

Beverly Public Schools Fine Arts Department

ARTS INTEGRATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CURRICULUM PROJECT FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



- The Massachusetts Cultural Council's Creative Schools Project Grant funds this project. Funding is provided for an initial two-year project designed to support school districts with the means to foster systemic change in the ways they provide and expand education in the arts and humanities.
- In this project, Beverly Public Schools and the Endicott College Masters in Arts in Learning program team up to provide **fourth grade classroom teachers and elementary fine arts specialists** with professional development and curriculum development activities to develop and implement a model *Arts Integration Program* focused on English Language Arts and mathematics.
- Professional development will cover the four primary art disciplines (dance, drama, music, visual arts) and creative writing. Participants will develop their skills in these disciplines and apply these skills to the exploration and development of new lesson activities that integrate the arts in the academic subjects being targeted in fourth grade.

- Five Professional development workshops will be scheduled throughout the 2004-05 school year. Each workshop will take place at Endicott College in 6-hour intensives led by their Arts and Learning faculty. Each workshop will include time for team discussion and planning. The grant covers the expense of providing substitute teachers for workshops that are held during the school week. Thirty (30) PDP's will be provided for all participants. Participating teachers will also be asked to keep documentation of their progress by keeping journals of their experiences with arts integration and the training they receive including self assessments of their progress, lesson plans, and workshop evaluations. Notebooks and journals will be provided.
- The music and visual art teachers are designated as the lead teachers in this program, however, the success of this program is contingent upon the classroom teacher's active participation in the development, planning and teaching of arts integrated lessons. As lead teachers with primary backgrounds in music and visual art, they will also develop and further their skills and application of all arts disciplines and apply any or multiple arts disciplines into any given arts integrated lessons developed in this program. One goal of this project is to provide classroom teachers with broader experiences and training in the arts in order to spark their creativity and inclusion of the arts throughout their lesson planning.
- After the workshops are completed in March, each school will be assigned one arts discipline covered in the workshops in which that teaching artist will visit their assigned school for a half-day residency to work with the fourth grade students for a special arts integration experience. The fourth grade teachers and fine arts specialists in each school will comprise a study team of their assigned arts discipline to report back to the whole group their observations and findings at the end of year one.
- Year two of this project will continue to provide professional development and curriculum development. The project's coordinating team will represent all participants in determining the scope of activities for year two.

Schedule of Professional Development Workshops:

Friday, October 22, 2004	Music with Nanette Perrotte
Tuesday, November 30, 2004	Creative Writing/Spoken Word with Sebastian Lockwood
Thursday, January 13, 2005	Visual Art with Maureen Quinquis
Thursday, February 17, 2005	Drama with Jay Di Prima
Tuesday, March 22, 2005	Creative Movement/Dance w/ Elaine Sisler

Martha Chapman	Ayers Visual Art Teacher
Laraine Cicchetti	Hannah Visual Art Teacher
Susan Faria	McKeown 4 th Grade Teacher
Kathy Gross	Cove Music Teacher
Heather Kavanagh	Ayers 4 th Grade Teacher
Enid Larsen	Assistant Dean, Endicott College
Barbara Maver	Consultant Teacher – Literacy
Colleen McBride	McKeown Principal
Karla Pressman	Cove Principal
Jacqueline Rapisardi	Hannah Principal
Betsy Retallack	Hannah Music Teacher
Wendy Stewart	North Beverly Music Teacher
Sherry Wagner	Consultant Teacher – Mathematics

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Drama Workshop with Jay DiPrima: February 17, 2005



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