

SONGWORK

Educators Association

September 2021

As we begin another year, I imagine there to be concern, worry, maybe even anxiety around what your school year will look like. Will you be in masks? Will you be able to sing with your students? Will you be online? Hybrid? Asynchronous or synchronous? There seem to be so many unknowns. I would like to encourage you that YOU are enough! YOU are the expert in knowing how to teach your students. YOU have the training and experience to keep kids first. We wear so many hats as educators. We nurture, counsel, motivate, and inspire students to succeed.

This fall, as you begin your classes, I encourage you to check in with your students often to see how they are doing. They are resilient learners, and some may not even know school to be any other way! They also may be struggling with food insecurity, housing insecurity, parental loss of job, and school is a safe place for them to be, a constant in their life.

Teaching during a pandemic has stretched me, sometimes uncomfortably, to reach my students, to take self care seriously, to provide students a space for joy to happen when joy seems hard to access. I encourage you to take self care seriously, eat well, do your best to get good rest at night, and most importantly find joy. Find joy in an evening walk, a quiet morning meditation, bring your joy with you to your classroom. Your students need to see it.

Wishing you a joy-filled year of teaching,

Aimee~



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Save the dates and join us for the

**2022 SongWorks Educators Association
Annual International Conference**

**In Dallas, TX
March 31-April 2**

What a joy it will be to gather in person to learn and play together again! For those who are unable to travel, we look forward to connecting with you on our planned hybrid day when registrants can access the conference remotely.

Registration opens January 10th, 2022.

Details regarding registration will be [available soon](#).



From Our Roots We Continue To Grow



UKULELE WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

with Master Teacher
Judy Fjell
Helena, MT



Middleton Elementary
9105 Lake Road
Woodbury, MN 55125

Register in advance:
www.songworkeducators.com

\$10 teachers
\$5 students
CEUs available

Minnesota Ukulele Workshop

Join us for a special (in person!) ukulele workshop on Saturday, September 25! We are eager to share some beautifully accessible ukulele teaching techniques and strategies with you! You won't want to miss it! No prior experience with ukuleles necessary.

Saturday, September 25, 2021

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Middleton Elementary

9105 Lake Road

Woodbury, MN 55125

Masks are required. Ukuleles will be provided.

\$10 teachers, \$5 students

CEUs available

[Register now](#) to reserve your place! We hope you will join us!





Are you ready for some new materials, new activities and new ways of thinking about your students and teaching?

Join us as we sing, play and learn together

Saturday, October 23
10am - 12pm

Garfield Elementary
1205 NW Garfield Ave
Corvallis, OR 97330

Free | PDUs Available



Contact Betty Phillips (betty@songworkseducators.com) with questions

Mark your calendars!

Join us for our next SIPs, SongWorks in Practice, an evening of playful lessons presented by SongWorks educators from across the country.

**Virtual opportunities to support, encourage,
and empower each other as the school year begins**

**Ideas to use in virtual, hybrid, and face to face teaching
that focus on creating ways to build community**

Interested in attending? Have a colleague who might like to attend? Reach out to Jake Harkins at jeharkins@fcps.edu ASAP. The next SIP session is on **October 11th!**

Need Ideas? Check out our Website!

You can find many articles, past newsletters, current events, and information about how to become a member and access even more content.

Events



Certification Courses
Summer 2022
Dates & Locations Coming Soon!



Annual Conference
March 31 - April 2, 2022
Dallas, TX



SongWorks in Practice (SIP)
October 11, 2021
Online



SongWorks Saturday Workshops
September 25, 2021 (MN)
October 23, 2021 (OR)

News



SongWorks Certification Teaching Practicum – Registration Open!
by Betty Phillips | August 2021
We are excited to announce that registration is now open for Certification Level 3: SongWorks Teaching Practicum!



2022 Conference: Save the Dates!
by Nan Fitzpatrick | August 2021
Planning for the 2022 Annual Conference is underway! What session might you present to convey the playfulness and vibrancy happening in your classroom and musical



From the President
by Lisa Schoen & Aimee Newman | May 2021
Outgoing SWEA President Lisa Schoen says "Goodbye" and Incoming President Aimee Newman says "Hello."
[Read More](#)

[To Rubbletum!](#) A story and game experience to delight your learners this October, shared by Kate Smith.

[Video library](#) of SongWorks practices in Action

Coming Soon: SongWorks and Neurodivergent Learners

We're Social!

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and Twitter [@SongWorksEd](#)

The Purpose of SongWorks Educators Association is to search for and practice ways of making music and interacting with people that preserve and celebrate the dignity of both. As a guiding principle, this purpose will focus our work on:

- 1) Practices that foster interactive, facilitative learning environments.
- 2) Strategies that empower the learner within the context of music experience and study.
- 3) Networks that encourage collaboration between diverse disciplines, professionals, and interest groups.

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SWEA Membership

Support the mission of SWEA with membership dues or donations!

\$45 Regular | \$75 Sustaining
\$100 Patron | \$20 Student

Join or donate online at:

www.songworkseducatorsassociation.com

Would you like to submit something to be considered for the SWEA Newsletter or Happenings?

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The password for the secure Members Access area of the SWEA website was updated on July 12, 2021 and emailed to current members. If you are ready to renew your membership, please visit our [Membership page](#). If you are uncertain about the date of your last dues payment, or if you have any other questions about your membership, please contact Registrar Alice Nordquist:
registrar@songworkseducators.com.