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A BIG Welcome Back!

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Dates to Remember

- August 16-20—Pre-Planning Days
- August 18—Subject Area Meeting (points)
- August 23—First Day for Students
- September 6—Labor Day
- September 8, 22—Early Dismissal Days
- September 22—"Empty Bowls" workshop Part 1 2:30-5:30 Art Lab (points)

What? Summer is over ALREADY?? Unfortunately, yes. But hopefully you each had time to do great things. I trust you also placed on your summer agenda time to reflect on last year and how you will make this year even better.

I am anxious to start the year off on the positive with a great **Subject Area Meeting at the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens**. The meeting will be from 8:00 to 3:00. Continental Breakfast will be provided by the **Duval Art Teachers Association**. We have several presenters lined up and it will be necessary to sign up for the workshops. I encourage as many middle and high school art teachers to attend the session on **Investigative Journals**. This is a great approach to getting students to think for themselves. **Ed Leary** with Sax/School Specialty, will provide a workshop called "**Jewelry**

Explorations" and can be adapted to any level. I have also asked Ed to look into providing us a one day workshop on glass jewelry in the very near future. The Art Lab already has most of the components to making this a possibility. **James Perry** will be our keynote speaker at the **General Session**. James is our voice in Tallahassee and keeps us abreast of Legislative actions. I think you will enjoy hearing from him. The Cummer Staff will also offer a brief tour at noon and the **Visual Education Center** will be available to teachers who sign up to check out materials during two time blocks. I am sure **Fran Phelps** will be available at most any time of the day to help you though. **Lutheran Social Services** will once again provide county art teachers with clay and glazes for the annual "**Empty Bowls**" **Luncheon**. The truck will be

pulled up and ready for you to drive by, pick up your materials, and head home just prior to the end of the day's meeting.

The Division meetings will be one hour in length and will take place after the General Session. It is important that you attend your session. There are some very exciting things being planned at the high school level. DATA high school division representative **Steve Arflin** and Higher Ed division rep **Ginger Sheridan** have been working hard on a project I believe you will want to hear about. Other divisions will have much to discuss as they look forward to a year primed for excellent results! See you there.

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Lunch at the Cummer—

For those of you who would rather not leave the building, the Cummer Café will offer boxed lunches for a nominal price. Teachers may choose from **Option 1**: Grilled Chicken served over tossed

baby lettuces with mandarin oranges, fresh berries, gorgonzola cheese, spiced pecans w. house balsamic vinaigrette dressing, fresh bread. **Option 2**: Turkey Pancetta and fresh brie Panini, pasta salad. Both

options come with beverage and freshly baked cookies. Boxed lunches are \$9.95.

Orders must be taken ahead of time. Please contact the Art Office to place your order by 3:00 Monday, August 16, 2010.



RtI—What Is That All About?

Some of you may already be familiar with this. For those of you who are not, RtI stands for “**Response to Intervention**”. This is a state-wide effort to promote school-wide practices that ensure the highest possible student achievement in both academic and behavioral pursuits within the RtI frame-

work. The model is a multi-tiered approach to providing high quality instruction and intervention matched to student needs, using learning rate over time and level of performance to inform instructional decisions. RtI involves the systemic use of assessment data to most efficiently allocate

resources in order to improve learning for all students.

I am sure your principals will be telling you more about this. All education personnel within the school will have a part in making this successful.

Next Generation Sunshine State Standards

This has popped up in conversations here and about. The Fine Arts (Dance, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts) are in the process of creating new standards and benchmarks for the state of Florida. Arts Educators from around the state have been

busily working on this, including our own **Jennifer Snead** and **Patricia Beach**. Very soon, you should all have the ability to look at these standards on line and make comments. The final product will be approved (or not) in October.

Implementation of the standards will not go into effect until school year 2014-2015.

Once the standards have been finished, work will begin on the revamping of Course Descriptions.

Curriculum Guide and Handbook—

Curriculum Guide and Handbook for the DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL ART TEACHER

Visual Arts Department
Division of the Department of Fine Arts

This summer, **Glendia Cooper** and **Jack Matthews** worked to revamp the Teacher Handbook. What? You didn't know there was one?? The Handbook has been online for the last 3 years but was in dire need of a face lift. Additionally, it was noted that very little information was available regarding Scope and

Sequence, Performance Objectives related to Course Descriptions, General Information regarding Classroom Management, what materials should be present in a general art classroom, which artists should be studied at which level of education, art vocabulary specific to grades 2 and 5, and teaching to the

special needs child. Resource information and kiln maintenance have been streamlined. What began as a booklet of 20+ pages is now a document consisting of 113 pages. It has been reformatted as a pdf and will be on line for all educators to download.

Cultural Council Art Enrichment Grants—provide financial support to Duval County public schools for special arts education experiences for students and teachers of all disciplines. The number of grants available is variable dependent upon funding. To download the application and additional information, go to <http://culturalcouncil.org/educators/grants> Submission Deadline: October 7, 2010.

HAVE YOU JOINED YET?

Make it a point this year to not only become a member of the Duval Art Teachers Association, but the Florida Art Education Association, the National Art Education Association, the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, the Museum of Contemporary Art-Jacksonville, and the Ritz Museum. Your support is the lifeblood of these educational organizations and institutions.

Florida Art Education Association Conference—

Teachers are encouraged to attend the annual professional development conference for their curricular area. Art is no different. In order to become more proficient, aware and in tune to a variety of techniques and lesson plans as well as educational developments throughout the state of Florida, one should make every effort to attend conference.

This year's conference will once again take place in Orlando at the Florida Mall and Conference Center on **October 14-16**. This year's conference theme is "Everything Old is New Again". Well over 100

workshops will be offered and two General Sessions will be held with guest artists/art educators from the state as keynote speakers. Registration is now available on line by going to www.faea.org

How can you afford to go? Check first with your school and any professional development money that might be available. Check with other art educators to see if they are attending and would like to split the costs (transportation and hotel). Although it is nice to be right in the middle of the action, the price of the Florida Hotel is \$149/night. You will

get much cheaper rates at a one of the hotels just minutes away especially if you are good at price surfing!

Before registering, you will either need to renew or become a member of FAEA. The cost of membership is still very reasonable.

While attending conference, you may earn up to 6 professional points per day! You must first get with your PDF person at your school and obtain an Independent Study request form. This MUST be submitted AND approved prior to attending conference.

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Duval Art Teachers Association—

The Duval Art Teachers Association newsletter will be up and running in the next month. In the meantime, please be aware that it is important that each art teacher become a member of the Association. **Membership dues are \$18 during the August Subject Area Meeting.** DATA has been able to provide workshops either free or at reduced costs to members for several years. The Association also provides funding for summer workshops, classes, and

coursework through the Leslie Beddard Scholarships and recognizes an outstanding administrator through the DATA Principal of the Year Award.

DATA's ability to provide these things is generated through the annual Flamingo Fete and Painterly Palette Raffle. DATA needs you to step up to the plate to either help create works to be auctioned at the Fete or donate a quality piece of artwork.

Additionally, DATA needs you to help sell raffle tickets during the year.

Lastly, DATA NEEDS you to help support the Association through your attendance at various art functions and exhibitions as well as your willingness to share your talents and knowledge via Planning Day workshops and Saturday events.

DATA is only as strong as its members and exists for YOUR benefit.



Duval Art Teachers Association to Honor Principal of the Year—

The 9th principal to be selected as DATA's "Principal of the Year" is **Sheridan Brown**. Ms. Brown is the administrator at **Enterprise Learning Academy** and has been a past principal at such schools as Oak Hill and Central Riverside Elementary Schools. Her philosophy regarding education and the arts for students is summarized in the following statement:

"When I majored in education I entered a world where I could help bring the arts to children, whether by literature, visual arts, music, dance, or drama. My philosophy of education rests in the belief that children are gifts to each generation of citizenry. Today it is recognized that to be truly well educated one must not only learn to appreciate the arts, but must have rich opportunities to actively participate in creative work. Learning through the arts often results in greater academic achievement and higher test scores. We must all contribute to the celebration of citizenry that attaches importance to and treasures the arts". Ms. Brown and art teacher **Ina DeGram** will be recognized at the September School Board meeting to be held on the 7th of the month. At that time Ms. Brown will receive her award.

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“A teacher affects eternity; he can
never tell where his influence stops”.

- Henry Brooks Adams

“Learning is a treasure that will follow
its owner everywhere”.

- Chinese Proverb

UPCOMING EVENTS TO BE AWARE OF—

Much will be happening this first half of the school year. Here is a run down of the various events which will afford both you and your students the opportunity to participate:

- **“Empty Bowls” Project**—Clay and glazes will be distributed to teachers during the Subject Area Meeting at the Cummer. Finished bowls will need to be delivered to the Lutheran Social Services office by October 29th.
- **“Empty Bowls” Workshops for Teachers**—Two workshops will be offered on Early Dismissal Days (September 22 and October 6) at the Art Lab from 2:30—5:30. Teachers will create bowls during the first session and glaze during the second. Professional Development points will be given if attending both sessions.
- **September Book of the Month/Quilt Project**—This annual project will be based on the book *Sophia's Masterpiece* by Eileen Spinelli. Quilt information will be sent to teachers regarding guidelines. Quilts are to be turned in to the art lab October 20th (Early Dismissal Day) up until 5:00.
- **Flamingo Fete Workshop**—It's fun to work together believe it or not! A Saturday to be announced soon will provide teachers the opportunity to paint and decorate wooden items for the auction. Teachers with art work they wish to donate will be accepted on this date as well.
- **FAEA Members Digital Exhibition**—Due to the success of the Student Digital Exhibition, FAEA will provide members the opportunity to submit their artwork digitally as part of an exhibition at this year's conference.



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16 - 20 Pre-Planning

18 - Subject Area Meeting/Cummer Museum 8:00-3:00 (6 pts)

23 - First day for students

6 - Labor Day-schools/admin office closed

8 - Early Dismissal

22 - Early Dismissal/"Empty Bowls" Pt I Lab 2:30 - 5:30 (3 pts)

6 - Early Dismissal/"Empty Bowls" Pt II Lab 2:30 - 5:30 (3 pts)

14-16 - FAEA Conference Orlando

20 - Early Dismissal/Quilt Projects Due at Art Lab 2:00 - 5:00

25 - Planning Day Cummer Museum 8:00-3:00 (6 pts)

3 - Early Dismissal

11 - Veteran's Day - Schools/Admin Offices closed

12 - Weather Day

17 - Early Dismissal

20 - Flamingo Fete

24 - Weather Day

25-26 Thanksgiving Holidays

8 - Early Dismissal

20-22 - Weather Days

23 - Winter Break Begins

1 - New Year's Day

3 - School Resumes

12 - Early Dismissal

17 - Martin Luther King Day

21 - Planning Day Cummer Museum 8-3:00 (6 pts)

Mini-Conference

26 - Early Dismissal

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- 1,2 - Senior High/DATA work due to Art Lab 8:00-5:00
- 16 - Early Dismissal
- 21 - Presidents' Day - Schools Closed
- 26 - Senior Frame Day Art Lab 9-4 (6 pts)

- 2 - Early Dismissal
- 3 - Senior Show work transported to FSCJ/South Campus
- 10 - Senior/DATA Shows reception Wilson Gallery 5:00-8:00
- 15,16 - Middle School work due to Art Lab 3:00-6:00
- 23 - Early Dismissal Day/Matting Mania Art Lab 2:00-6:00
- 24 - Senior/DATA Shows close
- 25 - Planning Day/Elementary Library Show Installations**
- 28 - Spring Break Begins

- 4 - School Resumes
- 6 - Early Dismissal
- 14 - Middle School Show reception FSCJ/Kent Campus 6:00-8:00
- 15 - Leslie Beddard Scholarship Applications due
- 20 - Early Dismissal
- 22 - Good Friday/Schools, Admin. Offices Closed
- 25 - Schools Closed
- 28 - Middle School Show ends

- 4 - Early Dismissal
- 5 - "Best of Elementary" reception FSCJ/Kent Campus 6:00-8:00
- 13 - DATA Principal of the Year packets due
- 19 - "Best of Elementary" Show closes
- 24,25 - All student artwork to be picked up Art Lab 3:00-5:00*
- 27 - Schools Closed
- 30 - Memorial Day - Schools/Admin Offices closed

- 10 - Last Day For Students
- 13,14 - Post Planning Days
- 15 - End of the Year Luncheon for Art Teachers location: TBA

Weather days will be considered holidays unless needed
***Earlier pick up days for Senior High TBA**
Additional Workshops TBA