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New Paths in Professional Development

Sorting and sifting through online professional development resources can be cumbersome. Time spent "looking" versus learning may lead to a wonderful detour or a not so pleasant turn. This newsletter has resources that may offer some enriching paths. As you visit these sites consider their ability to engage you as a learner, as well as offer you solid, relevant information to build your skills as an arts educator. There are three characteristics that distinguish quality online professional development (PD) resources (Five Great Professional Development Sites, 2014). A quality PD website has:

- relevant content, based on research, and offers practical classroom application.
- engaging multimedia formatting to investigate the topic. (This may include timely interactive content, blogs, networking options, videos or additional articles.)
- a dynamic community of learners.

These characteristics are a few to consider in your choice of a PD learning tool. For more details about professional online tools, read the article within the Wisconsin Art Educators Association blog posting, [A New Age of Professional Development](#).



In addition, check pages 2 and 3 of this issue for networking options and online arts educator links.

As always, please share your ideas to help us foster arts excellence across this incredible state. Consider submitting news or instructional ideas to the sites listed below.

- [Kudos](#) - Celebration news
- [From the Field](#) - Instruction ideas
- [Creative Classrooms](#)

Thank you for the work you are doing in arts education. -Julie



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"Kudos"



Congratulations to [Vocal Point](#) of Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School from Galesville for their performance at the State of Education event in September. The group is under the direction of Director, Ryan Stuempges. The group has been invited to perform in New York's Carnegie Hall this spring. [Video](#), [Press Release](#), [facebook page](#), [Video](#)

Congratulations to Dylan Rogers of Deerfield High School for his musical performance at the State of Education Event in September. His teacher is Director, Ryan Peterson. A special thank you to Tim Wurgler of the [Wisconsin School Music Association](#) for coordinating the drum cadence.



Congratulations to the high school bands invited to participate within the annual "Band Day" at Camp Randall in Madison, WI. Over 3000 musicians performed. Band Day has been in place since 1935, showcasing 15+ high school bands each year. The collective group performs in the stands of Camp Randall with the UW Madison Badger Band during the half time show. Click "[Band Day](#)" to learn more about this annual event, sponsored by UW Madison Badger Band. [2014 Participating Bands](#).

Gary Smith, UW Badger Band Photographer



Additional education sites:
[Annenberg Learner](#)
[ArtsEdge: Multimedia](#)
[Art of Education \(AOE\)](#)
[BadgerLink](#)
[BBC Learning Zone](#)
[Education Closet](#)
[From the Top](#)
[MAM Teacher Resources](#)
[PBS Arts](#)
[Teaching Channel](#)
[Teaching Today](#)
[Watch Know Learn](#)
[Wisconsin Biographies](#)
[Wisconsin Media Lab](#)

Just in Time – Professional Development



[Wisconsin Music Educators](#) Google Community - Sign into your Gmail account and sign up for this community to connect with other music educators from Wisconsin.



[Educational Technology and Mobile Learning](#) - This site shares the Top 18 Educational Social Websites for Teachers.



[Wisconsin Art Educators](#) Google Community - Sign into your Gmail account and sign up for this community to connect with other art educators from Wisconsin.



[Wisconsin Theatre Educators](#) Google Community - Sign into your Gmail account and sign up for this community to connect with other theatre educators in Wisconsin.

Creativity Education

What creative practices have you been using within your classroom to support student learning? Share by submitting ideas within the online site - [Creative Classrooms](#) for future issue consideration. Check the resources below to learn more about creativity in education.

- [DPI Creativity Education](#) website
- [National Creativity Network \(NCN\)](#)
- [WIFACE](#) diigo site



Arts Standards

The National Coalition for Core Arts Standards and the State Education Agency Directors of Arts Education have released the [National Core Arts Standards](#). In your work to identify what students should know and be able to do, check this set of standards out at [nationalartsstandards.org](#). Wisconsin has not adopted these standards at this time, however please review these resources. The current Wisconsin Academic Learning Standards for the fine arts can be found online at: [Art and Design Education](#), [Dance Education](#), [Music Education](#), [Theatre Education](#); Standards posters: [Art and Design](#), [Dance](#), [Music](#), [Theatre](#).

Disciplinary Literacy Arts Sessions



The [Tip Sheet](#) provides [DL Arts Examples](#)

- DL Arts Session**
- [CESA 5 11/12/14 AM](#)
 - [CESA 5 11/12/14 PM](#)

Additional professional development options, including an online [Fine Arts Professional Development](#) site are available. Please contact [Julie Palkowski](#) if your district is interested in discussing options.

Visit past newsletter issues [2012-13 #7 & #8](#) to learn more about DL and "Informational Text."

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SLOs in the Arts

Resources and online materials:

- [Student Learning Objectives in the Arts PD site](#)
- Provides all session materials and extension activities for learning.
- Fine Arts and Creativity newsletter issues - [2013 Issue #3](#), [Issue #4](#)
- [SLO in the Arts - Tip Sheet](#)
- [SLO Toolkit](#)
- [Wisconsin DPI SLO Site](#)
- [Updated Template \(Version 7\)](#)
- [Template and Critical Friends Document](#)
- Wisconsin arts SLO examples and rubrics for:
 - [Art](#)
 - [Choir](#)
 - [Dance](#)
 - [Instrumental Music](#)
 - [General Music](#)
 - [Theatre](#)
- [Disciplinary Literacy SLO Rubric](#)





Here are tips and lesson ideas from Wisconsin Arts Teachers. Feel free to email each person if you have additional questions about the ideas. If you would like to share a strategy for future newsletters, please go online and complete the "From the Field" idea form.



From the Field



Title - Reflecting on the Creative Process

Shared by – Jody Brzezinski of St. Thomas Moore High School in St. Francis

Description – Students write reflections in their sketchbook. A handout is provided to guide them, allowing each student to think more deeply about their work in the creative process. The class discusses the opportunities mistakes offer us and how we as artists reflect and make changes to the work through these mistakes. Fix is no longer a word used in the art room because students are encouraged to think about why they initially created something, whether or not it was right, wrong, convincing, working, not working, or if there is a need to change the piece. See the handout and examples from student reflections.



Highlights



Hillcrest ES music class
KG moving/playing to the beat



Olga Brenner Intermediate School
music class using historical connections and technology



Shawano HS art class
observational skills



Hillcrest ES art class
bubble letter outlining



Olga Brenner Intermediate
art class contour drawings

Virtual Office Visits

Participate within an online office visit. Ask questions, listen, and share with Julie Palkowski and other fine arts colleagues. You can stay for the entire time or just a few minutes. The first visit is Monday, Oct. 13, 2014 from 2:30pm - 4pm. Scan the QR code or go to the Today's Meet site - WIFineArtsEducators.com. [Tutorial](#)



Arts Organization News



Music Listening Project - focused on listening activities with different musical styles, forms, and timbres for students in grades 4-6.



Wisconsin Arts Board news



Alliance for Wisconsin Theatre

WAEA, Visual Arts Classic,



Youth Art Month



The Wisconsin Dance Council—Highlights and education news

Wisconsin School Music Association ; classroom honors activities



Music Education News & Information - NAFME



Visioneers Design Challenge

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[WIFACE](#) - arts education diigo links



State Superintendent News



Events

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction updates are provided online. Highlights recently posted include:

[DPI Site](#) - latest news and links

[Agenda 2017: Every Child a Graduate, College and Career Ready](#)

[DPI ConnectEd](#) - arts articles

- [Music and Art News](#) (March 2014)
- [Student Contests - Art, Photography,...](#)(February 2014)
- For [past fine arts education related postings](#), click the link.

- [WI DPI Fine Arts Professional Development Calendar](#)
- [WIFineArtsEducators](#)—Virtual office visit, Oct. 13, 2014 2:30-4pm.
- Scholastic Art Awards - Wisconsin. Email Coordinator [Helena Ehlke](#) of the Milwaukee Art Museum for entry information. Deadline - December 9, 2014.
- [Steamworks](#) - UW—La Crosse, October 18, 2014
- [VSA Wisconsin Events](#)
- [WCME Center Events](#)
- [Woodson Art Museum Teacher Resource Guide](#) , Wausau
- [Youth Art Month Regional Events](#)

NEW Fine Arts Professional Development

Visit the Fine Arts PD site for articles, resources, and videos focused on Fine Arts Education topics. Please share your suggestions for the site. Contact [Julie Palkowski](#) for additional options.

DPI Fine Arts Sites

- [Fine Arts and Creativity Education](#)
- [Fine Arts Pedagogy; Teacher Licensure](#) - fine arts
- Wisconsin Academic Standards posters:
 - [Art and Design](#)
 - [Music](#)
 - [Dance](#)
 - [Theatre](#)

Statewide Conferences 2014

Contact [Julie Palkowski](#) with news for future newsletters. The conferences mentioned below are statewide professional development events focused on arts education. Please consider these opportunities to build your skills, knowledge, and networks. Here is a [letter](#) to share with your school administration, advocating for these opportunities for staff.

- [Alliance for Wisconsin Theatre Education](#) – Madison, September 26, 2014
- [Wisconsin School Music Conference](#) – Madison, October 29- November 1, 2014
- [Wisconsin Art Education Association Conference](#) – Milwaukee, October 23-25, 2014 ; [WAEA](#) letter

Past Newsletter Issues