



SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23

(CENTRAL OKANAGAN)

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Central Okanagan School District #23 is excited to embark on a journey that will bring smiles to their students, their families, and their staff. We have discovered the possibilities of arts-infused learning to actively engage students. Imagine students learning math through dance, social studies through storytelling, science through visual art.

Learning Through the Arts (LTTA) is a groundbreaking program from The Royal Conservatory of Music that has grown into one of the world's most extensive arts-based school initiatives. LTTA brings specially trained artists into local schools to partner with great teachers. Together they create lessons that make learning core curriculum exciting and relevant in a way that works for all types of learners. At the conclusion of a three-year Queen's University research study, students in the LTTA program scored an average of 11 percentile points higher in math than peers in non-LTTA schools. Ongoing high-caliber professional development for teachers, artists, principals and administrators is at the core of the program philosophy.

Teachers and administrators of Central Okanagan School District #23 have already begun their professional development through interactive workshops—experiencing learning through rich, arts-based lessons. Our dream is to bring these same learning experiences into the classrooms for our students. To fulfill our dream, our immediate goal is to partner trained artists with a few teachers to work together in classrooms throughout several of our schools. Longer-term, LTTA BC will recruit and train local artists to continue this journey and extend arts-rich learning into more classrooms in more schools. We are thrilled with the vision of making a marked difference in the learning experiences of the students in Central Okanagan School District #23.

We are seeking your financial support to assist in introducing and sustaining this quality of learning. Your support will ensure students will experience exciting and engaging learning in a way that responds to their individual needs. Your support will ensure teachers continue to receive professional development through their partnerships with local artists. Your support will ensure local artists will contribute their gifts through partnerships with our students and staff.

Your support will bring smiles to children . . . one classroom lesson at a time.

To present your support, please complete the attached Adopt a Class form and submit your donation and form to us at the address at the top of the letter, attn: LTTA. For further information about LTTA, you may contact Peter Maryschuk or John McMahon with Central Okanagan School District #23 (250-762-3209), or Lori Sherritt, Regional Manager of LTTA BC (604-903-4770), or Lauren Gannon, Director of LTTA BC (250-594-7752).

Please consider adopting a class in Central Okanagan School District #23. Your support will leave a legacy of smiles on our children's faces . . . and on yours!

Sincerely,

Peter Maryschuk, John McMahon and Rhonda Draper
District Coordinators for the Learning Through the Arts Initiative

BRINGING SMILES TO CHILDREN... ONE CLASSROOM LESSON AT A TIME

You can help Central Okanagan School District #23 bring smiles to more children by adopting a Learning Through the Arts class today.

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Yes, I wish to Adopt A Class!

SUPPORTING DONORS

- \$250
- \$500
- \$1000
- \$ _____ Other Amount

SUSTAINING DONORS

- \$2,000 One classroom for one year
- \$6,000 One classroom for three years
- \$25,000 Adopt a School
- \$50,000 Champion for Learning
(please call for full list of benefits)

Donation Total: _____

**Please complete the following information and mail this form to:
SD#23, Central Okanagan, 1940 Underhill Street, Kelowna, BC V1X 5X7, attn: LTTA**

Name of Donor (for tax receipt)

Telephone

Email

Address

City/Province

Postal Code

Please make cheques payable to School District #23 and indicate the donation is made to support the "Learning Through the Arts Initiative".