

Central Arts Teams Newsletter

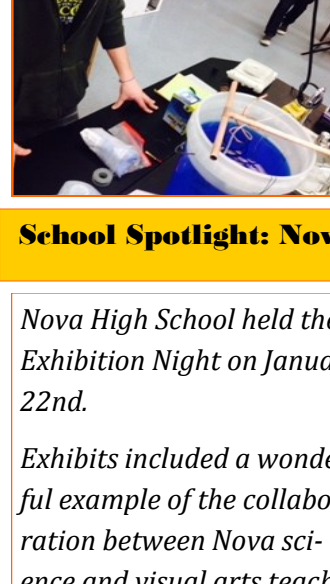
A monthly newsletter for the 13 schools in the Central Arts Pathway who are changing systems to ensure that arts are a part of *every* Seattle student's education

Creative Advantage Workshop: Intentional Partnering

In partnership with the Seattle Art Museum, The Creative Advantage is offering free professional learning workshops focused on sharing best practices for partnerships between schools and arts providers. Workshops are open to teaching artists, arts educators, teachers, arts administrators, community-based organizations and others interested in issues of access, equity and creativity.

Through an interactive format, this workshop (the first in a series of four) focuses on the fundamental best practices for successful partnerships between schools and arts providers. Observe lessons in action, discuss new ideas, share personal perspectives and gain new skills in a community of peers.

There are two options for this workshop: February 26 or 28. RSVP for February 26 here <<http://officeofartsculture.cmail2.com/t/y-l-ihdyuyk-jrjihdyuu-g/>>, or February 28 here <<http://officeofartsculture.cmail2.com/t/y-l-ihdyuyk-jrjihdyuu-w/>>.

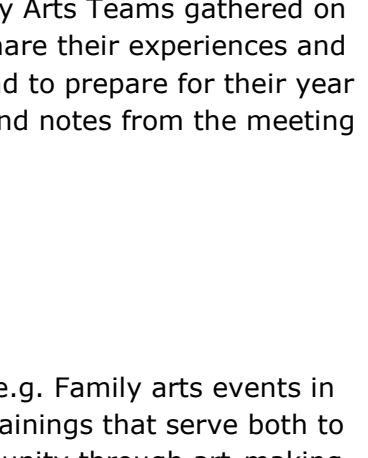


School Spotlight: Nova

Nova High School held their Exhibition Night on January 22nd.

Exhibits included a wonderful example of the collaboration between Nova science and visual arts teachers in a pilot jewelry making class started by visual arts teacher, Karen Kosoglad this year.

In the photo above, Nova student, Nik explains etching images into copper and electroforming objects into metal. Jewelry-making students also exhibited pendants, sawing metal, soldering, casting and more.



Community Arts Partner Roster now OPEN

The [Office of Arts & Culture](#) maintains an Arts Partner Roster of teaching artists and community arts and culture organizations for The Creative Advantage. The roster is a resource for schools seeking partners to meet their education and community goals.

It is open to teaching artists, community arts organizations and cultural institutions serving students in Seattle.

If you know a teaching artist or organization who should be on the roster, please ask them to apply by March 4th at the following link:

<http://www.creativeadvantageseattle.org/call-community-arts-partner-roster/>

January 8th Arts Teams Workshop ...your feedback requested on arts liaison position

Arts Teams members from the Central Arts Pathway Arts Teams gathered on January 8th at the Seattle Asian Arts Museum to share their experiences and ideas from year one of arts plan implementation and to prepare for their year two planning. Both the Power Point presentation and notes from the meeting can be found on this Dropbox link:

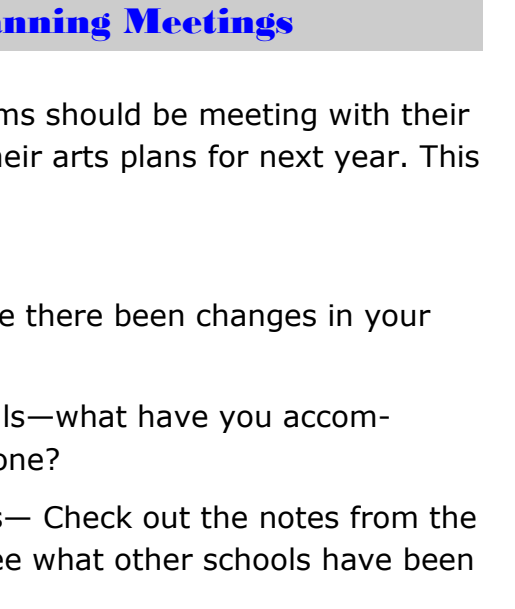
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Highlights include:

- Identifying trends in arts goals across schools, e.g. Family arts events in elementary schools. All-staff arts integration trainings that serve both to teach new learning strategies and to build staff unity through art-making.
- Brainstorming ideas for the targeted arts partnership funds: Desire for ways for students and schools to express identity through arts.
- Across the focus groups, the need for an arts liaison position was expressed. We'd like to hear your feedback on the idea of using \$1000 of the arts partnership money as a stipend for an arts team member who would act as the team liaison between community arts partners, school staff and district arts staff. Training and supports would be provided.
- **Your FEEDBACK requested.** Please email [Audrey Querns](mailto:Audrey.Querns) with your opinions on this arts liaison idea. Yes? No? What should be included in the job? How should the team member be selected?

1/15: Superintendent Nyland and Mayor Murray hold joint Press announcement on Creative Advantage at Leschi Elementary

Read coverage on the [Seattle Times Education Lab Blog](#)



Year Two Arts Planning Meetings

This February and March, Arts Teams should be meeting with their Arts Leadership Coach to update their arts plans for next year. This is a chance to:

1. Review your vision
2. Review the current reality...have there been changes in your school community?
3. Review last year's Arts Plan goals—what have you accomplished? What remains to be done?
4. Plan for the next twelve months— Check out the notes from the Jan 8th arts team meeting to see what other schools have been doing.

School meetings that have been scheduled so far:

- Feb 5th— Madrona K-8
- Feb 13th, 3-5:00 pm— Garfield HS
- Feb 18th, 2:30-4:30 pm—Seattle World School
- Feb 20th, 3-5:00 pm—Montlake Elem
- Feb 23rd, 2-4:00 pm—McGilvra Elem
- Feb 24th, Nova HS
- Feb 27th, 3:30-5:30 pm—John Muir Elem
- March 6th, 4-6:00 pm—Lowell Elem

To be scheduled:

- Stevens Elem
- Bailey Gatzert Elem
- Leschi Elem
- Washington MS
- *Thurgood Marshall will do year two planning in winter, 2016.

Visual and Performing Arts can pay for up to 3 subs for meetings during the school day or 2 hours of extra teacher time for meetings after school. Please contact [Audrey](#) for budget coding.

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

