



ART NEWS

FACING NEW CHALLENGES—

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Teachers are facing many challenges. For one, class size. This may not be new for many secondary teachers but still remains a challenge none the less. Due to the fact that the Arts were not included in the Class-Size Amendment, there is no limit to the number of students that can be placed in these classes. Logic would tell you that, due to the amount of table space and the use of materials, there needs to be a limit as to how many students can be in an art class. Furthermore, safety issues resulting in having too many students in a

room full of tools such as X-Act-O knives, paper cutters and mat cutters can stir up major problems.

Elementary schools are now facing such a challenge with the new pooling of resource classes approved by the School Board this year. Due to roughly a three million dollar cut, art, music and p.e. may need to have classes combined in order for students to receive 18 hours of instruction. Approved operational procedures state these classes should not exceed 36 students. Even with that cap,

schools are facing huge problems because they do not have the space to put additional bodies in a classroom. This is particularly true if the resource teacher moves from classroom to classroom. School administrators are being as creative as possible in order to meet the expectations outlined in the Operational Procedures. It will definitely be a challenging year.

Jack E. Matthews

District Specialist/

School Site Visits—

For the last two years, I have been part of the site visits to Middle and High Schools. These visits have been very insightful and gave me a better perspective of what happens at the secondary level. I have not always been able to make these visits, especially in the Spring when the annual student exhibits begin. I have valued those

times when I could see great things happening in Middle and High Schools. They also opened my eyes to issues that needed to be addressed to the school administrator. Hopefully, my speaking up has helped rather than hinder.

Due to these visits, I have not been able to spend time in

the elementary schools. This year, that will change. My focus will be on the elementary schools, specifically, to see how teachers are adjusting to pooling classes. I will continue to visit the secondary schools, but only those with new teachers, or situations which warrant my attention.

Dates to Remember

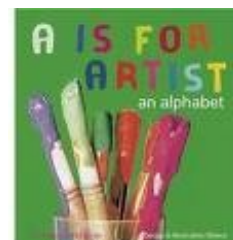
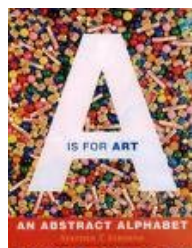
September 5—Labor Day schools closed

September 7—Early Dismissal Day

September 10—Clay workshop series begins 9:00-4:00 Art Lab

September 21—Early Dismissal Day/Empty Bowls workshop 2:30-5:30 Art Lab

October 5—Early Dismissal Day/Empty Bowls workshop 2:30-5:30





SUBJECT AREA MEETING

It was good to see everyone at the Subject Area Meeting for Art Teachers. Hopefully, teachers got a better insight to the New Generation Sunshine State Standards. Some teachers have asked for the Power Point. I will try to get it out. If not, I will plan to put it on the Website.

I want to thank each person who stepped up to the plate: **Susan Lynch** graciously said

she would discuss the Course Rewrites and daggered courses. **Gerie Leigh** discussed our new venture with National Scholastics. **Susan Gallo** gave a super gallery tour for secondary teachers and the **Cummer Museum** provided the tote bags. Additionally, Gerie and some retired art teachers are to be thanked for setting up refreshments, purchased by the Duval Art Teachers Associa-

tion. Lastly, thanks go out to the members of the DATA Board for manning the various tables.

I believe teachers were appreciative of the meeting time from 8:00 to 12:00 so they could return to their schools and prepare for the following week. Unless otherwise decided, the August meeting will remain a half day session.

Are You In Need of a Lap Top?

Some of you who turned in your lap top last year, need to make arrangements to pick it up at the Art Lab. Please call or email Jack Matthews to set up a time. Those elementary teachers who moved from a single school setting into the

Itinerant field, should still have a lap top that was issued to them from that school. It will remain on the school's inventory and will not transfer to the art itinerant inventory.

If you have issues, concerns, questions, please contact Jack

Matthews immediately.



BOOK SALE VERY SUCCESSFUL—Thank you to all who purchased art books at the Subject Area Meeting. DATA took in about \$400. The money will go into the Leslie Beddard Scholarship Fund. We thank **Fran Phelps** for generously donating these books to us.

HOPES AND DREAMS PROJECT—



John Gillien, founder and president of Hope Africa, Inc., spoke to attending art teachers at the Subject Area Meeting regarding a project that would involve our students in creating a piece of art work that expresses their “hopes and dreams” for the future. This project began when youth from Ghana, Africa began sharing their hopes and dreams via their

paintings. John presently has about 30 pieces of their work ready for display. Duval County students are being asked to create a piece of art. The contest is open to students in grades 3 through 12. Both 2-D and 3-D work will be accepted.

The Cummer Museum has agreed to display selected work

during the month of November. A selection process will take place and awards will be provided in three different age categories.

More information is being sent out to teachers. *All entries are to be submitted during the October Planning Day at the Cummer Museum on Friday, October 28th.*

FREE ART SUPPLIES GIVEN AT ART LAB—

It felt like “Christmas in July”, well, okay, August! Elementary art teachers were invited to come to the art lab to pick up much needed art materials for their schools. Between two afternoons (August 24th and 25th) 25 teachers took advantage of the opportunity. Teachers walked away with boxes of watercolor paper, 2 dozen watercolor sets, 2-3 dozen oil pastel sets, boxes of colored chalk, sets of colored markers, reams of construction paper and tissue, pencils, gum erasers, dozens of paint brushes, crayons, and boxes of tempera paint. This is the first time such an event has taken place. Historically, the art lab’s general storeroom provides teachers additional supplies when specific issues arise at their schools. ALL schools should set aside a budget for art programs. **Barbara Langley**, once a principal in our system, had the best set up. She gave the art teacher \$25 off the top of every classroom teacher’s general storeroom money. Multiply that times 36 classroom teachers and that makes for a very hefty supply of art materials. In tighter years, \$25 may have been lowered to \$15, but it was the fairest way to be sure a quality art program could be established. How is money set aside in YOUR school?



TEACHERS GET TO GO TO CONFERENCE—

Over 30 teachers signed up to receive funds to assist them in attending this year’s FAEA Conference in St. Petersburg. In order to be fair, 3 groups were established: those who were presenting at Conference, those who had never been to a conference, and those who had attended conferences before. A total of 16 art teachers will have as much as

\$250 refunded to them after Conference. This will cover the Early Bird registration fee of \$130 and up to two nights stay at the Conference hotel (\$99/night, not counting taxes).

Some of you who are not receiving funding from the District Art Office may want to link up with some of these

folks! Those being assisted are: **Tanya Ashe, Trish Beach, Laurie Brown, Kim Carter, Glendia Cooper, Michele Corley, Meche Farah, Palma Gilder, Tiffany Gonzalez, Jamie Hedman, Trish Holloway, Pam Patterson, Patricia Sadler, Kathy Schmidt, Jennifer Snead, and Alyce Walcavich.**



EMPTY BOWLS WORKSHOPS SET—

Historically, Duval County Art Teachers have been asked to provide a bowl of their own creation for the silent auction at the annual “**Empty Bowls**” Luncheon. Two Wednesday afternoon workshops will be held. On September 21, teachers will be invited to “build a bowl”. Bowls will be fired and on October 5, teachers will come back for the glazing/painting session. Both workshops will begin at 2:30 and go until 5:30. A total of 6 professional development points can be earned.

The Luncheon will be held Tuesday, November 15th at the Prime Osborn Convention Center



MORE BOWLS FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS—



Duval County Art Teachers have been asked to be part of the Fifth Annual Silent Auction Fund Raiser. Money raised at this event will be used exclusively to help the local patient population afflicted with CF. The auction is being held by the **Adult Cystic Fibrosis Center of Jacksonville** and will take place December 1, 2011 at the **Museum of Contemporary Art**. Several teachers signed up to create a large bowl as one of the centerpieces that will be auctioned. In total, 24 are needed. You have an opportunity to be part of this by attending a workshop on Saturday, September 10 at the Art Lab. Doors will open at 9:00 and close at 4:00. Come and be part of this, keeping in mind the amount of time you will need to work on your project. Clay will be provided and some tools. Please feel free to bring whatever materials you need to assist you in creating a masterful bowl. Please contact the art department to be added to the list of participants.



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15 - 19 Pre-Planning

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

22 - First day for students

5 - Labor Day-schools/admin office closed

7 - Early Dismissal

10 -Clay Workshop Art Lab 9:00-4:00 (6 pts)

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

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

8 - Tentative Workshop Art Lab 9:00-4:00 (6 pts)

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

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

"Hopes and Dreams" Project due

31 - DATA fall show entries due Art Office 4-6

2 - Early Dismissal

3-6 - FAEA Conference St. Petersburg, Florida

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

12 - MidTown Centre "Salute to the Troops" DATA fun booths

16 - Early Dismissal

23 - Weather Day

24-25 Thanksgiving Holidays

28 - Weather Day

7 - Early Dismissal

19-21 - Weather Days

22 - Winter Break Begins

23,26-Schools/Admin Offices Closed

1 - New Year's Day

2 - School Resumes

11 - Early Dismissal

16 - Martin Luther King Day Schools/Admin Offices Closed

20 - Planning Day Mini Conference location TBA

25 - Early Dismissal

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- 8, 9 - Senior High/DATA work due to Art Lab 8:00-5:00
- 8 - Early Dismissal
- 20 - Presidents' Day - Schools Closed
- 22 - Early Dismissal
- 25 - Senior Frame Day Art Lab 9-4 (6 pts)

- 1 - Senior Show work transported to FSCJ/South Campus
- 7 - Early Dismissal
- 8 - Senior/DATA Shows reception Wilson Gallery 5:00-8:00
- 12, 13 - Middle School work due to Art Lab 3:00-6:00
- 19-23 - Spring Break
- 28 - Early Dismissal Day/Matting Mania Art Lab 2:00-6:00
- 29 - Senior/DATA Shows close

- 2 - School Resumes
- 5 - Planning Day—Elementary Library Installations**
- 6 - Schools/Admin Offices Closed
- 12 - Middle School Show reception FSCJ/Kent Campus 6:00-8:00
- 13 - Leslie Beddard Scholarship Applications due
- 11 - Early Dismissal
- 25 - Early Dismissal
- 26 - Middle School Show ends

- 3 - "Best of Elementary" reception FSCJ/Kent Campus 6:00-8:00
- 11 - DATA Principal of the Year packets due
- 17 - "Best of Elementary" Show closes
- 23,24 - All student artwork to be picked up Art Lab 3:00-6:00
- 28 - Memorial Day - Schools/Admin Offices closed

- 7 - Last Day For Students
- 8 - Schools Closed
- 11,12 - Post Planning Days
- 13 - DATA End of Year Luncheon location TBA

Weather days will be considered holidays unless needed

Additional Workshops TBA