We'd LOVE to see you at our Arts Integration Workshops!

Saturday, February 25th, 9:00 AM-Noon @ UCO in Edmond

Your choice of workshops to attend:

- Show What You Know: Comics as Enriched Assessment (3-12)
- The Creative Classroom (PK-5)

Open to all educators!

Visit https://okaplus.org/workshops/ for workshop descriptions and registration
OKA+ added to the OSDE roster!

The Oklahoma A+ Schools Institute is pleased to be named a part of the Roster of External Providers for Continuous Improvement of Oklahoma Schools. Our model has been transforming schools for over twenty years and we are excited to be recognized as a leader available to help schools continue to improve.

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) Office of School Support & Improvement (OSSI) created this list of external providers who were vetted to support implementation of one or more of ten evidence-based effective practices. OKA+ provides services that meet six of the ten practices.

More information on continuous school improvement and these practices can be found at [https://sde.ok.gov/continuous-improvement](https://sde.ok.gov/continuous-improvement)

Attention OKA+ Implementation schools:

It's time to schedule your Pre-Summit Planning Meeting!

Your regional coordinator will be contacting you soon about scheduling your PSPM in anticipation of this summer's summits. PSPMs typically take about 2 hours and require the full staff, including leadership, to be in attendance.

**PSPMs need to be completed by the end of March.** If you know a good date and time, contact your RC to schedule!

[Tami Cotner](mailto:), [Daniel Tippin](mailto:), [Destiny Turner](mailto:)
It's time to schedule your on-site PD for the spring!

Contact your regional coordinator ASAP to discuss bringing an OKA+ experience to your staff this semester!

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Please allow at least 30 days for your RC and OKA+ fellows to prepare your school's custom-tailed PD experience  Last day for on-site PDs is Friday, April 14th, 2023
Cristel is the principal of St. John Catholic School, one of our A+ Network implementation schools! A native of Nowata, OK, she earned her Bachelor in Early Childhood Education from Northeastern State, her M.Ed. from Oklahoma Wesleyan, and her Ed.D. from Southern Nazarene. She taught in Nowata schools for 13 years before coming to St. John where she taught for 3 years and has served as principal for the last three years, during which the decision to join the OKA+ Schools Network was made.

Cristel and St. John were drawn to join the Network because they "want all students to be successful," and "believe that engaging students by integrating arts and academics leads to more fulfilling education experiences." She also likes the continuous support provided: "It is not a one and done training, but rather [OKA+] continue to check in and provide ongoing support.” She also likes the opportunities to network with educators in other schools.

Cristel has known her husband of almost 20 years, Michael, most of her life. Both attended Nowata Schools together where they had OKA+’s current Program Director, Rosalynn Wade, as their elementary art teacher. Cristel and Michael have three school-aged sons.

Be sure to say hello when you see Cristel at the next OKA+ event!

St. John Catholic School is one of the oldest Catholic schools in Oklahoma. Founded in 1912, they serve three-year-olds to 8th grade students from Bartlesville and three surrounding counties. Though they are a Catholic school, they welcome students of all faiths--only about half of their students are Catholic themselves.

St. John joined the OKA+ Network last year, and will be attending their 2nd summer summit at UCO this July.

QUESTIONS?
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Save the Date!
Not Your Average Conference
is returning June 2024!

NYAC will be back and better than ever next summer! More details to come--visit okaplus.org to stay up-to-date.

Don’t MISS

- New teacher mini-summit Wednesday, February 8th
- Arts Integration Workshops Saturday, February 25th
- Last day for on-site professional development Friday, April 14th

OKA+ Spotlight Series: Dr. Cristel Miller, Principal of St. John Catholic School, Bartlesville, OK

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