

# **Southeast Arts Teams Newsletter**

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## Today in a Creative Advantage School...

Students at **Sanislo Elementary** watching, listening and asking questions of **Mariachi Aguila** – an ensemble of student mariachi musicians from **Chief Sealth International High School** and **Denny International Middle School**. The Southwest region is working to build a K-12 mariachi pathway.

### **Arts Team Next Steps: Sharing the Arts Plan**



Tips for introducing your arts plan to your school community
At a staff meeting or family / PTSA meeting...

- Distribute copies of your arts vision and action plan.
- Introduce the members of the arts team and discuss how the arts impacts your students and teachers' practice.

Lead the group through a brief

arts activity. Then have staff debrief or reflect on the experience as a group so that the value of the activity becomes clear.

Ask people to become involved in the implementation.

Include one arts experience at every staff meeting. Or have a meeting that focuses on the arts at least three times a year.

#### In your school newsletter...

• Introduce the arts team and your arts goals for the year. Let people know how they can help. Include a survey link to find out about arts interests, skills, and invite people to get involved in growing the arts at your school.

For examples of arts activities, graphics for newsletters, and other supports, please contact <u>Audrey Querns</u>, Creative Advantage project manager.

### Creative Advantage 2017 Progress Report

The Creative Advantage 2017
Progress Report has been
published! We will deliver paper
copies to your mailboxes this
month, and you can see the
attached e-version here and now.

### **Highlights include:**

- A joint letter from Mayor
   Durkan and Dr. Nyland that
   celebrates the growth of
   students' access to high-quality
   visual and performing arts
   education over the last four
   years.
- A story about Nate, a Southwest Interagency student who had his first music education experience as a senior. It helped him engage in school and changed his own sense of agency.



- Growth in the number of schools with K-5 music and visual art programs across the district – nearly doubled from 2013 to 2017 (and they have doubled in 2018!)
- Evidence of Culturally-Responsive Teaching and Learning is 34% higher in Central Arts Pathway schools than the statewide average.



### #ArtsIsCore

# Welcome to Arts Education Month!

All month long, we'll be highlighting arts education across the district and we need your help! We'd love to utilize social media to highlight the creativity, critical thinking and innovation happening in your classrooms and schools! If you are on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram, share arts education in action with photos and videos using the hashtag **#ArtsEdIsCore**. Remember to use the hashtag so that we can share and compile all of the wonderful studentlearning districtwide! To ENSURE we see your post, tag Seattle Public Schools (@Seapubschools) and Creative Advantage (@SeattleArtsEd).

### **Teacher Arts Opportunities**



Arts Infused Summer Conference - Launching into Engagement: Project-based Learning and the Arts

June 28 - 29, 2018, 8:30am - 4:30pm

PSESD Conference Center, Renton

Learn more and register

# **Bringing Theatre into the Classroom**

July 9-13, 2018

Seattle Rep

Learn more and register







Here are some of the benefits of being part of the board:

- Free admission to our Open House and Educator Happy Hour on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Free pilot workshops in your classroom.
- Free Educator Membership to the museum, which includes increased access to our exhibits, discounted fees for in-museum programs, and free participation in our professional development workshops.
- \$250 stipend.

Here are some of the requirements:

- Must be a classroom teacher in a K-12 school within King County.
- Teachers must be available for fullcohort meetings up to 4 times a year, around Sept, Nov, Feb, and May. Attendance is mandatory for participation. We will schedule the dates to be as flexible as possible.
- Teachers must be available for free

### MoPOP Educator Advisory Board

MoPOP is proud to support our region's educators by providing an educational space where artists, audiences, and ideas converge; fueled by the risk-taking and creative power of pop culture. We are assembling an Educator Advisory Board to help us develop programs that meet the complex needs of modern classrooms. This board would help us test new programming, receive exclusive workshops free-of-charge, and help shape our curricula moving forward.

You would be a great fit if you:

- Are engaged in and excited about arts learning.
- Are seeking new opportunities for your students.
- Have experience with MoPOP or are interested in what we offer.
- Have the time to commit to meetings and both museum and classroom experiences.
- Reflect the diversity of our student populations in regards to race, gender, geography, socioeconomic status, etc.

Interested? Here's how to become

pilot workshops in their classrooms, lasting about an hour, between 1-4 times a year.

This is a 1-year commitment, for the 2018-2019 school year.

involved:

To apply, contact Natasha Ransom at natashar@mopop.org.
Apply by June 4th
Applicants will be notified by July
2nd. First meeting is in August

### **Student Arts Opportunities**

### Summer Skills Center Media Arts Courses

The Summer Skills Center Program provides FREE Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses to Seattle Public Schools students entering 9th through 12th grade in September.

Summer courses take place weekdays from July 9th until August 3rd, 2018. Classes are held from 11:30 am to 4:15 pm daily.



#### Media Arts Course for 2018:

- Intro to Computer Animation
- Intro to Graphic Arts
- Intro Multimedia Broadcasting (radio)
- Intro to Recording Arts
- Intro to Video Production

Learn more

# Mini-Maker Faire - Call to Makers

This year's Mini Maker Faire will be at MoPOP on **Saturday**, **August 18** and **Sunday**, **August 19**. Share your passion, talent, and creations with this beautiful, diverse community that surrounds us. The **application form** is live, with the **deadline** just around the corner: **June 1**. Makers can apply by visiting # or #.



### Resources

As you implement your school arts plans, here are a few websites and people you can look to for help:

Sign up for the Creative Advantage Southeast Arts Team Newsletter

<u>The Creative Advantage Website & Toolkit</u> houses the school arts plans, tools for planning partnerships, guidelines for contracts and invoices and more.

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

#### 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.

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

<u>Audrey Querns</u>-SPS project manager for Creative Advantage (for questions about arts teams and planning, arts partner logistics like contracts and funding)

<u>Lara Davis</u>-Seattle Office of Arts and Culture Arts Education Manager and <u>Tina</u>
<u>LaPadula</u> - Arts Education Project Manager (for questions about the Arts Partner Roster and working with teaching artists and arts organizations)

<u>Gail Sehlhorst</u>-SPS Visual and Performing Arts Manager (for questions about arts staffing, curriculum and assessment)

Kate Baker - SPS Media Arts Skills Center Project Manager