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1. PRINCIPALS' MAGAZINE ON ARTS EDUCATION

The quarterly publication of the National Association of Elementary School Principals is all about arts ed this month. Read it for insight into the principals' perspective.

Articles include:

--Using Interdisciplinary Arts Education to Enhance Learning by Maureen Reilly Lorimer
Infusing visual and performing arts into the curriculum adds critical components to educating the whole child.

--Arts Education and the Whole Child by Hal Nelson
High-quality arts programs can contribute to the intellectual, physical, and emotional well-being of children.

--A School Revitalized Through the Arts by Roma Morris
Here's how to make the transition to an arts-integrated curriculum.

--Masterpieces in the Hallway by Philip Downs and Erin Patton-McFarren
Decorating school walls with great art can impact the entire curriculum.

http://www.naesp.org/Principal_Magazine.aspx

2. NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO HIRE ARTISTS TO WORK IN SCHOOLS

An alliance of arts leaders and policymakers in San Francisco convened in early December to launch a National Campaign to promote the use of federal job stimulus funds to employ artists to work in public schools and community centers. The concept has been presented to the Obama-Biden Transition Team and to Speaker Nancy Pelosi for consideration under the new Administration's prodigious Jobs and Growth stimulus package.

In the coming weeks, the National Campaign will be engaging artists and arts advocates in all 50 states in the elaboration of this proposal and building a broad-based constituency to promote its adoption by the new Administration and Congress.

<http://www.nchaws.org/>

3. ADVOCACY TOOLS & TIPS: GET READY FOR DUNCAN

A look at Arne Duncan's record as head of the Chicago Public Schools may indicate the direction of federal school reform as Duncan heads to Washington to serve as Secretary of Education.

Central to his reconfiguration of the Chicago schools have been his support for charter schools, an emphasis on teacher mentoring, performance-pay pilots in struggling schools, and his willingness to close and re-staff schools that have failed entirely.

What sets Duncan apart, education experts said, is his willingness to embrace a range of reforms and his ability to work with people who hold diverging, often conflicting views on how to fix schools.

<http://tinyurl.com/9jt84b>

4. NEWS

-WHO NEEDS AN ART TEACHER?

Chrissie White is a 15 year old, online art star, who is looking for a teacher that will actually help this time.

http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/visualart/392173_chrissiewhite15.html

-LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SUSPENDS MAJOR ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Amidst a spending freeze and a second \$400M shortfall, administrators told arts instructors with the Arts Community Partnership Network to cancel all work immediately and that payments might be delayed.

LA Times Article: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-laUSD29-2008dec29,0,3182395.story>

Petition to restore funding: <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/2/restore-funding-for-laUSDs-arts-partners>

-REQUESTING FEDERAL ARTS BAILOUT

President of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Michael Kaiser appeals to the feds for help.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/12/28/AR2008122801274.html>

-HOW OBAMA SHOULD EMULATE NIXON

A Times journalist urges President-elect Obama to take a cue from President Richard Nixon's commission on school funding, whose report led Nixon's domestic policy staff to consider a national tax that distributed monies that reduced state and local property taxes while closing the financing gaps among school districts.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/28/opinion/28miller.html>

-ARIZONA ARTS HAS NEW TEACHING ARTIST ROSTER

The new directory includes work samples and video, detailed biographies, sample curricula, and a log in function to build a list of favorites.

<http://roster.azarts.gov/>

-HOW POVERTY AFFECTS THE BRAIN

The study examined the brains of low-income and high-income 9 and 10 year-olds, and found that the brains of the low-income children showed damage equivalent to a stroke victim.

http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2008-12-07-childrens-brains_N.htm

5. FUNDING

-BOOST YOUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Between Jan 21 at 8 a.m. PDT and ending January 22 at 5 p.m. PDT discounted GrantStation Memberships will be available to eligible nonprofits for only \$99. A GrantStation membership provides access to a comprehensive set of grant research tools that link nonprofits to current sources of grant money.

<http://www.techsoup.org/stock/promo/>

-INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM PARTNERSHIPS

Museums and Community Collaborations Abroad strengthen international connections through innovative, museum-based exchanges between U.S. and international museums. Deadline: Jan 30.

<http://www.aam-us.org/mcca/>

-MUSIC EDUCATION

The Mockingbird Foundation offers grants to schools and nonprofits that focus on music education with an emphasis on geographic diversity and self-esteem. Deadline: Feb 1.

<http://www.mockingbirdfoundation.org/>

-SUMMER INSTITUTES IN THE HUMANITIES

This program supports national faculty development programs in the humanities for K-12 and higher education teachers.

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=44509>

-NATIONAL MENTORING PROGRAMS

This program supports the enhancement of initiatives that will provide mentoring services to high-risk populations that are underserved.

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=44539>

6. OPPORTUNITIES: GET INVOLVED, CONFERENCES, JOBS & AWARDS

GET INVOLVED:

-CALL FOR PAPERS: INTERNATIONAL PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATION

Performing Arts Training Today is accepting presentation proposals for its conference, which will be held on April 21-24, 2009 in Bovec, Slovenia.

<http://www.iugte.com/projects/conf.reg.php>

CONFERENCES:

-YOUTH MENTORING

10th Anniversary Mentoring Conference, "The First Decade of Innovation and Excellence." San Francisco, CA on January 29-30, 2009.

<http://www.friendsforyouth.org/MI-Conference.html>

-COMMUNITY-MILITARY PARTNERSHIPS

The Association of Defense Communities' Winter Forum will be held in San Antonio, TX on February 9-11, 2009.

<http://www.defensecommunities.org/WinterForum/index.html>

JOBS:

Full Americans for the Arts Job Listings are online.

Post, search, apply. Hundreds of jobs; Thousands of applicants.

<http://jobbank.artsusa.org/>

AWARDS:

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7. QUOTE OF THE WEEK!

I read with interest the president-elect's appointment of Arne Duncan as Secretary of Education. Mr. Duncan may in fact be the right man for the job, but if the president-elect and his new secretary really wish to fix public education, they need only push through one change: It is hereby illegal for any member of Congress to send his or her children to any nonpublic elementary, junior or senior high school. What do you think? My guess is the whole system would be fixed over the weekend.

-John. M. Ogle, "When the Sauce is Only for the Goose" letter to The Wall Street Journal. (12/19/2008)

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122973328780723203.html>

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