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How did you spend your summer? I had the distinct pleasure of not only meeting with several educators throughout the summer for professional development sessions, but also found many active and engaging arts education displays across this incredible state. Here are a few examples that I came across.



July 4th Parades in Oak Creek and Franklin with bands from Oak Creek HS and Franklin HS, and Oregon's Shadow Armada.



Summerfest - Milwaukee High School of the Arts



Fine Arts Staff Sessions

Please feel free to share your adventures and the awesome arts education examples that you had witnessed this summer. Consider submitting news or instructional ideas to the sites listed below.

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



Door County Show Choir Camp—Sturgeon Bay



Memorial Day Parade—Burlington Karcher Middle School

4H County Fair—Janesville, Edgerton, Evansville Art Displays



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

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"Kudos"



Congratulations to the recipients of this year's Music Composition awards from the Wisconsin School Music Association. Student compositions are reviewed by a Wisconsin composer and receive a certificate. Congratulations to the student composers for their accomplishments. [2014 WSMA Student Composition Project Participant Listing](#)

Congratulations to the 2014 Tommy Award Recipients for their theatrical performance. The award is under the direction of the [Overture Center for the Arts](#) and includes high schools from across Wisconsin. [Participation guide; Newsletter; 2014 Awards](#)



Congratulations to the participants of the Launchpad music competition, a Wisconsin School Music Association opportunity for high school music students. Launchpad is celebrating it's 10th year and continues to offer high school students the opportunity to showcase their bands through this competition. The Gabe Burdulis Band took top honors this year. For a listing of results from this year and past years, click on the link - [Competition Results](#).



Submit news of honors, events, and special arts awards through the online link - "Kudos."



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](#)
[Wisconsin Biographies](#)
[Wisconsin Media Lab](#)

Just in Time – Professional Development



Moving Matters – Education closet article sharing about the natural connection between science and dance through particles in different states and how basic dance elements help students embody those movements.



Picture This – Education Closet article focused on the use of picture books and critical thinking questions about the elements of art.



Drama Adds Up to Literacy - Education Closet article highlighting authentic writing and speaking activities with students in drama.



Guided Active Listening– Education Closet article sharing strategies to listen to music repeatedly with deeper understandings of the elements of music.

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.

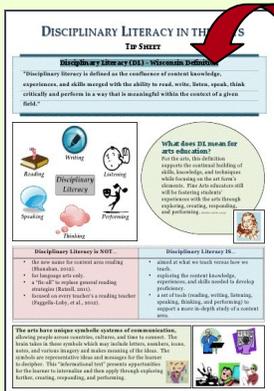
- [DPI Creativity Education](#) website
- [National Creativity Network \(NCN\)](#)
- [WIFACE](#) diigo site



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 Sessions

- [Osceola 8/28/14 AM](#)
- [CESA 8 9/17/14 AM](#)
- [DeForest Area 9/24/14 AM](#)
- [CESA 5 11/12/14 AM](#)

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.

DL Arts Resources

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

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SLOs in the Arts Resources



- [SLO in the Arts - Professional Development](#) site
- SLO WI Examples: [Art](#), [Choir](#), [Dance](#), [Instrumental Music](#), [General Music](#), and [Theatre](#).
- [Tip Sheet](#)

SLO Arts Intro. Sessions

- [Appleton 8/26/14 PM](#)
- [Wausau 8/27/14 PM](#)
- [Osceola 8/28/14 AM](#)

SLO Arts Writing

- [WCME Center 9/13/14](#)

Fine Arts Assessment

- [Wausau, 8/27/14 AM](#)
- [Osceola 8/28/14 AM](#)
- [CESA 8 9/17/14 AM](#)
- [DeForest Area 9/24/14](#)

Contact [Julie Palkowski](#) for additional options.

USING DL in your SLO

For fine arts educators considering a disciplinary literacy student learning objective for your work, check the [draft of rubrics](#) created. These offer some assessment ideas in the areas of: reading, writing, listening, thinking, speaking, and performing in the arts.



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 - Theme and Variations: Study, Exploration, Composition, and Performance in Middle School Band

Shared by - [Allison Jaeger](#) of Oregon Middle School

Description - This Theme and Variations Composition Unit at Oregon Middle School began with the concept in mind of enhancing curriculum within repertoire that is technically appropriate for middle school band. Learn more about this unit through the description and resources shared by Band Director, Allison Jaeger of Oregon Middle School. [Unit Description and Resources](#)



Title - WSD Mural

Shared by - [Susan DuPor](#) of Wisconsin School for the Deaf

Description - Students designed and painted the mural which highlights the hand shapes for "W" "S" "D," the school name. The activities surrounding the letters showcase the educational opportunities of the school.



Title - Playground Sessions software

Shared by - [Aggie Salter](#) and Laura Jackson from Montello School

Description - 5th grade students from Montello are learning to play the piano while piloting [Quincy Jones's Playground Sessions](#) software. Learn more about the use of this technology through the description shared by elementary music teacher, Aggie Salter of Montello. [Montello Playground sessions description](#)

Title - Fiber Arts Class

Shared by - [Mary Haakenson](#) of Beloit Memorial High School

Description - The "dream catcher" weaving pictured is representative of the Fiber Arts class at Beloit Memorial High School. Students learn basic fiber methods and incorporate them into a round weaving design. The Legend of the Native American Dream Catcher is also presented.



Inspiration

Check these sites for some ideas to lift and inspire you. Enjoy and welcome to a new school year.



[Just Play: "No More Excuses"](#)
PSA Campaign for NAMM Foundation (2013)



[Kid President's Pep Talk to Teachers and Students](#)

Do you have an instructional strategy, creative assessment method, or engaging classroom resources to share? **Submit ideas to:**



- [Kudos](#) - news of honors, events, and special arts awards
- [From the Field](#) - classroom strategy sharing
- [Creative Classrooms](#) - innovative strategies/resource

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)
- [Raps Reach Special Education Students](#) (October 2013)
- [Compassion Art and Writing in La Crosse](#) (October 2013)
- [Arts in Education Week](#) (September 2013)
- [Arts Planning Grant](#) (August 2013)
- [Painting on the Walls in Merrill](#) (July 2013)
- [Creative Expression in Bad River](#) (June 2013)
- [Art Achievements - Google, Saul Bell Design](#) (May 2013)
- [Doodle Art Finalist](#) (May 2013)
- [Jazz Inspires, Elevates – Especially in Wisconsin?](#) (April 2013)
- [Best Music Communities](#) (April 2013)
- [Learning Highlights](#) (March 2013)
- [Music and Art Highlighted in March](#) (February 2013)
- [Music Visits in Howard-Suamico](#)
- [Grant for Puppets in Merrill Music Class; Arts Summit](#)

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](#)

Additional Events

- Scholastic Art Awards - Wisconsin. Email Coordinator [Helena Ehlke](#) of the Milwaukee Art Museum for entry information. Deadline—December 9, 2014.
- [VSA Wisconsin Events](#)
- [WCME Center Events](#)
- [Youth Art Month Regional Events](#)

Statewide Conferences 2014

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

Past Newsletter Issues