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Teacher Appreciation

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6, 2016. The WI Department of Public Instruction proclamation can be found [here](#). You will also find a video message from Superintendent Evers on the [department YouTube channel](#). To celebrate the week consider contributing to the #ThankATeacher hashtag to share any inspirational stories.

I have many wonderful memories of teachers who have guided me. Their influence in me from childhood to adult continue to shape me. I am blessed to visit with educators who inspire, inform, and engage our young people through the arts. Please remember, as Henry Adams shared, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." Whether you know it or not, you have provided the base of knowledge, skills, and opportunities for our young people in their educational and artistic journey.

Through your work you also foster connections with parents, school communities, and peers. Your work provides support for our learners in their PreK-12th grade education and beyond. Please know that I appreciate you and the incredible work you are doing to prepare our students for their life journey. Enjoy the videos on page 2 and especially the link for [Teacher Wellness](#). You spend a lot of time supporting the learners in your care. Please find time to refresh your spirit, creative skills, and energy. Thank you again for your work in the arts. Please continue to share your ideas to help me shape this and other resources for you by contributing to the [newsletter survey link](#).

-Julie



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Forward your ideas

"Kudos"



Congratulations to Trevor Tripp of Sparta for being honored as the VFW Teacher of the Year Post 2112 and at the district level.



Congratulations to the Oak Creek Marching Knights HS Band for performing this spring at Walt Disney World.



Saint Croix Falls High School was awarded a 2-day residency with the John Lennon Education tour bus sponsored by Yoko Ono and many technology companies throughout the nation for their video submission of why music is so great in Saint Croix Falls. This two-day residency in April included students producing an original music video, a nationally broadcast music forum featuring performing ensembles, music teachers from our school, communities members, city and school administrators, local and state politicians and Dr. Sheila Briggs, Assistant State Superintendent, Division for Academic Excellence from the Department of Public Instruction. A special thank you to the supporters of music education in our state and area for this event.



Congratulations to Sun Prairie and Beloit Memorial High School Jazz Ensembles. They are two of fifteen nationwide groups selected to perform at the [Essentially Ellington Competition](#) and festival in New York in May 2016. [Teacher Guides](#)



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Just in Time – Professional Development



- 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](#)



[Teachers, We Appreciate You](#) - 2 minute Video



[Thank a Teacher](#) - 2+ minute Video



[Teacher Wellness](#) - Articles with self-care tips for educators.

Creative Sparks in Music Education Award

[Melvin F. Pontious Creative Sparks in Music Education Award](#) - This award is sponsored by the [Wisconsin Music Educators Association](#). Consider nominating a teacher who fits the criteria described online and are innovative within their music program practices. Due date June 1, 2016.

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](#); [Wisconsin DPI SLO Site](#)
- [Updated Template \(Version 7\)](#)
- Arts SLO examples, rubrics:
 - ◇ [Art](#)
 - ◇ [Dance](#)
 - ◇ [Choir](#)
 - ◇ [Instrumental Music](#)
 - ◇ [Theatre](#)
 - ◇ [General Music](#)
- [Disciplinary Literacy SLO](#)



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](#).

Speaking in the arts offers the opportunity for students to share what they know and to ask questions. We can use speech to define, discuss, share, clarify, and ask questions. Here are some ways "artists" use speech.

Act as a docent. Verbalize a technique.

Call and Response work.

Memorize a script. Share with a partner.



Capitol Concerts—WSMA Showcase



Kenosha Lance MS Alternative String Ensemble



Fond du lac Sabish MS 6th Gr Band



Watertown 4-5th Gr. Show Choir



Green Bay East Chamber



Monona Winnequah ES Choir and Orchestra



WSMA State Solo & Ensemble Festivals

WSMA State Solo Ensemble festivals are hosted at ten WI university campuses with performances by more than 32,000 students in grades 6-12. These events are posted online at <http://wsmamusic.org/festivals/state/>. The WSMA festivals five primary goals include:

1. Improve students' music performance;
2. Increase students' understanding of music literature and music concepts;
3. Motivate students to continue their study of music;
4. Establish standards of excellence in music performance;
5. Provide opportunities for students to understand the relationship of music experiences to other life experiences.

Congratulations to the students, families, and teachers for their participation within the festival events.



Visual Arts Classic—WAEA

The VAC Competition was held at Edgewood College in April 2016. Students worked with professionals, along with the VAC coaches and art teachers. Students came up with both long-term and onsite projects for the events. Fifty- three school teams competed at the state competition level. Congratulations to the teams who participated and to the teachers and arts advocates who supported the event.



Visioneers

The Visioneers Design Challenge was hosted at UW-Milwaukee in April 2016. Seventeen schools and 325+ secondary students participated within the statewide event. Each student chose an art field which covered everyday design challenges, preparing a design product. During the day, students were provided with an onsite challenge to complete while working with art industry professionals from the field. Congratulations to the teams who participated and to the teachers and arts advocates who supported the event.



NAMM Best Communities for Music Education

Each year the NAMM Foundation conducts a survey of schools across the nation and identifies the Best Communities for Music Education. The listing for the [2016 Districts](#) that received this designation are listed online. Eighteen Wisconsin districts were selected based on the criteria from the NAMM Foundation. Four Wisconsin individual schools also earned the [2016 Support Music Merit Award](#) for providing students with access to comprehensive music education. Congratulations to the schools who received this recognition:

Best Communities for Music Education

- Cedarburg School District
- Chilton Public Schools District
- Delavan-Darien School District
- Greendale School District
- Hortonville Area School District
- Hudson School District
- Kenosha Unified School District
- Kettle Moraine School District
- Kimberly Area School District
- Platteville School District
- Pulaski Community School District
- Ripon Area School District
- Saint Croix Falls School District
- School District of Elmbrook
- School District of Fort Atkinson
- School District of Kohler
- United Community Center, Inc.
- Watertown Unified School District

Support Music Merit Award

- Ashland High School
- Central High School - Salem
- Jefferson High School
- Richland Center High School



Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Awards

The [Herb Kohl Educational Foundation](#) is celebrating 26 years of service. This year marks the first Kohl principal awards that recognize school leadership across the state. The foundation, guided through the staff and leadership of U.S. Senator Herb Kohl (retired), with help by a statewide committee led by the [WI Department of Public Instruction](#), selects scholars to receive monetary Teacher Fellowship awards. These individuals are recognized at a luncheon in April. The [2016 list of recipients](#) is available to see and highlights educators from various content areas. Please visit the link and congratulate your colleagues who have received this honor. They serve as instructional leaders for our state and continue to inspire our work with students. A special thank you to the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation for their recognition of our educators and to all of you for the incredible work you do everyday to inspire, support, and engage our students in valuable skills and knowledge.

Civic Music Awards - Milwaukee

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's music awards from the [Civic Music Association](#). The awardees and their area of recognition include:

- Benjamin Zabor, Rufus King International School, MPS - Music Teacher of the Year
- Ned Goede, Wisconsin Lutheran High School - Educational Administrator of the Year
- Karen Mary Lippert, St. John's Ev. Lutheran School, Lannon Wisconsin Lutheran Grade School - Instrumental Music
- Matthew Wanner, Muskego High School - Vocal Music
- Jessica Marks, Academy of Accelerated Learning, MPS - General Music
- Roberta Ricci, Voice Teacher - Studio Music
- Jeffrey Reeves, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa - Youth Music

The ceremony will take place on May 15, 2016, at the [Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts](#).



Congratulations to five Wisconsin art educators for being selected to participate in the 23rd Annual Power of Art Conference this past April in Washington D.C. Arcadia teachers Susanna Schlosstein (MS Art), Carol Janka (ES Art), and Jenna Putz (ELL), along with Mellen art teacher Danielle Penney-Edwards and Grafton art teacher Marcia Gorra-Patek were five of the 40 school leaders from throughout the U.S. who shared their successful approaches to teaching all students through arts-based curriculums that are transferable to all classrooms and learning styles. [Article](#); Pictured from left to right: Susie Schlosstien, Marcia Gorra-Patek, Jenna Putz, Carol Janka and Danielle Penney-Edwards

POWER OF ART

Les Paul Study Units - Resource Session



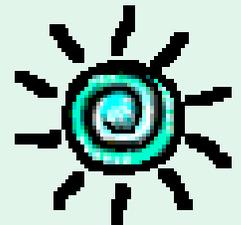
Les Paul, also known as the Wizard of Waukesha, was a musician, inventor, and sound pioneer. He is known for his work in multi-track recording, as well as various other music techniques that have contributed to the development of modern music as we know it today. He passed away at age 94 in 2009. The [Les Paul Foundation](#) has a website celebrating his life and accomplishments. In addition, there is a set of free online materials for educators to consider for their classrooms that investigate the life of Les Paul. The [Les Paul Study Units](#) were created by the WI DPI Fine Arts and Creativity department collaboratively with the Wisconsin School Music Association and the Les Paul Foundation. The study units investigate various aspects of Les' life and provide activities for students to engage in creating, listening, performing, writing, and reading activities. Please check the study units and [Les Paul Foundation](#) for more information.

This summer a session investigating the Les Paul study unit materials and a tour of Waukesha highlighting key points of Les Paul's life is scheduled for July 12, 2016, in Waukesha. To register, click on the link at the Wisconsin School Music Association - <http://wsmamusic.org/les-paul-the-wizard-of-waukesha-classroom-resources-field-trip/>.

Summer Camps – Arts

A listing of summer camps and workshops for students is shared below. Please visit the sites that interest you for details. If you have additional camps or events focused on arts summer student opportunities, please forward to [Julie Palkowski](#) for future newsletter consideration.

- [Lawrence University Camps](#) - Appleton
- [Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum](#) - Year round programming for youth and families - Wausau
- [Middleton Recreation Division](#)
- MMSD site - [Year Round and Summer listings](#) of arts activities
- [MSCR Arts and Enrichment Program](#) - [Summer guide](#)
- [My Summer Camps](#) - Wisconsin listings
- [Arts Camp: The Art of Nature Camps](#) - Sharon Lynne Wilson Arts Center, Brookfield
- [Shell Lake Arts Center Summer Programs](#) - Shell Lake
- [UW-Madison Summer Music Clinics](#) - Madison; [All UW Madison Arts Camps](#)
- [UW-Green Bay Summer Camps](#) - Green Bay
- [UW-Stevens Point Summer Camps](#) - Stevens Point
- [UW-Whitewater Music Camps](#) - Whitewater
- [Viterbo University Camps and Workshops](#) (Camp Creative) - La Crosse; [Email](#) for details
- [WISTA Orchestra Summer Camp](#), Camp Whitcomb– Hartland; [Registration Information](#)



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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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

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](#)
 - [Dance](#)
 - [Music](#)
 - [Theatre](#)

- [WI DPI Fine Arts Professional Development Calendar](#)
- [Encouraging Upper Elem. Boys/ Girls to Sing](#) session with Jim Heiks, June 15, 2016, CESA 7 Green Bay, [Registration](#)
- [Tommy Awards Ceremony](#), June 12, 2016, Madison
- UW- Madison, [Performing the Jewish Archive](#), May 1-5, 2016; [Details](#); [Isthmus Article](#)
- UW- Parkside, Educator Professional Development, Contact [Marti Sopher, Ph.D.](#)
- [UW-Stevens Point Dance Productions](#)
- Art Restoration [Registration](#), July 11-15, 2016, Madison
- [VSA Wisconsin Events](#)
- [WCME Center Events](#)
- Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture, [Changing Landscapes, Changing Lives](#), June 21-24, 2016, [Registration](#)

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](#)



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