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Central Arts Teams Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the 13 schools in the Central Arts Pathway who are changing systems to ensure that arts are a part of every Seattle student's education

Happy Spring! At this point, most of the Central Pathway School Arts Teams have completed their Year 2 Planning Meetings. This edition of the Newsletter will follow up on some of the things I heard in those.

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Staffing:

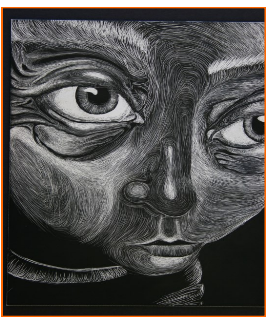
For **2015-16**, we have requested an **increase in funds** for staff that will allow all Central Arts Pathway elementary schools to offer K-5 general music. We will learn if this request has been approved in **May**.

Materials:

Also in May, we will order the additional curriculum (textbooks) needed so that all schools have materials to teach K-5 music.

Community Partnerships:

The Creative Advantage will again provide $7500 to each of the 13 Central Arts Pathway schools for arts residencies and arts integration professional development for teachers. The Partners Roster will also be expanded with new artists and arts organizations to select.



Work by Garfield High School student Ava Code-Williams who received a regional high school award by the Puget Sound ESD

Research on the Value of Arts Education

Some arts teams mentioned needing research on the Value of Arts Education to share with your staff and families. Here are a few to compelling benefits to share:

Benefits of music for ALL: A 5-minute video from TED-ed on how playing an instrument benefits your brain

Benefits for of arts historically underserved STUDENTS:

Studies find that students from low socio-economic backgrounds, English language learners, and students with special needs—often underserved in public schools—show the greatest relative improvement in academic achievement when participating in the arts. Research also finds that English language learners are significantly more likely to pursue a college degree if they attend an arts-rich high school (Catterall, 2009).

Benefits of arts PD for TEACHERS:

Studies find that when teachers use arts integration they experiment with their curriculum and pedagogical approaches resulting in increased engagement in their teaching, adding new depth to their teaching practice that echoes the deep learning the arts provide students. In one study, teachers on the verge of burnout found that arts integration revitalized their passion for teaching and recharged them personally and professionally (Bellisario & Donovan, 2012). Another study found that when the arts were infused in the whole school, increased engagement led to decreased absenteeism among teachers (Barry, 2010).

Benefits of Creative Advantage Arts:

SPS Communications Specialist, Ruth Schubert recently filmed and edited this amazing video that show teachers Julie Trout, Shelby Leyland, their students and the Creative Advantage in action at John Muir Elementary: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?

Incorporating Youth Voice into your Arts Plan

Some of the updated arts plans have a new goal to ***Incorporate Student Voice*** into the arts team. The Creative Advantage Advisory Group has also been exploring Youth Voice. Here are a few ideas that they developed in a brainstorming session:

- Create opportunities for kids to make decisions about their arts education via surveys, ballot boxes, sticker votes, participation on school Arts Team.
- Use existing organizations (Black Student Unions, Smart Ventures) to get student opinions/ideas within their focus areas
- ALWAYS include youth voice at any Creative Advantage event and at partner events
- Include the voices of youth who are working artists
- Provide opportunities for Families to make art together
- CA should help students express themselves, including their challenges, resistance and as change-agents
- Create safe places to create art and show art

Upcoming Creative Advantage Dates

April 21st **Why Arts? Confronting Issues of Race, Access, and Equity** – Lecture by Dr. Linda Nathan at Seattle Rep Theatre, 7:30 pm, featuring a panel discussion led by Lara Davis!

April 22nd **Music Career Day**

April 30th **Central Choral Festival** Garfield HS Commons, evening

May 2 **Creative Advantage Workshop: Culturally Relevant Teaching**, Seattle Asian Art Museum

May 8th **Naramore Student Art Reception and Teen Night** Out at Seattle Art Museum - *Student art on display from now through May 17th*.

May 30 **Creative Advantage Workshop: 21st Century Arts Learning**, Seattle Asian Art Museum

June 1st **School Arts Inventory** sent to Central Arts Pathway Arts Teams to be completed by June 30th

Summer Professional Development Opportunities with our Roster Partners

Arts Impact Arts-infused STEM Summer Conference
http://www.psesd.org/event/arts-impact-summer-conference-arts-infused-stem/

June 18-19, 2015, at Puget Sound Educational Service District
The cost is $250. 12 clock hour credits will be available for $24. Registration materials and session titles will be available next month.

Arts Impact Arts-Infused Reading 5-day Summer Institute with 10-hour Classroom Mentorship
http://www.arts-impact.org/ Session topics and registration materials will be available soon
August 10-14, 2015 at the Seattle Art Museum (9:00 am – 4:00 pm, daily)

Cost per teacher $1,800 (*estimate). Final cost will be determined in June based on enrollment.* Teacher teams of 3 per school (minimum). 40 clock hour credits available through Puget Sound ESD or 4 continuing education credits through SPU.

BTIC at the Rep
https://www.seattlerep.org/Programs/Education/BTIC/Default
Think of it as summer camp—only with better food and WAY better activities. Get all the tools you need to integrate art into your classroom on a daily basis. Seattle Repertory Theatre partners with Seattle Children's Theatre and Book-It Repertory Theatre to bring you the best summer workshop you'll ever take. July 13-17, 2015. We will accept applications through June 15, 2015. Cost is $500.

STEAM Professional Development Week at EMP
http://www.empmuseum.org/programs-plus-education/for-educators/educator-events.aspx
Led by master teaching artist Darwin Nordin, this 30-hour professional development workshop will focus on deepening the best practices for the integration of arts into STEM education. Participants will engage in hands-on projects—paper engineering, sketching, sculpture, creative movement, writing, music/sound—designed to actively and intentionally address students' multiple learning styles in new, exciting ways. We aim to reach a wider body of students who may feel intimidated by the way STEM disciplines have traditionally been taught by providing inspiring tools to engage your imagination as a teacher and spark connection with your students.
June 29–July 3, 2015; EMP Museum; 8:30am–3:30pm
$160 (30 Washington State clock hours available)