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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 **20th ANNUAL ELEMENTARY CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS** on February 4 and 5, 2019, at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**OBJECTIVE:**
The objective of this program is to recognize students at the elementary level with outstanding ability in the performing or visual arts, as well as maintaining a high level of citizenship and cooperative skills. 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, registration must be completed electronically via the CAS-CIAC web site at www.casciac.org. To submit your information, select the CAS website and click on the member-schools login link at the top of the page. Enter your school number and login ID. 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 boconnor@casciac.org or at 203-250-1111. 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. From 5:00 to 6:15 pm, food stations will be located to one end of the banquet room serving tacos, pasta, salad, pizza, and ice-cream. 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. At 6:15 pm the award ceremony will begin; at 6:45 pm the children will be entertained; and at 7:30 pm the program will end.

**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 $29.00 per person. **Non-member schools** may attend, if space is available. The cost for award recipients from non-member schools will be $29.00 as well as for each guest who attends with them. Non-member schools will be charged an additional fee of $100.00 to attend.

**RESERVATIONS:**
Your early response is appreciated as we expect that the vast majority of our elementary schools will participate. **Your reservation must be received no later than January 11, 2019.**

Schools from towns with names beginning with the letters A to L will attend on **Monday, February 4**

Schools from towns with names beginning with letters M to W will attend on **Tuesday, February 5**

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 reschedule based on the availability of the Aqua Turf facility. The Elementary Level Board and the Arts Committee look forward to receiving your reservations and to greet you on February 4 or February 5, 2019, at the Aqua Turf.

Sincerely,

**Jill Hale**

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