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600 P.S. ARTS students from kindergarten to 5th grade at Juan de Anza Elementary School in Hawthorne create school's mural. The mural is funded by a grant from the Los Angeles County Arts Commission.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE UNVEILING](#) via HAWTHORNE COMMUNITY TELEVISION

\$607,000 Approved for SMMUSD Arts Education

Even in an uncertain financial climate marked by a massive budget deficit, the Santa Monica-Malibu school district doesn't want to do away with arts education. The local Board of Education recently approved a contract of more than \$607,000 for P.S. ARTS.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#) via Santa Monica Daily Press

Visual and performing arts standards for schools in California are about to get a makeover

State legislators passed a bill Tuesday to update the state's content standards in the arts for the first time since 2001. Arts education advocates say the changes are overdue: while California educators have updated standards for most school subjects in recent years to reflect changing technology, research and educational priorities, arts standards have languished.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#) via KPCC

Herb Alpert Foundation to donate \$10.1 million to LACC – making studies for music majors tuition-free

Trumpeter Herb Alpert is now making his mark on education. The musician's namesake foundation, co-founded with his wife, singer Lani Hall, is making a \$10.1-million donation to Los Angeles City College that will provide all music majors at the school with a tuition-free education.

[READ THE FULL ARTICLE](#) via LA TIMES

NATIONAL

New Research Reveals National, State, and Regional Facts about Arts Participation

The National Endowment for the Arts is releasing new research that for the first time offers a complete state-by-state perspective on how Americans participate in the arts. In addition, the data reveal that despite decades of declining arts attendance by U.S. adults in the performing and visual arts, more recent rates are holding steady.

[VIEW THE RESULTS via NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS](#)

Educators Employ Art Activism to Call for Less Testing, More Learning Time

Earlier this year, educators in Santa Fe, NM launched an artistic response to the misguided education policies that have eroded a student's time to learn with too much standardized testing. As part of NEA's "Time to Learn" campaign, several educators created an exhibit of adorned chairs and called it, "The Joy of Learning Chair Project." The chairs were temporarily installed outside of the New Mexico State Capitol during a lobbying effort and rally, which was sponsored, in part, by NEA-New Mexico in February.

[READ THE ARTICLE via NEA TODAY](#)

Forget the SAT, This New Standardized Test Measures Artistic Ability

This spring, New Hampshire put forth a pilot arts testing program cultivating alternative ways to measure creative learning, following its similar programs already in place for math, science, and language arts. But can these reimaged assessments (say drawing and reflecting on a self-portrait) actually push forward teaching and learning in the arts—and aspiring Picassos into careers?

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Upcoming Events

Herb Alpert & Lani Hall:
A Benefit Concert for P.S. ARTS
Hosted by P.S. ARTS
• September 10 | Santa Monica, CA

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National Arts in Education Week
Hosted by Americans for the Arts
• September 11 - 17

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State of the Arts 2016
Hosted by Arts Council for Long Beach
• September 22 | Long Beach, CA

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2016 Arts Education Partnership National Forum
Hosted by Arts Education Partnership
• October 5 - 7 | Denver, CO

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TRENDING

How to Teach Your Children to Care about Art

Over the past decade, the National Endowment for the Arts has found strong evidence showing that art can have a positive effect on young children (infants through eight-year-olds). A December 2015 NEA literature review conducted by program analyst Melissa Menzer, for example, found connections between the arts—including music, theater, visual arts, and literature—and social and emotional skills such as “helping, caring, and sharing activities.”

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Art is essential, not extra

“The arts can develop confidence and competence in students who haven’t found success in other academic subjects. They promote creativity and self-directed learning. They engage students—who, with access to the arts, have better attendance, report less boredom, and are more likely to stay in school and do better in school.”

[READ THE ARTICLE via THE HUFFINGTON POST](#)

Children's Brains Develop Faster With Exposure To Music, Study Proves

Exposure to music and music instruction accelerate the brain development of young children. The development mostly touches the part in the areas of the brain that are responsible for language development, sound, reading skill and speech perception. The study was led by the researchers from the Brain and Creativity at USC in partnership with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Associations and Heart of Los Angeles. It was a five-year study and began in 2012. It examines and analyzes the impact of music instruction on children’s cognitive, emotional and social development.

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