REGISTER NOW FOR ARTS INTEGRATION WORKSHOPS!

Tour an OKA+ demonstration school and attend an arts integration PD!

TULSA METRO

NOVEMBER 1 | 9:00 AM-NOON | OWEN ELEMENTARY | WORKSHOP EXPERIENCE--MINDFUL MASTERPIECES: NEUROGRAPHIC ART

OKC METRO

NOVEMBER 8 | 9:00 AM-NOON | MILLWOOD ARTS ACADEMY | WORKSHOP EXPERIENCE--SEW ON AND SEW FORTH

Workshop descriptions and registration here or at okaplus.org!
Attention Oklahoma A+ Educators:
We want to feature **YOUR** A+ teaching in our monthly newsletter!

Send us some pictures and a description of your experiential or arts-integrated lesson (including academic and arts standards) and it might be selected for featuring!

Email submissions to Daniel Tippin at dtippin@uco.edu

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**Do you know a school that would want $87,000 worth of support over 3 years?**

The deadline to apply to join the OKA+ Schools Network for the 24-25 school year is Friday, **October 27**

**Questions? Contact us:**
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**ID Scales and School Info requests are due Tuesday, October 17!**

Regional coordinators emailed ID scales and requests to update school information to school leadership teams in September, right after Labor Day.

**Please have your staff complete the ID scales by Tuesday, October 17th if they have not yet done so.**

ID scales are valuable to OKA+ in preparing PDs and other supports for you and your school each year.

**Questions? Contact your Regional Coordinator for more information!**
Get your school registered for Poetry Out Loud®

Poetry Out Loud helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life. Cash prizes are awarded to the top two state winners. The state winner receives a trip to Washington, D.C. to represent Oklahoma at the national contest.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
NOV. 1, 2023

SCHOOL CONTEST WINDOW:
SEPT. 1, 2023 - JAN. 12, 2024

STATE CONTEST:
MAR. 6, 2024

NATIONAL CONTEST:
APR. 30, 2024 - MAY 2, 2024

Register to attend an information meeting on October 28th from 10:00-11:30 AM: https://forms.gle/RsUsppMKMGAM8NQZ8

Contact DTURNER18@UCO.EDU for more information, or visit www.okaplus.org/poetry-out-loud

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Kelli is the Director of Education for Positive Tomorrows, an OKA+ Demonstration School in Oklahoma City serving students and families experiencing homelessness. With 35 years in education, including as a classroom teacher, reading specialist, and school psychologist, Kelli uses her expertise as a nationally certified school psychologist and reading specialist to form the foundation on which she directs the school.

Kelli first became involved with OKA+ when she joined Positive Tomorrows two years ago: “As I toured the school for the first time, I saw evidence of OKA+ essentials all around the school...I saw students using multiple learning modalities and a safe climate to explore interests alone or with others, [and] observed students working through traumatic experiences and healing through the arts and knew immediately that I wanted to support our continued partnership with OKA+.” Positive Tomorrows participated in a 3-day Demonstration School refresher summit at UCO in July 2022 “which catalyzed a renewed sense of collaboration throughout the school. OKA+ has given our teachers the language and support to create learning environments that are fully collaborative and experiential. The OKA+ essentials help spark curiosity in classroom lessons and contribute to our culture of learning and growing while meeting each child’s unique strengths. The A+ model is the foundation on which we’ve built a safe environment where students can discover new ideas and awaken hidden talents.”

Be sure to say hello to Kelli at the next OKA+ event!