

# Arts Education E-news



**ARTS EDUCATION**



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Welcome to the April edition of Arts Education E-news! This newsletter is created by the Arizona Department of Education for updates on arts education happenings in Arizona and across the country.

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## ARTS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS – FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM AZ COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

### Arizona Commission on the Arts - Call for Proposals: Strengthening Schools Through Arts Partnerships

The Arizona Commission on the Arts, in partnership with the Arizona Department of Education, is pleased to announce a unique funding initiative to support school-based efforts aimed at effecting change in “D” label schools. Funding will be awarded to school/community partnerships that demonstrate potential to build a school’s capacity and to strengthen teaching and learning in arts education and/or arts integration.

The Arts Commission is now accepting letters of interest from eligible applicant partnerships through April 22. [Learn more here.](#)

## ARTS EDUCATION ADVOCACY: COMMON CORE CONNECTIONS

*When we examine what the Common Core ask us to do-- critique others' work, reason abstractly, model, use appropriate tools strategically, attend to precision, look for and make use of structure, provide evidence of or defend ones position-- we find these skills are embedded in our Art and Music programs. Well, Art and Music, your time has come. No longer are you the prep period or elective class. What Art and Music offers our students embodies the very essence of the Common Core. How can you not be excited about that!*

Kris Vanica

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### Links to support Common Core connections to the Arts:

- Americans for the Arts ArtsBlog: <http://blog.artsusa.org/tag/september-2012-blog-salon/>
- Pittsburgh's Arts Education Collaborative: [Arts Ed Brief](#)
- [College Board Research on Common Core and Connections to the Arts](#)

## NATIONAL COALITION FOR CORE ARTS STANDARDS



National Coalition for **CORE ARTS** Standards

During April, 838 arts educators from across the country, including 35 Arizonans, participated in a review of DRAFT 8<sup>th</sup> grade standards. Special thanks to the Arizona arts educators providing input to the national standards revision process!

Circle JUNE on your calendars, when we expect PreK-8 grade standards to be available for public review and comment! For more information, contact Lynn at [Lynn.Tuttle@azed.gov](mailto:Lynn.Tuttle@azed.gov)

## UPDATES FROM ARIZONA'S PROFESSIONAL ARTS EDUCATION SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

**Arizona Art Education Association** - <http://www.azaea.org/>

[Proposals](#) can be submitted for the 2013 AAEA Conference, November 19-21 in Sedona, AZ.

**Arizona Dance Education Organization** – [www.azdeo.org](http://www.azdeo.org)

[Read](#) about the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pink Tutu Flu!

**Arizona Music Educators Association** – [www.azmea.org](http://www.azmea.org)

**Participate** in the Election of leaders for AMEA, ACE, ABODA and AzSGM! Deadline for voting: April 30, 2013

**Arizona Thespians** – [www.arizonathespians.org](http://www.arizonathespians.org)

Thespians are planning a trip to New York in June! To learn more and how your troupe may participate, click [here](#).

**Information** is currently available on Thespian Leadership Camp, scheduled for July 9-12, 2013.

## OPPORTUNITIES FROM ARIZONA'S ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

### Kids Need Instruments -- Ear Candy Can Help!

“Attention music teachers! Do you need instruments for your students? Since 2009, [Ear Candy Charity](#) has been placing donated instruments in music programs in need. In March, Ear Candy will begin serving all music programs in the state of Arizona. If you or a music teacher you know needs instruments, go to [EarCandyCharity.org](http://EarCandyCharity.org) to learn about the simple process for making a request. In a few steps, Ear Candy will connect your music program with donated instruments from the community. **[Get started now!!](#)**”

### Opportunity from Crayola Corporation

2013-2014 CHAMPION CREATIVELY ALIVE CHILDREN® GRANTS Submissions for the 2013-2014 Champion Creatively Alive Children grant program are now being accepted. [Click here](#) to find out how your school can receive \$2500 in grant money for a worthy project—and \$1,000 in Crayola products!

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Interested in receiving this e-newsletter? Email [ArtsEd@azed.gov](mailto:ArtsEd@azed.gov) .

Thank you for all that you do to support arts education in Arizona! Have information to share with arts educators in our state? Send them to [ArtsEd@azed.gov](mailto:ArtsEd@azed.gov). E-newsletters will be sent out monthly.

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