

Elementary Art, Music, PE Teachers and Library Media Specialists Experience Arts Partners Carnival of Learning



On November 1, 2, and 3, a total of 181 elementary specials teachers participated in three-hour Arts Partners workshops. The workshops were led by Arts Partners teaching artists Pamela Lamont (visual art), Judy Nichols (storytelling and puppetry), Matt Maholland (percussion), and Joyce Gedraitis (folkdance). While PE and music teachers attended Brazilian samba school with Matt and participated in Latin American and Caribbean folk dancing with Joyce, art teachers and library media specialists enjoyed an interactive workshop focusing on storytelling with a Brazilian emphasis, puppetry, and mask making.

The workshops were organized by the specials curriculum specialists (Peggy Furan, visual arts teaching specialist; Don Gray, vocal music teaching specialist; Janet Fowler and Sheri Roberts, library-media specialists; and Karla Stenzel and Rhonda Holt, physical education teaching specialists), with the idea that the teachers could then, if they wished, implement thematic units at their schools.

Quotation of the Month

"Life is not a support system for art. It's the other way around."

Stephen King, writer

Web Site of the Month: ARTSEGE

<http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/>

"ARTSEGE empowers educators to teach in, through, and about the arts by providing the tools to develop interdisciplinary curricula that fully integrate the arts with other academic subjects."



Children's Book of the Month

Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert

(Harcourt, Inc. 2005. ISBN: 0-15-205304-2)

This is a good picture book for fall, with its colorful collages of fall leaves, which artist Lois Ehlert uses to illustrate her story of the windblown journey of a "leaf man" made out of scattered leaves.



Book of the Month

Creating Meaning Through Literature and the Arts:

An Integration Resource for Classroom Teachers by Claudia Cornett

(Merrill Prentice-Hall, Inc., 2003, 2nd edition. ISBN: 0-13-097777-2)

According to the author, educator Claudia Cornett, the goal of this book "is to help pre-service education majors and practicing teachers meaningfully integrate literature, art, drama, dance, and music throughout the curriculum by providing a basic knowledge of the arts, clear reasons for integration, and specific how-to arts integration principles."

Additions to the 2005-2006 Arts Partners Program and Community Resources Directory

Musician Thad Beach Presents Kansas Day ... EVERYDAY!

Sing the story of "The 34th Star" and the Kansas State Seal. Solve State Symbol riddles and sing about Famous Kansas Athletes, Astronauts, Authors and Aviators. Gather around the campfire for stories and songs about the Oregon, Chisolm, Santa Fe and Smoky Hill Trails! Performed with guitar, banjo-uke, harmonica, jaw harp, Plains Indian Flute, limberjack and Thad's "Band in a Bucket". Kansas Day ...EVERYDAY! For Grades K-6.

Storyteller Tasleem Muqtasid Presents An Introduction to Kwanzaa Workshop

This is a 40-minute interactive workshop on Kwanzaa, an African American holiday that celebrates African and African American culture. Taleem will introduce students to the holiday through storytelling, the symbols of Kwanzaa, and discussion. For Grades 3-5, 6-8.

Now Also Available for Middle School Tasleem Muqtasid Presents A Story of Black Inventions Workshop

This 40-minute interactive story presentation teaches and/or reinforces students' knowledge of inventions by African Americans. Tasleem will continue to present the workshop for grades 3-5 and begin presenting it for grades 6-8.

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