

A unique collaborative partnership of educators, arts, science and cultural organizations, and the Globe-News Center.

Window On a Wider World

September 2007

AGALU Back by Popular Demand:

Twenty-five usher volunteers welcomed over 2,000 students for two performances at the Globe-News Center on February 26 to experience an exceptional presentation to enrich Black History Month. Agalu is an ensemble of remarkable dancers, extraordinary drummers and textile artists from Oshogbo, Nigeria, based in Santa Fe, New Mexico who perform exciting masquerades, drumming and dance. Agalu is led by Akeem Ayanniyi, who is the ninth generation of his family to play the traditional Yoruba talking drum. Agalu made education exciting by engaging students of all ages in their program that extended beyond a musical performance into teachings on West African culture, geography, and arts and crafts. As authentic African musicians, they answered students' questions about the wide variety of drums they play and showed students

how drums can talk. WOWW provided a distance learning experience February 28 with Sunray Elementary at Region 16 ESC. Students experienced an interactive lesson with Agalu to give them a better understanding of the performance, the culture, the music, instruments and their relevancy to Black History. It was an unforgettable experience!



We thought the performance of Agalu on Monday was one of the best so far. Our kids really enjoyed it! Thanks again,

Mary Sue Adams
Pringle-Morse ISD

"Thanks so much. WOWW was a wonderful experience! Looking forward to next year..."

Shona Rose-Besselman,
WOWW Site Coordinator
Fannin Middle School

"I want to thank you for all of your work for John Erickson's performances. The experience was inspiring for our students and so enjoyable! We love the post- and pre-performance curriculum you provided for us. The entire event was a great adventure...and I'm sure it will continue as we read more and more Hank books!"

Nancy Wilcox, Arbor Christian Academy



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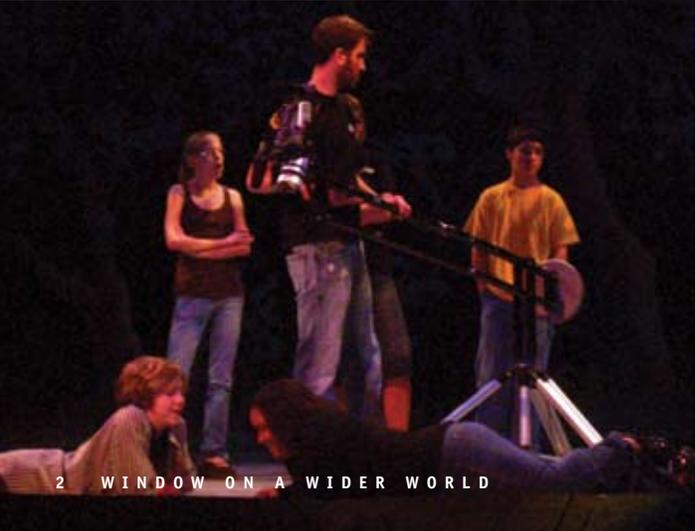
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READY, ...AND ACTION!

Fannin Students Create a Public Service Announcement

WTAMU Broadcasting Department, under the leadership of Dr. Leigh Browning, offered an education opportunity this spring in the Educators' Resource Guide. Fannin Middle School chose to take advantage of this program and gave students an occasion to showcase the importance of arts in our schools by writing, producing and directing a Public Service Announcement. Students met prior to production to develop the idea and flush out a script. On the afternoon of April 26, they traveled to WT and prepared for the "shoot." With WT college mentors working side-by-side 15 Fannin students, four groups of film crews set out to produce scenes from Palo Duro Canyon State Park, Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, WTAMU Broadcasting Department and the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts. You have to see it to believe it! We plan to air the PSA this fall, while WT plans to present it for National University Broadcasting competition.

" WOWW has definitely exposed our students to many art, science and cultural programs therefore, allowing teachers to expand on these experiences in the classroom. Many different concepts were incorporated into the teacher's lesson plans – before, during, and after each event to get the full benefit of each experience. We feel very fortunate to have been selected as a pilot school."

**Marcy Sessions, Principal
Wellington Elementary**

"WOWW has planted seeds into the minds of children of what the fine arts really are and what associations they can make, which have enhanced their education and increased their love of learning."

**Karen Atkinson, Principal
Robert E. Lee Elementary School**

What does WOWW mean by "Integration"?

- **Classroom teachers consider curriculum objectives**

Example: 4th grade science curriculum: Planets in Space

- **Organizations provide education programs in Educators' Resource Guide**

Example: Concerts for Young People, Amarillo Symphony

Program: Space

- **WOWW available to help Teacher expand curriculum opportunity with organizations' programs**

Example: WOWW rep meets with classroom teacher to discuss programs that would enrich students learning experience about "Space"

- **WOWW available to help organization develop programs based on needs of teacher that include TEKS**

Example: Amarillo Symphony offered a new program in 2007 for 4th graders based upon the science curriculum and included TEKS objectives

- **Curriculum is blended with content of arts experience to enrich student learning**

Example: Students attend Concerts for Young People "A Flight to Outer Space" at the Globe-News Center. Prior to this concert, the Lone Star Ballet offers an artist residency whereby dancers move and rotate as planets move and rotate helping children recognize planets, rotations and constellations. After the concert, a field trip to the Discovery Center provides an enhanced experience in the Space Theatre showing shuttle flights, Hubble telescopic pictures, distant galaxies and black holes.

- **Students transfer learning experience to maximize impact in math, science, social studies and language arts**

Example: Math concepts about distance and measurement are more clearly understood, planets in space have been made real by the experiences at the musical concert, with the ballet artists, and the trip to the Discovery Center. People who discovered the telescope, the compass, and navigation are brought to life in social studies and their place in history while students write about how those inventions have brought new light to the twenty first century through language arts. All the experiences have brought a learning concept about "Space" in a more profound and unforgettable way for students by providing different methods and strategies making connections for life.

"Thank you again for giving us the opportunity to show our support for education (and for having so much fun at the same time)!"

Jim Gleason, Community Relations Manager
Barnes & Noble Booksellers Amarillo



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WOWW Triples in Size

Our pilot project for WOWW began last September with 7 participating schools: Bivins Elementary, Lee Elementary, Lamar Elementary, South Georgia Elementary and Fannin Middle School in AISD. Two rural schools included were Mary Allen Elementary in Stratford ISD and Wellington Elementary in Wellington ISD. The success of the pilot project allows us to expand our program and more than triple the number of schools we will serve for the upcoming school year.

We welcome the following schools as new participants in WOWW for 2007-08: Avondale Elementary, Eastridge Elementary, Oak Dale Elementary, Pleasant Valley Elementary, Will Rogers Elementary, Sleepy Hollow Elementary, and Windsor Elementary in AISD. From Hereford ISD we welcome Aikman Primary, Bluebonnet Intermediate, Northwest Primary, Tierra Blanca Primary and West Central Intermediate. A fourth rural district, Pampa ISD is joining the program this fall and we welcome Austin Elementary, Lamar Elementary, Travis Elementary and Wilson Elementary. WOWW will be serving nearly 10,000 students of the Texas Panhandle providing enriched learning experiences.

WOW! WOWW

"Providing a Window On a Wider World"

The education program of the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts has evolved into Window On a Wider World (WOWW). Modeled after ArtsPartners, a successful arts education program of Big Thought in Dallas, Texas, it is a unique collaborative partnership of educators, arts, science and cultural organizations, and the Globe-News Center. WOWW is dedicated to enriching the education of Texas Panhandle students through arts, science and cultural experiences. Approximately 130 education programs from 24 nonprofit organizations are available in our Educators' Resource Guide. WOWW can magnify the impact of every child's learning experience in and out of the classroom by facilitating the process for teachers to integrate arts, science and cultural programming into the core curriculum of math, science, social studies and language arts and meet the needs of children and schools in the Texas Panhandle. WOWW provides an allotment of \$5 per child based on the enrollment of each school on September 14, 2007. The funds will be applied toward any of the programs, and/or transportation to those programs, listed in the Educators' Resource Guide.

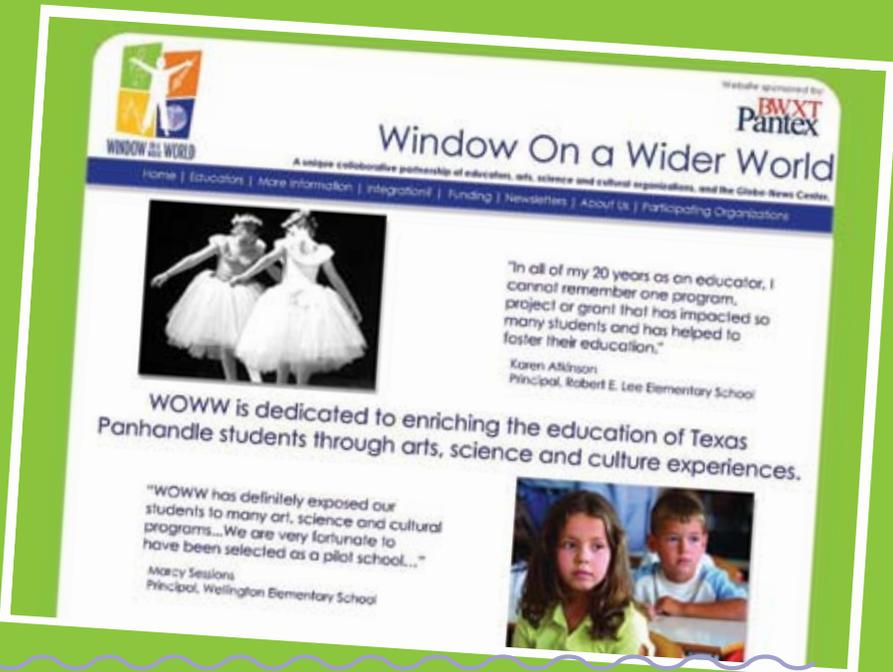


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2006 - 2007 Statistics	
Schools Served	7
Students Served	2,712
Admissions Funded	9,789



WOWW Launches Website

Visit our new website at www.windowonawiderworld.org. Educators, whether or not your school is a designated WOWW school, we hope you will tap into the online resources available for you and your students as you seek to bring enriching experiences to the learning process. We are grateful to the Amarillo Area Foundation for the initial funding to develop this program, to the 24 local arts, science and cultural organizations that have provided excellent programs in the Educators' Resource Guide, to WTA&M University for their involvement to assess and evaluate this program, and to all the wonderful educators who have the passion for making learning more meaningful. Together we can successfully provide alternative ways of teaching and learning, making life-long connections for every student, and better prepare our children for tomorrow in an increasingly challenging world.