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GREETINGS FROM ARGY'S CUBBY

with a view of the STATE HOUSE DOME at the Department of Education

HAPPY NEW YEAR

My warmest wishes that 2009 will be filled with positive energy and outstanding exhibits and performances! I hope that arts programs PreK-University will remain in place and grow into stronger arts education programs for all Maine students.

CHANGES IN 2009

There will be some changes at the MDOE for arts education this winter. It has become necessary to use my time differently. As part of that I plan to use a blog instead of a bi-weekly newsletter to communicate with you.

Newsletter issue #50 is planned for January 20th, and marks the two year anniversary. The first newsletter went to 340 educators and has grown to 850. I am proud of the fact that so many arts educators are connected through the newsletter!

Wondering how will this change impacts you? My thoughts:

- 1) The newsletter provides an avenue of communication between us. That will not change with the blog.
- 2) You can continue to send me information to forward to the field.

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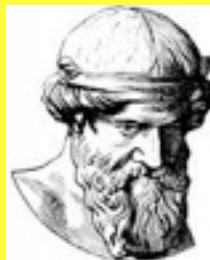
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Music gives a soul to the universe,
wings to the mind,
flight to the imagination,
and life to everything.
-Plato

I am hoping this will be a positive change and welcome your feedback on this idea. In newsletter #50 I will include the blog address and more details.

THOUGHT PROVOKING (and fun) LINKS

Art youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qpunQZ4cUyI>

Music link: http://svt.se/hogafflahage/hogafflaHage_site/Kor/hestekor.swf

Music link by Dustball: http://uploads.ungrounded.net/221000/221483_Play.swf

REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITIES - RPC DATES, DETAILS, REGISTRATION

In each of the superintendents' regions in Maine during January, February and March of 2009, meetings are scheduled for visual and performing arts teachers. The MDOE, working with Maine arts educators and educational groups, will be traveling to your neighborhood to give arts educators the opportunity to have professional conversations. You are welcome to attend one in your region or a neighboring region.

On November 1st at Point Lookout in Northport, seventy-five educators attended "A Single Bracelet Does Not Jingle" where the focus was on arts educators as leaders. Educators from PreK-University contributed to regional resource lists and were involved in conversations and activities identifying the importance of leaders in arts education. Over and over throughout the day the message was clear: our greatest resource is people. During the Regional Professional Community meetings this winter, educators will have the chance to continue to build on resources, to collaborate with other educators in their region, and to participate in Maine's Arts Education Census. The agenda will vary slightly from region to region, but here is a draft for all the Regional Professional Community Meetings.

Meeting times: 3:30-7:30

3:30-4:30 Maine Arts Education census (see below for more details), light fare served, networking opportunity

4:30-6:00 Argy Nestor will share MDOE work. Educators will share curriculum ideas and build their regional network.

6:00-7:30 Maine Arts Education census (see below for more details)

All dance, music, theater and visual arts teachers are requested to bring a sample lesson/unit that is aligned with the Maine *Learning Results*. Please be sure to have your contact information on the handout and make 30 copies of it. Include your resources, so others can adopt your lesson/unit if they wish.

Below is the list of dates and locations. We are still confirming the details for each location. Once you register, you will receive an email confirmation and more details about the location.

To REGISTER please click on this link <http://tinyurl.com/9mwr8e>

Dates, Regions, and Locations

January 13: York, UNE Biddeford Snow date: January 21

January 14: Cumberland, USM Portland Campus Snow date: 22

January 28: Kennebec, UMA Snow date: February 4

January 29: Western, UMF Snow date: February 3

February 11: Mid-coast, Hutchinson Center, Belfast Snow date: February 25

February 12: Penquis, UMO Snow date: 26

March 4: Hancock, Hancock County Higher Ed Center Snow date: March 11

March 5: Washington, UMM Snow date: March 12

March 18: Aroostook, UMPI Snow date: March 25

Your information is critical!

The Regional Professional Community Meetings will give you another opportunity to complete the Maine's Arts Education Census survey. When complete, the Census will provide clear information on arts education throughout the state, providing us all with the data we need to successfully advocate for strong programs. This information becomes even more critical during difficult budget times, so make sure your information is included! Look over the .pdf of the Census (attached here and available on the website of the Maine Alliance for Arts Education www.maineartseducation.org), so you can gather the information you'll need to complete the on-line Census. Then you can go to the link at www.maineartseducation.org and complete the online Census....or bring your information to the Regional Meeting in your area to complete the Census there. Helpers will be on-hand to assist those completing the Census at the Regional Meetings. Be sure to participate in the Census---your information is needed to provide an accurate picture of arts education in Maine! The time you spend completing the Census is an investment in the future of arts education in Maine. The Census project is led by the Maine Alliance for Arts Education with the collaboration of the Maine Dept. of Education as well as the Maine Art Education Assoc., the Maine Music Educators Assoc., Dance Education in Maine Schools, and the Maine Drama Council, and funded by the Betterment Fund and the Maine Arts Commission.

If you have questions about the Regional Professional Communities please email me argy.nestor@maine.gov

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Nominations are due at the MDOE for the 2010 Maine Teacher of the Year by January 30th. The nomination form and detailed information found at www.maine.gov/education/toy

Please consider nominating an arts teacher for this honor! I know there are many deserving visual & performing arts teachers in Maine!

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*MUS 751-210 Studies in
Music Curricula
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Advanced Studies in
Elementary School Music
To register and learn more
about University of Nevada,
Las Vegas, at please go to:
[http://graduatecollege.univ.edu/
admissions/](http://graduatecollege.univ.edu/admissions/)

CONGRATULATIONS

The Sanford High School Marching Band under the direction of music teacher Matt Doiron will be marching in the presidential inaugural parade in January. That is AWESOME!

BANGOR SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

The BSYO is dedicated to helping Maine's young musicians bring quality performances to audiences. Rehearsals will resume on January 11th, 1:30-3:30. New members are invited to audition between 12:30-1:00, UMO, Class of 1944 Hall. Spring concert, April 5th. FMI please contact bsyoboard@roadrunner.com or Rebecca Edmondson @ 244-7193.

"HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL"

Maine State Music Theatre, Brunswick, auditions for "High School Musical", Feb. 7th and 8th. Contact Company Manager, Kathi Kacinski for an appointment at 725-8760, ext. 11. Looking for 20-24 local teens who can sing, dance, and act to star in the professional production to be presented August 25th-September 13th.

ARTICLE

"Should Kids Be Able to Graduate After 10th Grade?"
<http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1857336,00.html>

PREK - 12 STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS NEEDED

I am working with Steve Vose at Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI) on selecting photographs that will be featured as the default 2009 image screen saver on all 45,000 MLTI devices. Photographs or photographs of student work will be accepted. The deadline is January 16th. To learn more please go to <http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/digicams.html>

SAILING PROJECT

This project will interest teachers and students alike. This study utilizes 4.5' unmanned sailboats to study ocean wind and current patterns. Students may follow their boats by GPS. Students will increase their knowledge of map reading, geography, oceanography, earth science, navigation and more. A special day is planned in the spring at the Maine Maritime Academy. This "hands-on" project is unique in that it is so multi-disciplinary and appropriate for both middle- and high school students. Click here for the brochure with details www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/newsletter/49/boat.rtf Questions, call Richard Baldwin 338-4087, www.educationalpassages.com

VICTORIA MANSION

Big Read from March-May, all events and details listed at www.victoriamansion.org

WORKSHOPS, LESSONS AND CLASSES, SOME FOR ADULTS, SOME FOR STUDENTS

*** Kennedy Center Partners in Education*

Deer Isle-Stonington CSD and Opera House Arts are one of 14 new partners. Offering two workshops: Listen-See-Tell: Basic Steps in Telling a Story, January 20th. Getting Started with Drama Integration, February 11th. Geared to K-8 educators in all disciplines, \$30. each session, CEU credits available. FMI or to register, call 367-2788 or visit www.operhousearts.org

*** Tori Morrill Offerings*

Drum Dance and Sing World Music, 6 weeks starting Jan 20th, Tuesday's, 3:30-4:30, \$65. To register call Erica @ 253-5125 or email theschoolhouseonmunjoyhill@yahoo.com FMI: <http://www.theschoolhouseonmunjoyhill.com/>

*** Anne-Marie D'Amico Offerings*

Six-week community choral workshop for children and adults, Thursday's - January 8th-February 12th, 7-8:15 PM, Yarmouth, \$125. To register damico@u74.k12.me.us or www.317mainst.org

PORTA PORTAL

There are over 300 links to arts education websites. You can get to the links at the portaportal page on the arts education MDOE website <http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/portaportal.html>

