

Arts Professional Development Highlights 2025-2026

In a PD session our visual arts teacher, Caroline Carson, art was integrated with theater and ELA. She shared a lesson that she was using with her students in their study of the art of Keith Herring and Jean-Michel Basquiat. She explained the elements and symbolism behind their art and tasked teachers to come up with our own art and graffiti the walls of our school. They had to complete their art without getting caught by the police. If they were caught, they had to share the symbolism of their art. When her students did the lesson, they had to create a journal entry about their art.



In this PD session, Caroline Carson integrated visual art with ELA. The session was focused on using photographs as inspiration for a Haiku poem. It was very impactful across all grade levels and subject areas and was inspiration for a lunch time poetry slam in April. Here is one that our PE teacher wrote and another that a 3rd grade student wrote about one of the jazz musicians that they studied in music class.

Ella Fitzgerald



She sings seat singing
she is a jazz musician
Zip Zap zippity!

Out in the forest
Plastic zipping around me
The sweet sound of chains

- A haiku by Coach Duerr

