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Arts Committee

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MARCH ARTS MONTH WRAP-UP

We hope that you are having a successful Arts Education Month, and have been able to utilize all of the available resources provided so far by both California State PTA and National PTA.

In case you missed our series of weekly Arts Month emails, here are some quick highlights:

- Members of our Arts Committee made a guest appearance on the most recent episode of the CDE Foundation's Lunch Bites podcast, where they talked about the newly updated Parents’ Guide to Arts Education in California Public Schools. Click here to listen.
- On March 25 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. we are hosting a Family Arts Night on our YouTube channel, where members of our arts committee will demonstrate at-home arts activities that you can do with your children. Click here to watch!
- The newly revised Parents’ Guide to Arts Education in California Public Schools is here! Visit our VAPA guide web page for more information on how it's been updated, and why the guide is important.
Arts Education has a **new landing page** on capta.org!

Check it out - we've updated the graphics, reorganized the content, and added new links and resources in a very user-friendly, accessible, and visually striking format. [Click here](#) to see it for yourself.

### ARTS ED RESEARCH AND RESOURCES FROM CCSESA

If you were not able to tune into the "Why Art? Harnessing the Power of Research in Arts Education" webinar, sponsored by the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) Arts Initiative and Create CA, you can still access the research that was discussed about why the arts are so important.

In addition to the research, you'll find flash cards and many other types of resources that can help you advocate for the arts in your school, school district, or community. [Click here](#) to view these resources and more on the [ART=OPPORTUNITY](#) website.

### WHY THE ARTS ARE IMPORTANT, IN A STUDENT'S WORDS - PART 3

We hope you were inspired by the [student arts ambassador videos](#) from the November and January issues of Creative Connection.

The third video in the series is a unique **short animated film** created by **Ryan Javier**, a junior at Ruth Asawa School of the Arts in San Francisco. It explores how art helps students explore difficult subjects such as racism and isolation in an accessible way, and how art gives students the tools they need to communicate their thoughts and concerns.

> "This film started off as just one of my many assignments, a simple animation project. This was during the first few months of lockdown and there was already a rise in attacks on the Asian American community. As I got further into the film, I started thinking of things I could incorporate into this film and then it hit me: I could disguise my message regarding anti-Asian sentiment within the film and make it entertaining! That's what I love about art, the ability to advocate and make it enjoyable for audiences at the same time. With this film tailored for"
ARTS AT CONVENTION 2021

We encourage you to register for the California State PTA Annual Convention, which encompasses numerous arts education opportunities! For example, the Arts Education Committee will be presenting three workshops, and attendees will also be able to access the virtual Reflections Art Gallery through our online convention platform.

Pre-convention activities start on May 3, and the business of the Association and General Meetings happen from May 13-16. Click here to learn more about Convention 2021, and to register.

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