

South-Southwest 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: Sustainability Planning



Schedule Sustainability Planning with your Arts Leadership Coach

This is the third and last year for South-Southwest arts teams to have facilitated planning with their arts leadership coaches, Farah Thaxton, Julie Breidenbach or Erika Ayer.

The coaches will be contacting arts team coordinators and

principals soon to schedule spring meetings which will focus on Arts Sustainability Planning.

Together, you will develop a plan for how you to capitalize on the systems that you have created to make your school an arts-rich community and move forward as an arts team and school in future years.

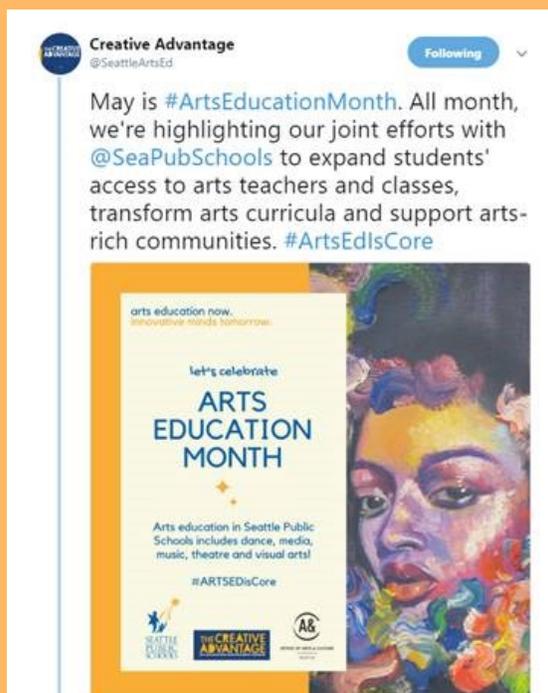
The Creative Advantage 2017 Progress Report has been published! We will deliver paper copies to your mailboxes this month, and you can see the attached e-version [here](#) and now.

Highlights include:

- **Photos of students making art** from West Seattle Elementary, Denny Intl MS and Chief Sealth Intl HS.
- 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 student-learning 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
at Seattle Rep
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR K-12 TEACHERS

Bringing Theatre into the Classroom

July 9-13, 2018

Seattle Rep

[Learn more and register](#)



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.

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

- Free admission to our Open House and Educator Happy Hour on June 15th.
- 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.

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.

Here are some of the requirements:

- Must be a classroom teacher in a K-12 school within King County.
- Teachers must be available for full-cohort 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 pilot workshops in their classrooms, lasting about an hour, between 1-4 times a year.
- This is a 1-year commitment, for the

Interested? Here's how to become involved:

To apply, contact Natasha Ransom at natashar@mopop.org.

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

[The Creative Advantage Website & Toolkit](#) houses the school arts plans, tools for planning partnerships, guidelines for contracts and invoices and more.

[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.

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:

[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 and [Tina LaPadula](#) - Arts Education Project 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)*

[Kate Baker](#) - SPS Media Arts Skills Center Project Manager
