

ART NEWS

WELCOME BACK!!—

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Dates to Remember

August 15—Teachers Return

August 17—Subject Area Meeting/Commer Museum 8:00-12:00

August 22—Students Return

September 5—Labor Day schools closed

September 7—Early Dismissal Day

September 10—Possible Workshop TBA

I hope each of you had the opportunity to enjoy yourself; relax, create art, see new sights and otherwise rejuvenate yourself.

For me, it has been a constant effort to look at personnel and assignments. Things changed on a daily basis. No, I

take that back...on an hourly basis!

Possibly, we are now done with changes (at least until the Fall count) and we can all begin the process of starting the school year focused on a plan of success for ourselves, our students, and our school

system.

More will be discussed at the **Subject Area Meeting Wednesday, August 17th at the Commer Museum.**

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Delivery of Art at the Elementary Level—

Prior to the end of the school year, DCPS had to determine how to make cuts in order to meet the deficit the county was facing. One of those cuts affected elementary art, music and physical education services. The School Board determined a cut of over 3 million dollars needed to be put on the table. In order to make those cuts, the School Board realized that services to students would be cut from an average of 18 hours over the school year to 13.5 hours. Maintaining 18 hours of contact time, the School Board suggested "pooling" classes, but approval would only be granted if guidelines were created to supporting those 18 hours.

A small committee came together under the direction of Chief Officer of K-8 Schools **Debbie Menard**. Guidelines were set that included:

capping classes at 36 when pooled, art would be delivered between 45-60 minutes (preferably at 60 minutes) with no more than 5 classes per day; music and p.e. would be delivered at a minimum of 30 minutes with no more than 9 classes per day.

This summer, Executive Director for Cluster I, **Dr. Amy Lingen**, invited principals to attend one of eight scheduling sessions to further understand the process and to receive assistance from district specialists for art, music, and p.e. These workshops were very successful, although not every principal took advantage of the opportunity.

The result: Schools should be in compliance with these guidelines. Much creativity went into the development of schedules that would support the cuts made to resource services in our elementary schools.

Now, what does this mean for you? You will need to be sure you have enough materials on hand to support teaching as many as 36 students. *NOTE: not all classes will need to be pooled and it was highly recommended not to pool Kindergarten.* If you have an art lab, you are in a better position to provide ample space for additional bodies. If you are "art on a cart", there may be more difficulty in having enough tables and chairs to accommodate additional students. Principals are aware of this and I am sure, are trying to figure out how to solve the problem.

It is believed the School Board will be looking for DATA from each school to see if guidelines are being adhered to and, if not, then why not.

BOOK SALE AT THE SUBJECT AREA MEETING



SALE!

When **Fran Phelps** retired at the end of last school year, she had quite a bit of house cleaning. As a result, she had numerous books (possibly 100) that she requested be given to the Duval Art Teachers Association to sell. Some of these books are practically brand new and some are great vintage books. The books in total are estimated to have cost well into the thousands of dollars. YOU

have the opportunity to purchase them for a mere few dollars. During the Subject Area Meeting, the books will be located at the DATA station. Books are color coded: black—\$1, green—\$3, blue—\$5, red—\$7, and brown—\$10. Many of the brown labeled books sold for as much as \$120.

This is a great way for you to add to your collection and help out the **Leslie Beddard**

Scholarship Fund at the same time.



LAP TOP CHECK-IN AT CUMMER—

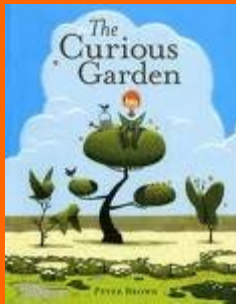


Many elementary art teachers who have lap tops checked out from the Art Lab requested to keep them over the summer. It will be necessary for you to bring your lap top to the Subject Area Meeting on August 17th at the Cummer Museum. It

should take only a few minutes to reference the numbers on our log sheet. Teachers who may have moved from elementary to secondary, will most likely have to turn their lap tops back in and receive a lap top from their newly assigned school. I

will not force the issue until you have the opportunity to check with your school regarding lap top availability. Bottom line: I must have enough lap tops to assist those teachers who are in itinerant art positions in our elementary schools.

September Book of the Month—



Plans are to have this year's September Book of the Month available for pick up at the August 17th meeting. This year's book is titled "*The Curious Garden*" by Peter Brown. This book will be used

for the annual **Jacksonville Fairground Quilt Project**. Rubrics and Instructions will be sent via email. All quilts will be due on the Early Dismissal Day, October 19th between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00. Drop

off location: Art Lab/Building 2/Resource Center at 2924 Knights Lane East.

For further information, contact Jack Matthews 390-2677

Student Artwork From Last School Year—



Unfortunately, some work was not picked up at the end of last year. I hope there were no upset children or parents. Those pieces will be brought to the Cummer on August 17th. Teachers will need to look at School names as personnel may have changed. It is important you pick these packets up and take them back to the school,

and locate the students who created the art work. Hopefully, the students are still enrolled.

Also to let you know, work from the Jacksonville International Airport will be retrieved at the end of the month. It will most likely be displayed for a period of time at the School Board Building before being

returned to your school. Pieces framed and hung in the Regional Offices and the Superintendent's Suite will not be returned until May of 2012.

Please note the ability to send work through school mail will no longer be an option. It is your responsibility to make arrangements to pick up work.

FRAN'S RETIREMENT PARTY—

The retirement celebration for Fran Phelps was nicely attended. A gathering of many of her friends and supporters were on hand to wish Fran well. Along with well wishers, a beautiful cake (and might I say, extremely tasty) and beverages, Fran was presented with a box, handcrafted by **Trish Beach**. Contained within the box were images of student art work on cards approximately 3"x5" taken from student exhibitions and representative of work created under the direction of every art teacher in the school system. Additionally, many of the county's art teachers submitted images of their own work to be included in the gift box. A true miniature collection of "masterpieces". Many thanks go out to all teachers who financially contributed to the beautiful Tiffany bracelet also presented to Fran.



What About the Visual Education Center (cont.)?

In talks with museum representatives **Hope McMath** and **Susan Gallo**, it was first decided to put the Visual Education Center on Hiatus for one year until it could be decided whether or not the museum could take over the responsibilities of the VEC. Soon afterwards, the call came letting

the District Art Office know that the museum did not have the physical ability to manage the VEC. Although everything seemed rather hopeless, a ray of sunshine peered out in the form of one **Fran Phelps**. Fran has agreed to volunteer a few hours two Wednesdays per month

(1st and 3rd) in order to prepare materials to go out to schools and for volunteers to pick up reproductions. More details need to be worked out and the VEC will not be open until some time after the beginning of the school year. As things progress, we will let you know.

FUN AT THE ABSTRACT PAINTING WORKSHOP—

Ten teachers had a thrilling and very educational experience this summer while attending the two-day abstract painting workshop. Artist **Dolores Grubbs** both entertained and led us through three different forms of abstract painting. Each teacher was provided with 3 24"x24" canvases. Teachers delved into fractured space, atmospheric space, and expressive movement through the use of music. Not all canvases were completed by the end of Sunday but it was agreed upon that each artist would commit to finishing their paintings in order to have an exhibition at the **Schultz Center for Teaching and Learning**. The exhibit will be set for sometime this Fall.

Each teacher paid a minimal fee of \$25. The Duval Art Teachers Association paid 50% of the instructor's fee, and the District Art Office paid for the 30 stretched canvases.

These two-day workshops are great experiences for learning new techniques. If you have a desire to work in a new medium, please contact Jack Matthews.



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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 - Tentative 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