

## Arts Update – Get the Gist

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### Good Looking – The Revised Arts Standards

Educators in counties served by the Ashtabula and Western Buckeye Educational Service Centers got a first-hand look at the revised arts standards drafts and shared feedback at recent regional professional development sessions.



Other visual and performing arts teachers and constituents across the state will comment on the revisions during fall inservice and arts association meetings and conferences. The K-12 drafts in four arts areas—dance, drama/theater, music and visual art—also will be posted at the ODE website for public review and comment in mid-November 2011. Watch for notices in ODE electronic newsletters. Adoption of the revised arts standards is projected for late spring 2012.

#### Noteworthy

**The 2011 Ohio Art Education Association (OAEA) Professional Development Conference, Dayton OH Nov. 10-12.** Participants can engage in a wide range of information and experiential workshops to inspire high-quality teaching and learning through the arts. Catch the session on the updated visual arts standards, Sat. Nov. 12 from 2:00-3:20 pm. Offer feedback and discuss changes with colleagues who served on the re-visioning team.



### Planning for Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition

Members of the Advisory Board for the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual *Governor's Youth Art Exhibit* met recently to discuss the timeline of activities. Among those present were (left to right) **Sarah Danner**, OAEA president; **Monika Kaleps**, photographer; **Jeff Shaw**, art educator and **Thad Ricker**, executive director. This statewide program recognizes the outstanding artistic achievements of Ohio's high school students with displays of their artworks in Rhodes Tower, the ODE and Governor's office. Art teachers will receive the 2012 student application packet in December and family and friends can celebrate the winners on April 14, 2012, in the Riffe Capitol Theatre at the awards ceremony. The exhibit is a collaborative venture of the Office of the Governor, ODE, select colleges, art teachers and over 12,000 secondary students who enter each year.



Hannah's winning entry, top 25 (2010)



### Saving Earth

*“To save Earth we need what we have always needed—to be together. . .”*

*Photo and text by Alex, Lima middle school student*

## Learning Made Visible – Understanding Eco-Systems

Middle school students in the Lima School District arts magnet engaged in a three-year study of the natural environment and the steward role we all have in protecting its ecological balance. Their in-depth, cross-disciplinary research and exploration guided by art teacher, **Mike Huffman**, resulted in students’ production of stunning photographic images combined with their original writing. The ODE is showcasing the student photographs in a lobby exhibit throughout the fall for all staff members and visitors to enjoy.



Photo by Alexis

## Mobilizing a Community of Arts Educators

Arts teachers from three counties and eight school districts engaged in workshops this fall tailored to arts curricula. *Learning Communities for Innovative Practice (LCIP)*, now in its third year, is a formalized ODE professional development option offered to arts educators to enhance their creative teaching and assessment practices and guided by Ohio’s arts standards. Benefits extend beyond teachers’ instructional gains to connect, mobilize and equip them to advocate for improved student outcomes through the arts. Contact Nancy Pistone, [nancy.pistone@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:nancy.pistone@ode.state.oh.us) for more information.

## Ohio’s Dance Education Tapestry

Seventeen enthusiastic dance educators and advocates gathered at the Riffe for a spirited roundtable discussion October 15 on the future of dance education in Ohio. Representatives from the ODE, colleges, schools and local and state dance organizations envisioned how to weave new threads of dance and movement into the current educational fabric influenced by social media and cultural participation. Participants received copies of the revised K-12 dance standards to review. Energy was high to move from dialogue to actions that create a new dance education tapestry and model for our students and communities.



Among those in attendance (left to right) were **Jane D’Angelo**, host and OhioDance executive director, **Karen King-Cavin**, dance educator and **Loren Bucek**, discussion facilitator and dance educator.

### Noteworthy

**The ODE Committee for the Arts and Innovative Thinking (CAIT)** will hold its fall meeting Nov. 30 in the new *Center for Creativity* at the Columbus Museum of Art. Representatives from over 25 local and state arts organizations, five universities and several school districts will network, share ideas and create pipelines of leaders and influencers who are committed to strengthening and advocating for innovative schooling through high-quality arts programs accessible to all young people.