

South-Southwest Arts Teams Newsletter

A newsletter for the South-Southwest Arts Pathway School Arts Teams who share the Creative Advantage vision of a city where, through the arts, youth have voice to influence positive change in their schools and develop skills for work and life.

South-Southwest Arts Team Launch Workshop

Last Thursday, January 14th, 60 people from 10 schools attended the launch of the Creative Advantage South-Southwest School Arts Teams.

Gail, Lara, and I all appreciated your willingness to take risks and participate in the brain dance and music-making activities as well as your attention and engagement in learning the ins and outs of the Creative Advantage regional arts expansion process.

Thank you!

For those of you who were not able to attend, you will find much of the info covered in this newsletter, and you are always welcome to email me with any questions that you have.

-Audrey Querns

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Central Arts Pathway & Creative Advantage on the Seattle Channel

Seattle Channel recently visited **Bailey Gatzert Elementary** and **Garfield High School** to make a video about the Creative Advantage. [Check it out](#) to see teachers **Lori Badruswamy**, **Shelby Leyland**, **Bonnie Hungate Hawk** and their students in action.

Hear **Lara Davis**, **Gail Sehlhorst**, and **Elizabeth Whitford** talk about why arts education is important and how *The Creative Advantage* is working with schools to integrate arts education into the curriculum to help kids to be more creative, innovative and imaginative.

Starting Saturday, January 30...

Creative Advantage Media Arts for EVERY Secondary Class Series

4 workshops for ANY district middle or high school teacher, in any subject, who'd like to integrate more media arts and digital literacy.

Each session is facilitated by SPS CTE teachers and industry professionals and includes an inspiring presentation from professionals working within Seattle's vibrant creative industries. Teachers will walk away with hands-on understanding of the specific technology, a concrete piece created during the workshop, and lesson plans for implementation.

The workshops will be held monthly on Saturdays, beginning Jan. 30, and space is limited.

Please sign up on ESS as soon as possible for one or more sessions. Clock hours are available, and drawings will be held for materials, mentorships and iPads. Sessions, which will be held **9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at various locations, include:

Jan. 30: **Film and video** at Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

Feb. 27: **Graphic design/visual storytelling**

March 26: **Podcasting**

April 30: **Showcase** with shorter trainings on all three topics



Thursday, Feb 11...

Kehinde Wiley: A New Republic Educator Preview

Join Seattle Art Museum in celebrating educators at the Kehinde Wiley: A New Republic Educator Preview! Dive deep into Kehinde Wiley's works, looking at how he uses portraiture to explore identity and power at this FREE event open to all K-12 educators as part of the larger Opening Celebration. Enjoy refreshments, mingle with colleagues, and collect free resources in our exclusive Educator Lounge.

Admission to the special exhibition and SAM galleries is included

Thursday, February 11

5-7 pm

Location: Seattle Art Museum

[GET TICKETS](#)

February 20...

Creative Advantage Workshop: Social Practice in Arts Education

Inspired by the themes of identity, race, representation and power in the exhibition Kehinde Wiley: A New Republic, this workshop explores how to use art to bring complex and critical question into your classroom. Working with teaching artists Zorn Taylor and Carina del Rosario, participants will leave this workshop informed and inspired. Free and open to any interested TA, Community Organizations or SPS arts specialists. [Online registration required](#) and includes three Washington State Clock hours.

Saturday February 20,

1 - 4pm

Location: Seattle Art Museum

Arts Teams:

Schedule Vision and Action Planning with your Arts Leadership Coach

This next step in the school arts planning process, is for **each South-Southwest principal or their designee to schedule vision and action planning meetings with their arts leadership coach and the arts team.** Each meeting will be three hours long and should occur before the end of March. For meetings scheduled during the school day, the Creative Advantage and School-Community Partnerships department can pay for up to three half-day subs for teachers. For meetings that are after school, we can pay three teachers from each arts team extra time. Your arts leadership coaches are as follows:

Erika Ayer	Julie Breidenbach	Farah Thaxton
Boren K-8 STEM	Arbor Heights Elementary	Concord International Elementary
Sanislo Elementary	Highland Park Elementary	Roxhill Elementary
Chief Sealth International High School	West Seattle Elementary	Denny International Middle School
		Interagency @ Youngstown

Creative Advantage Resources

As you get started on your school arts planning, here are a few websites and people you can look to for help:

[Creative Advantage website](#)

SPS' [Visual and Performing Arts website](#)

Here you can find an overview of the Creative Advantage as well as resources related to the Naramore student art show, summer music, and for teachers, arts curriculum maps and cornerstone assessments.

[Creative Advantage Arts Partner Roster](#)

The Community Arts Partner Roster is a vetted list of teaching artists and community arts and culture organizations approved to work in Seattle Public Schools through the Creative Advantage.

Also, like Creative Advantage on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) to learn about arts education events and news.

If you can't find what you need on-line, contact Creative Advantage staff:

[Audrey Querns](#)—SPS project manager for Creative Advantage (for questions about arts teams and planning, arts partner logistics like contracts and funding)

[Lara Davis](#)—Seattle Office of Arts and Culture Arts Education Manager (for questions about the Arts Partner Roster and working with teaching artists and arts organizations)

[Gail Sehlhorst](#)—SPS Visual and Performing Arts Manager (for questions about arts staffing, curriculum and assessment)

Creative Advantage

101:

WHY does arts education matter?

The arts influence student impact goals and outcomes

Students who participate in the arts do better academically, are more engaged in learning, are less likely to drop out of school and go on to college, and as adults are more likely to exhibit pro-social behavior when compared to peers who haven't had arts education

We want young people to have the tools to express themselves and their ideas. Creative outlets are essential to share their viewpoints with the world. This is especially important for POC students, who may not have other safe outlets.

It's an equity issue: A basic education inclusive of the arts is mandatory in Washington State, but many schools are not able to provide the necessary class time

While there are award-winning programs in some schools, many students do not have consistent access to the arts as they move through their school careers.

Central Arts Pathway 2015-16 Calendar

Month	Principal and Arts Team Activities
Jan	All Art Teams attend Orientation Workshop to prepare for arts planning by learning about the planning process, engaging in arts-making activities, and hearing from colleagues who have already engaged in the process. (3 hours) Schools schedule vision and action planning meetings with their coaches.
Feb-Mar	School Vision Planning School Action Planning
April	Share arts plans with staff. Decide on community-based arts partnerships for next school year.
May	Fill out the Year-end School Arts Inventory Survey
Jun-Aug	Attend any summer arts professional development you've signed up for (Arts Impact, Bringing Theatre to the Classroom, EMP and SAM all have great, inexpensive programming in the summer)
Sept	Consider kicking off the school year with an all-staff arts PD. Schedule Arts Team meetings for the year

Questions or suggestions regarding the Newsletter? Please email me at akuerns@seattleschools.org