyrbavka
Bristol	Mountain View School	Zavi Duplessis	Isaiah Gonzalez
Bristol	Stafford Elementary School	Annabel McElwee	Daniel Rodriguez-Perez
Bristol	West Bristol School	Calla Harrison	John O'Driscoll
Canton	Canton Intermediate School	Madeline DeCesare	Samantha Lee
Chaplin	Chaplin Elementary School	Rylee Tranka	
Cheshire	Chapman Elementary School	Kiele (Kai) Rosenblum	Yana Berseneva
Coventry	George Hersey Robertson Intermediate School	Aubrey O'Neil	Kayleigh Core
Cromwell	Woodside Intermediate School	Angelina Zaldivar	Eli Griffin
Danbury	Pembroke Elementary School	Violet Almonte	Sage Jayla Williams
Derby	Bradley School	Natalie Nieves	Thiago Pelaez
East Berlin	Richard D. Hubbard School	Adriana Bustamante	Isabella Leonetti
East Hampton	Center Elementary School	Liliana Cerreta	Jacoby Hinds
East Hampton	Memorial Elementary School	Jackson Daley	Reygan Drzata
East Hartland	Hartland School	Skylar Huckin	Evelyn Ouimette
Enfield	Edgar H. Parkman School	Samuel Katilus	Andi Bakiu
Enfield	Eli Whitney School	Grayson Wolanin	Madelyn Slater
Enfield	Prudence Crandall School	Chloe Miller	Obed Velazquez
Goshen	Goshen Center School	Addie Murphy	
Higganum	Burr Elementary School	Sage Nims	Ana Sciasica
Kensington	Mary E. Griswold Elementary School	Kalani Aguasvivas	Brooke O'Leary
Killingworth	Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School	Haven Mallon	Keira Gibb
Killingworth	Killingworth Elementary School	Chloe Rochette	Ella Zickefoose
Lebanon	Lebanon Elementary School	Hazel Lang	Hammond Songhurst
Litchfield	Litchfield Intermediate School	Xavier Weiss	Hayden Mulhall
Madison	Neck River Elementary School	Kashi Garg	Jessica Li
Marlborough	Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall School	Julia Sabourin	Nellie Borsh
Meriden	Hanover Elementary School	Harlow Grant	Nora Thompson
Meriden	Israel Putnam Elementary School	Derek Cabrera Taveras	Jewellisse Vazquez

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Meriden	John Barry School	Scarlett Cordero Castillo	Kilan Miranda Escamilla
Meriden	Roger Sherman Elementary School	Camila Castillo	Dean Hernandez Valle
Middletown	Bielefield School	Heaven Cook	Kylie Pacheco
Middletown	Farm Hill School	Greta Sendra-Treme	Mary Sylvestre
Middletown	Macdonough Elementary School	Winnie Atherton	Rand Pactor
Milford	J. F. Kennedy School	Kathleen Edwards	Juliette Gomez
Milford	Live Oaks School	Piper Baldwin	Rex Chau
Monroe	Fawn Hollow Elementary School	Maeve Kinsella	Grace Scarpati
Monroe	Monroe Elementary School	Alice Blackwell	Harvey Tang
Monroe	Stepney Elementary School	Zachary Budjinski	Ekaterini Demertzis
Morris	James Morris School	Chiara Fenn	
Naugatuck	Andrew Avenue School	Maureen Orlando	Stephanie Romero-Ramirez
Naugatuck	Hop Brook Elementary School	Alanna-Sue Millet	Sofia Silva
Naugatuck	Maple Hill School	Isabella Aldridge	Silas Rodriguez
Naugatuck	Western Elementary School	Lucas Apostolides	Anika Nanda
New Fairfield	New Fairfield Elementary School	Mazie Volovski	Ryan Sanborn
New Milford	Hill & Plain School	Astrid Yager	Erick Guallpa
New Milford	Northville Elementary School	Tressa Moore	Lucas Pitchard
Northford	Totoket Valley Elementary School	Stella Peruzzi	Dante Casella
Oakville	Polk Elementary School	Danny Maza	Stella Zanesky
Orange	Race Brook School	Hannah Anderson	Aadya Gowrishetty
Orange	The Peck Place School	Edward Zhang	Skylar Lynn
Orange	Turkey Hill School	Elijah Liu	Madeleine Zamachaj
Plainville	Linden Street School	Maryorie Fumero Padilla	Broc Waterman
Plantsville	South End Elementary School	Mackenzie Spahic	Roczen Welch
Plantsville	William M. Strong Elementary School	Michael Vassiliou	Audrey Boyd
Rocky Hill	Moser School	Rivaan Rathore	Saamia Ahmed
Rocky Hill	Myrtle H. Stevens Elementary School	Finn Covill	Victoria Olko
Rocky Hill	West Hill Elementary School	Trisha Manoj	Ivoree' Moses
Roxbury	Booth Free School	Emma Van	Maridyth Krett
Seymour	Bungay School	Anastasiia Kravets	Ananya Polakonda
Seymour	Chatfield-LoPresti Elementary School	Amina Houston	Benjamin T. Guerrero
Sherman	Sherman School	Abner G. Osborn	Emma J. Arias
Simsbury	Squadron Line Elementary School	Audrey Dalton	Theo Parker
Southington	Derynoski School	Delaney Ricciardi	Sloane Lemery

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Southington	Flanders Elementary School	Catherine Arnold	Jennifer Garrido
Southington	Hatton Elementary School	Giuliana Velez	Karly Green
Southington	Oshana Elementary School	Ariela Xelhua	Xionelys Morales Felix
Southington	Reuben E. Thalberg Elementary School	Bryant Masi	Brie Xavier
Southington	Urbin T. Kelley School	Adalynn Ziegler	Connor Szymanski
Southport	Mill Hill School	Evangeline Contratto	Lydia Pope
Stratford	Eli Whitney Elementary School	Helena Zaleski	Cameron Leehing
Tariffville	Tariffville School	Pearl Koob	Layla Naciri
Thomaston	Black Rock School	Eliana Kuehl	Everett Weigold
Thomaston	Thomaston Center School	Elise Williams	Kaylani Marble
Trumbull	Daniels Farm School	Iliana Tsikaridis	Matthew Creaser
Trumbull	Frenchtown Elementary School	Mila Padilla	Jack Weiss
Trumbull	Middlebrook School	Leif Lindemann	Mateo Rodriguez
Trumbull	Tashua School	Elijah Zami	Lily Nettleton
Vernon	Center Road School	Sara Urbanska	Alethea Rizzie
Vernon	Lake Street School	Brody Hardwick	Audrey Kincman
Vernon	Maple Street School	Mya Rivera	Liahra Lugo
Vernon	Northeast Elementary School	Kierstyn Perkins	Ruthie Washburn
Vernon	Skinner Road School	Riyan Patiyal	Dhrish Chhajer
Wallingford	Parker Farms School	Violet Graziosa	Joy Portorreal
Wallingford	Pond Hill School	Hannah Martin	Haydon Casey
Warren	Warren Elementary School	Colten Tanuis	
Washington Depot	Washington Primary School	Elle Garcia	Ava Lord
Waterbury	F. J. Kingsbury School	Alyssa Leonardo	Amia Edwards
Waterbury	Gilmartin Elementary School	Cindy Montanez	Rayssa Guedes E Silva
Waterbury	Maloney Interdistrict Magnet School	Abraham Martinez	Liam Taylor
Waterbury	Michael F. Wallace Middle School	Malani McQueen	Abdullah Muhammad
Waterbury	Rotella Interdistrict Magnet School	Jackson Silvestre	Olivia Bastos
Watertown	Fletcher Judson Elementary School	Oliver Hurley	Carter Qazolli
West Suffield	A. Ward Spaulding Elementary School	Riley Norman	Mikaela Zdroykowski
Wolcott	Alcott Elementary School	Yousef Elahmad	Willow Sobon
Wolcott	Frisbie Elementary School	Robert Dubrosky	Atreo Kalana
Wolcott	Wakelee School	Aubree Oricchio	Adrian Plona
Woodbury	Mitchell Elementary School	Connor Bombero	Elias Quinn
Yalesville	Mary G. Fritz Elementary School	Lucy Briers	Amy Wang



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