

From: "Steinbach, Doreen" <dsteinba@lausd.net>

Date: May 14, 2014 2:07:06 PM PDT

To: "louisehr@l choreographersanddancers.org" <louisehr@l choreographersanddancers.org>

Cc: "amy@angelsgateart.org" <amy@angelsgateart.org>

Subject: **What Arts Can Do - Thank you.**

Dear Ms. Reichlin,

I am writing to thank you for the wonderful opportunity to have the Los Angeles Choreographers and Dancers work with our students in 2nd grade at Taper. I have always felt that the Arts are critical to our program and to student success at Taper. While watching the Assembly last week my attention was drawn to a boy in the program that I have seen in my office on multiple occasions since starting in Kindergarten for discipline. He had the biggest smile and expression of joy on his face while participating in the Dance Performance. He has made great growth this year in how he treats others and his overall attitude at school. I can't help believing that his love of your program has been a positive influence on him and been something that he looks forward to each week. I feel strongly that all children should have the Arts as part of their school experience, it is critical to a well rounded education.

Please extend my appreciation to your dancers.

Doreen Steinbach
Principal, Taper Avenue



Los Angeles Choreographers & Dancers

(from evaluations from Arlington Heights, Barrett, Broadous, & Lockwood Elementary)

Below are quotes from actual PD evaluations of our participants' experience.

- "Informative! It was a breath of fresh air."
- "Loved the interaction."
- "I like the 'hands-on' experience of learning the dance"
- "Fun & educational"
- "Producing different parts of creating a dance was interesting- especially the part where the students can make up part. I enjoyed it—dancing and participating was fun."
- "Very good! Physical and intellectual and emotional involvement."
- "Wow! I thought I couldn't dance- but I did it. And the counts method makes it easier."
- "Thank you. Awesome."
- "Great pace. I'm happy I could keep up with the pace."
- "Great exercise and helped grow interaction in the community."
- "It was done at a level that everyone wanted to participate."
- "Fun, energetic and chockfull of ideas for teaching elementary school kids."
- "I think it can help students. I want to try it."
- "Extremely useful! Excellent workshop! Will definitely correlate dance with health and P.E. with my students."
- "Great to use for planning my own lesson. Fun And Engaging."
- "Objectives are structured and detailed. Gets people u and moving. Entertaining!"
- "Great!" "Loved it!"
- "Will try the movement activity with class. Lots of fun"
- "I thought it was great." "Great introduction to me, one of the many movement challenged. Great idea to push this on people like me who love it but will not do it on their own."
- "Energetic and engaging."
- "Very enjoyable. Fun!"
- "Practical. It was motivated, easy and fun and can be easily applied in the classroom."
- "It was fun, engaging, educational and useful."
- "The workshop as fun and interactive."
- "Very useful, good for sparking ideas to use in classroom."
- "This is a activity to do during Physical Education or after lunch when students are tired."

Below, specifically on the hand-outs.

- "The outlines were helpful in reading the handout- very interactive and it made all the staff want to participate."
- "It was a great reference & ideas, even assessment."
- "It gives a good quick overview of how to create a dance lesson."
- "Explains goals and objectives. It was engaging."
- "Clear purpose/ objectives, connection to students"
- "Make it seem easier to include dance in the classroom. Fun and can be easily applied"
- "Good contact info"
- "Very informational handout with explanations. It was great to get everyone involved and it wasn't silly or boring. Loved it."

Barrett Elementary School Professional Development

Barrett Elementary School Professional Development Comments

- "Extremely useful! Excellent workshop! Will definitely correlate dance with health and P.E. with my students."
- "The workshop was enjoyable."
- "They were helpful. It was fun and engaging."
- "Great to use for planning my own lesson. Fun And Engaging."
- "Very fun!"
- "Energetic and engaging."
- (handout) "This handout gives a good quick overview of how to create dance lesson."
- (handout) "Explains goals and objectives. It was engaging."
- "Objectives are structured and detailed. Gets people u and moving. Entertaining!"
- "Interesting!"
- "Great!"
- "Very engaging!"
- "Fun!"
- "Good idea for bring dance into physical education program." *****
- "Informative! It was a breath of fresh air."
- "Great!" "Loved it!"
- "Will try the movement activity with class. Lots of fun"
- "I thought it was great."
- "It was teacher friendly. I enjoyed it."
- "Practical. It was motivated, easy and fun."
- "The section was fun and informed."
- "Give some ideas/ examples of quick movement steps. More, more, more."
- "It was fun, engaging, educational and useful."
- "The workshop as fun and interactive."
- "Very useful, good for sparking ideas to use in classroom."
- "This is a activity to do during Physical Education or after lunch when students are tired."
- "Very good and fun."
- "Thank you. Awesome."

Assembly Comments

- "Very useful! Will use to continue with my students. My students thoroughly enjoyed dancing- the overall performance was amazing. Looking forward to continuing dance with my students. Excellent program."

- "Students enjoyed the performance tremendously—great multicultural dances and experiences."

- "Students were very engaged. Movement and mathematical skill were taught."

Broadous ES evaluation comments from teachers

"Useful especially for teachers with no dance background."

"Great! It reminds teachers of the importance of adding kinesthetic activities during the day. It also motivates students."

"Eye-opener. I know now that I can teach dance even without previous experience."

"It was energetic, group building, positive, enjoyable. To memorize movements especially in groups is very challenging, and then teaching it. Hopefully I can do so. I love it!"

"I liked the combination of various movement. The music was engaging as well."

"Great."

"Fun !"

(hand out) "Good to use as a reference."

(hand out) "comprehensive"