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Learn from Your Peers @ District Collaboration

Each Fine Arts subject area has the opportunity monthly to collaborate district wide. The more details link below provides a listing of meetings for 2007-08.

You can enroll at mylearningplan.com for any of the activities listed here and earn professional development points. You only need to enroll once for the entire year, but you must enroll before the first meeting.

[More Details](#)

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Kate Kennedy—LHS Photo
Angelia Perkins—Teacher

WJHS Chorale Selected for ACDA

The WJHS Chorale is headed to Kansas City!

The group, under the direction of Craig McCauley, has been invited to perform at the Southwestern Division American Choral Directors Association Convention in Kansas City February 20—23. The group will perform at one of three locations: Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, the Folly Theater or the Municipal Music Hall.

Fine Arts Advocacy

We have never discovered a culture on this planet, past or present, that doesn't have art. Yet there have been a number of cultures - even today - that don't have reading and writing. Why is that? One possible explanation is that the activities represented by the arts - dance, music, drama, and visual arts - are basic to the human experience and necessary for survival.

- David Sousa in *How the Brain Learns*

Check out this space to learn about the latest on the benefits of a fine arts education. Hopefully you can use this information in your daily conversations about our curriculum.

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Grades K-3

The Ant and the Grasshopper (2nd Grade Only)

October 11 and 12

Lawrence Arts Center/Seem to Be Players

http://www.lawrenceartscenter.com/STB/pdf/Ant_Grasshopper.pdf

Rumplestiltskin: A Participation Play

February 4, 5, 7 and 8 at 1:00pm

February 14 and 15 at 9:45 am

KU/Inge Theater

Miss Nelson Nelson Has a Field Day

Monday, March 31

9:45am & 1:00pm

Lied Center

<http://www.lied.ku.edu/07-08/education/nelson.shtml>

Grades 4-6

Through the Looking Glass and What Alice Found There

September 17, 18, 20 and 21 at 1:00pm

September 27 and 28 at 9:45 am

KU/Inge Theater

Tomas and the Library Lady

October 5

9:45am & 1:00 pm

Lied Center

<http://www.lied.ku.edu/07-08/education/tomas.shtml>

Grades 7-12

Shakespeare's Julius Caesar

February 28

10:00am

Lied Center

<http://www.lied.ku.edu/07-08/education/caesar.shtml>



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Lysette DeBoard, Broken Arrow Elementary Music

You might recognize Lysette as she was a long-term substitute at Broken Arrow in 06-07. Lysette did her internship at Lawrence High School and was the vocal music director in Perry Kansas. She has also worked for the Lied Center.

Lindsay Taylor, Schwegler Elementary Music

Lindsay is another familiar face as she had student teaching and internship experiences at Southwest Junior High and Deerfield Elementary. She is a native of Salina, Kansas and has sung with the a cappella group *Genuine Imitation*.

Sondra Groene, Schwegler Elementary Art

Welcome back to Sondra Groene. Sondra formerly taught at Hillcrest and after her sabbatical has returned to take the position at Schwegler.

Amanda Peterson, CJHS, SWJH, Sunflower and Woodlawn Elementary Orchestra

Amanda has moved from part-time to full-time and will now be teaching at Central and Woodlawn. Amanda is originally from the Shawnee Mission area

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Source: Arts Education Partnership

- Longitudinal data of 25,000 students demonstrate that involvement in the arts is linked to higher academic performance, increased standardized test scores, more community service and lower dropout rates. These cognitive and developmental benefits are reaped by students regardless of their socioeconomic status.

Source: Dr. James S. Catterall, Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, UCLA

- Research conducted between 1987 to 1998 on young people working in the arts for at least three hours on three days of each week throughout at least one full year, demonstrated the following:

- 4 times more likely to have been recognized for academic achievement
- Being elected to class office within their schools more than 3 times as often
- 4 times more likely to participate in a math and science fair
- 3 times more likely to win an award for school attendance
- 4 times more likely to win an award for writing an essay or poem

Source: Dr. Shirley Brice Heath, Stanford University, for Carnegie Foundation for The Advancement of Teaching



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Instrumental Music

1st Thursday of the Month @ 3:30pm

ESDC—Multi-purpose Room

Dates:

September 6

October 4

November 1

December 6

January 10

February 7

March 6

April 3

May 1

Secondary Vocal Music

2nd Thursday of the Month @ 3:30pm

ESDC—Curriculum Conference Room

Dates:

September 13

October 11

November 8

December 13

January 17

February 14

March 13

April 10

May 8

Secondary Art

3rd Thursday of the Month @ 3:30pm

ESDC—Curriculum Conference Room

Dates:

September 20

October 18

November 15

December 20 (????)

January 24

February 21

Spring Break (No Mtg.)

April 17

Drama

4th Thursday of the Month @ 6:45am

Hays House Diner (Bob Billings and Kasold)

Dates:

September 27

October 25

Fall Break (No Mtg.)

Winter Break (No Mtg.)

January 31

February 28

March 27

April 24

"If I have seen further than others, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants"

Issac Newton

Elementary Music

1st Wednesday of the Month (except in December) @ 2:30pm

Meetings will begin at Deerfield. Future meeting locations will be announced

Meeting Dates: 9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 1/9, 2/6, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7

Elementary Art

1st Wednesday of the Month (except in December) @ 2:30pm

Date	School/Host	Minutes
9/5	Prairie Park/Darin Fischer	Marilyn King
10/3	Langston Hughes/B. Murphy	Linda Kelly
11/7	Sunflower/Maggie Bowman	Margaret Rose
1/9	Deerfield/Marilyn King	Brigid Murphy
2/6	Schwegler/Sondra Groene	Darin Fischer
3/5	Sunset/Marisa Hegeman	Maggie Bowman
4/2	Broken Arrow/Linda Kelly	Julia Rose Weston
5/7	Pinckney/Debra Nelson	Sondra Groene