

OAEA Elementary Art Report – Spring 2007

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- March 22, 2007 Provided testimony to the state legislature Special Committee for Educational Innovation on the state of elementary art education in Oregon. Linda Kieling was instrumental in creating this first ever opportunity, and she represented middle school, and Kathey Philbrick was with us to present for HS. I will have copies of my power point presentation available for anyone interested in adapting it for their own art advocacy use.
- Contacted Michael Fridley at ODE to get statistics on elementary art teachers in Oregon. He found record of 33 teachers who had art listed as their first assignment, 8 with art listed as their second assignment, and 4 with art listed as their third assignment, for a total of 45 teachers! This was more than I expected. I am now hoping to get the list of actual people so that I can begin contacting them. It may take a couple of months before the information for 2006-7 is available; hopefully the actual names are not confidential. He is working on it. I found Michael to be a prompt and professional resource and recommend contacting him to anyone needing information. I has also made a user friendly compilation of current research related to arts education that is available on the ODE website.
- Finally organized a meeting of all 4 elementary art teachers in my district. It was the first time that any of us met! We got to know each other a bit, and are looking forward to more team building. We discussed how we are funded, job security, art shows, etc. Then we had to delve into a daunting revision of visual arts learning targets for the district. We will all have student art displayed at the Beaverton Arts Open House at Sunset HS on Monday April 16th.