

Resources from Arts and PE Available on The Commons

School leaders and teachers can now access resources from the Arts and PE department on their new department page on The Commons. Access instructional resources and information regarding city-wide events for dance, music, physical education, theater and visual arts. [Click here](#) to visit the new site. If you have questions, please contact [Nguyen Vo](#).

Register Your Class for a Free Agri Field Trip Opportunity

DPS kids have an opportunity to learn about the world of agriculture through a free field trip to the National Western Stock show in January. Open to all grades, the stock show offers students the opportunity to learn about how agriculture impacts their everyday lives through hands-on exhibits and programs. Students can get up close with barnyard animals while they experience interactive learning about animal and crop production in Colorado -- exposing them to exciting career opportunities. Register your class [here](#), and email education@nationalwestern.com if you have questions. Don't forget to contact DPS Transportation to discuss bus fees and to arrange bus service for your excursion.

Schoology Groups for Dedicated ELD Teacher Resources Now Available

Two new Schoology groups for Dedicated English-Language Development (ELD) teachers are now available. They contain resources for approved ELD curricula, SLO resources, WiDA resources and DPS ELD guidance.

- The DPS Dedicated ELD Curriculum Group houses resources that have been approved by DPS, including EL Achieve Supplemental Reading and Writing lessons.
- The DPS Dedicated ELD Teacher Created Resources Group is where teachers can share resources they created and download materials from other DPS teachers.

Please note that all resources from the EL Achieve Shared Site will be moved to Schoology in September. [Click here](#) for directions on how to join a group in Schoology. Use these access codes to join:

- DPS Dedicated ELD Curriculum: *MGNFG-GJCDD*
- DPS Dedicated ELD Teacher Created Resources: *Z93QX-SXGD8*

Fifth-Grade Teachers: Sign Up for Courtrooms to Classrooms Program Opportunity

Through a partnership with the Denver District Attorney's Office, the Courtrooms to Classrooms program gives fifth-grade students the opportunity to learn better decision-making and problem-solving skills, and learn about our justice system. Students will also have the opportunity to interact with volunteers who work in a variety of jobs across the criminal justice system. If you're interested in having your fifth-graders participate in this program, please complete and send in the [attached application](#).

2017-18 Elementary Literacy Professional Learning Sessions Now Available

A complete list of 2017-18 professional learning sessions for elementary literacy classroom teachers is available [here](#). If you have questions, please contact [Sara Wortinger](#).

Early Literacy Specialist Professional Learning Sessions Available

Early Literacy Specialists (ELS) have the opportunity to participate in Support for Implementation sessions throughout the year based on school-selected early literacy content. Early literacy session offerings from summer ELS PD can be found [here](#).

Support for Implementation sessions will engage ELSs in collaborative problem solving and action planning to effectively implement shared areas of early literacy focus at their schools. Support for Implementation session information can be accessed [here](#). These sessions are open to ELSs and others who support early literacy.

For teacher leaders, these sessions will fulfill the teacher leader professional learning requirements in the "Leading in Academic Content" strand during the 2017-18 school year. If you have questions, contact [Nicole Hensel](#).