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Sharing Arts News

This March we formally celebrate music and art in our schools. It is a time to take stock of the wonderful arts education opportunities we offer to our students, but also time to “brag” a little bit about the awesome and talented young people we support. We have a lot to be thankful for in our state, a comprehensive focus on education, work to support student access to valuable learning, and a continued focus on building artistic skills and knowledge for both students and educators. We can always improve our work in the arts to support and deepen student learning. I am thrilled that our educators, the communities, and students continue to push and redefine the opportunities for learning.



Please share what is happening in your school communities through the links below.

- [Kudos](#)- news of honors, events, and awards
- [From the Field](#)- classroom strategies
- [Creative Classrooms](#) – Innovative strategies and/or resource use in teaching

Also consider being a member of the WI DPI Fine Arts [Google Communities](#) specifically designed for and by arts educators. This is a place where you can share about your arts classroom, projects, tools and strategies for learning, as well as celebration news with other educators in your content area.

As always keep forwarding feedback to help me serve you in your role as arts educator and the WI Arts Education field better. I appreciate your thoughts and enjoy those opportunities where we can connect whether it is through a

face-to-face professional development session, by phone, email, or through an online network. Keep sharing the news.

Thank you for your work in arts education.

-Julie



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“Kudos”

Congratulations to the 2015 Wisconsin Art Education Association awardees honored at the Fall Conference. The online slideshow highlighting the awards event is available online at [-http://www.wiarted.org/awards.html](http://www.wiarted.org/awards.html).

To nominate a colleague for an 2016 Award, use the nomination materials available online at <http://www.wiarted.org/awards.html>. The due date for nominations is April 8, 2016. Award categories described online include: Distinguished Service Award, Concerned Citizen for the Arts, James A. Schwalbach Award, President’s Award, Outstanding Art Education Student Award, Outstanding Beginning Art Teacher Award, Outstanding Art Educator - Division Awards, and Wisconsin Art Educator of the Year Award.





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



Boys Dance Class - Teaching Channel, Grades 9-12 (14+ minute video)



Animals Sounds, Learning About Pitch - Teaching Channel, Grades K-5 (13+ minute video)



Building Language Skills by Talking about Art - Teaching Channel, Grades 3-5 (6 minute video)



Learning Language through Drama - Teaching Channel, Grades 9-12 (11 minute video)

SLOs in the Arts

Resources and online materials:

- Student Learning Objectives in the Arts PD site
- Newsletters- 2013 Issue #3, Issue #4
- SLO in the Arts - Tip Sheet
- SLO Toolkit
- Updated Template (Version 7);
- Arts SLO examples, rubrics:
 - Art
 - Choir
 - Theatre
- Disciplinary Literacy SLO Rubric Examples



- Dance
- Instrumental Music
- General Music



Arts Standards

The National Coalition for Core Arts Standards (NCCAS) and SEADAE launched the standards in June 2014.

Wisconsin has not adopted these standards at this time. However, please review the standards in the areas of art, dance, media arts, music, and theatre, visit <http://www.nationalartsstandards.org/>. The current Wisconsin Academic Learning Standards are online at: Art and Design Education, Dance Education, Music Education, Theatre Education. **Districts are free to consider the new standards in their work if they choose.**



Disciplinary Literacy - Arts

Click on the boxes below to learn more about DL tools in the Arts.



Disciplinary Literacy is comprised of six tools to investigate each content area. Check the videos showcasing each tool with classroom ideas. For additional information click on the Tip Sheet, DL Arts Rubrics, and newsletter issues 2012-13 #7 & #8. Each month a DL tool will be highlighted with strategies for the arts classroom.

Listening in the arts involves listening for sound elements, emotional intent, and vocabulary to name a few aspects.

How do students show they are listening and learning?

- **Point to vocabulary for concepts.**
- **Mark music at drop points.**
- **Create a story to the sounds heard.**
- **Identify paintings of artists discussed.**
- **Stand/sit for elements heard.**



Celebrations for Music in Our Schools Month and Youth Art Month

Congratulations to the student artists who have their artwork on display during the Youth Art Month exhibit at the State Capitol in Madison. Students are recognized not only through the exhibition of their artwork at the Capitol, but several are honored with special awards given during the YAM Exhibit Closing Ceremony. The ceremony is March 11, 2016. Visit the [website](#) to see the students mentioned for these awards.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) selects two pieces each year from the Youth Art Month exhibit to highlight within the state agency building. Student work is selected, matted, framed, and exhibited at DPI near State Superintendent Tony Ever's office. Artwork is then returned to the student artists. A gallery of past award winning artwork is on permanent display within the 3rd, 4th, and 5th floors of the Wisconsin DPI in Madison, WI. These pieces are a constant reminder of the incredible talent, creativity, and persistence of our student artists, as well as the educators and families who support their skills and knowledge in art.

This year's DPI Award winners include:

Artist: Mai Chia Vue
 Title: Beauty of Happiness
 Medium: Tempera Paint
 School: Logan Middle School
 Grade: 8 City: La Crosse
 Teacher: Mai-chao Duddeck



Artist: Jenna Jonas
 Title: Self Portrait
 Medium: Colored Pencil and Marker
 School: Woodside Elementary School
 Grade: 4 City: Wisconsin Rapids
 Teacher: Connie Henke



Scholastic Awards - WAEA Awards

Congratulations to the students who have submitted their artwork for the [2016 Scholastic Art Awards: Wisconsin Exhibit](#). This show is at the Milwaukee Art Museum and available for viewing from January 30– March 13, 2016. Click [Sample Pieces of 2015 Exhibit](#) to see last year's artwork.



For more details and to consider participating in a future Scholastic event, please click http://mam.org/learn/details/teachers_scholastic.php. A pictorial of the 2016 exhibit is available at - [2016 Scholastic Art](#).

School Arts Highlights

In February, Merrill High School hosted an Art Show highlighting student artwork. Work from students has won numerous awards over the years. Art teacher, [Linda DeBroux](#) coordinates the show. Click on the [poster link](#) to see additional pieces exhibited at the show.



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 visit

is March 10, 2016, from 7-8am and 3-4pm. Scan the QR code or go to the Today's Meet site - [WIArtsEducators](https://todaymeet.com/WIArtsEducators).



Getting Connected

Consider joining the Google + Communities - Wisconsin Art Educators, Wisconsin Music Educators, and/or Wisconsin Theatre Educators. Set up a free [Gmail account](#), and then search within the [Google Communities](#).

As always, please share your ideas to help us foster arts excellence across Wisconsin.



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

Shakespeare in Wisconsin



The Year of Shakespeare in Wisconsin 2016 is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the impact and importance of William Shakespeare and his work with your students during the 400th anniversary of his death. Shakespeare's influence in all the artistic areas cannot be understated. Whether it is music, visual arts, dance, or drama - Shakespeare has left his indelible mark on what we do every day. There are many wonderful activities and ready-made lesson plans available for arts teachers who wish to bring a bit of the Bard to their classrooms. Contact Ron

Parker, Shakespeare in Wisconsin 2016 K-12 Education Coordinator, at parkerronaldc@ascd.k12.wi.us for more information, ideas or if you are interested in creating a special "shakespeare" for your district! [Details](#).

Fine Arts Staff Session Highlights

Here are a few pictures from teacher arts education sessions hosted in Antigo, Monona Grove, CESA 7 Area, and Wausau this winter. To host an arts session, please contact [Julie Palkowski](#) to schedule a spring or summer session.



Arts PD



Arts Resources and Online Communities



Disciplinary Literacy in the Arts



Assessment in the Arts



Arts Organization News



[Wisconsin Arts Board News](#)



[Arts Wisconsin](#)



[The Wisconsin Dance Council](#);

[Wisconsin School Music Association](#); [NAFME](#)



[Alliance for Wisconsin Theatre Educators](#)



[WAEA, Visual Arts Classic, Youth Art Month, Visioneers Design Challenge, MAS Project; NAEA](#)



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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

Past Newsletter Issues

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](#)

- [WI DPI Fine Arts Professional Development Calendar](#)
- [WI Arts Educators](#) - Virtual office visits:
Mar. 10, 2016, from 7:30am-8:30am and 3pm-4pm
Apr. 12, 2016, from 7am-8am and 11:30am-12:30pm
- [Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Arts](#) - 2016 College board Award that recognizes arts programming. Deadline April 18, 2016.
- [Holocaust through Art, using Echoes & Reflections](#) session - Eau Claire, Madison, and Wausau
- Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts - [Performance Calendar](#)
- [UW Stevens Point Dance Productions, Tickets, Details](#)
- [VSA Wisconsin Events](#)
- [WCME Center Events](#)
- [Woodson Art Museum Teacher Resource Guide, Wausau](#)



Call for Art

VSA Wisconsin celebrates the artistic achievements of children and adults with disabilities. They are issuing a statewide Call for Art to students with disabilities ages 5-21. A jury of art professionals will review the work. The submission deadline is February 15, 2016. Applications and more details are available on VSA Wisconsin's website at http://www.vsawis.org/exhibitions_sales/call_for_art/. All artists submitting to the Call for Art will have their work displayed in a public exhibition April 18 – May 7 at the VSA Wisconsin Gallery in Madison. A reception for the artists and general public will be May 7 from 2-4. p.m.