



DEBRA WELLER-EDUCATOR, STORYTELLER, CONSULTANT

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Debra is an educator who strives to encourage clients to help reach a successful potential. She is a highly creative performance artist using oral tradition storytelling and music to engage audiences. Her presentations deliver quality professional development and entertainment. Her training in curriculum and instruction provides her vast knowledge to train professionals. She is driven by a personal philosophy to provide valuable, educational experiences and performances for children and adults.

Education

AA- Art, St. Petersburg College, Clearwater, Florida

BA-Art Education, Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey

MS-Educational Leadership, Curriculum and Design, National University, CA

Employment History

2018-present- Substitute Teacher St. John's County School District

1988-2018- Kindergarten, First Grade and Transitional Kindergarten Teacher,

Capistrano School District, Bathgate Elementary, Mission Viejo, CA

1998-2005- Teaching Assistant Principal

1998- present- Parenting Educator, CUSD

1995-2000- Mentor teacher and Curriculum Standards Specialist

1980-present- Professional Performing Storyteller and International Educational Consultant

1980-present-Proprietor of Debra's Designs-calligraphy and murals and design

2008- Getty Museum, Storyteller in Residence

Additional Training

Accelerated Literacy Trainer, EISS, English Language Learner Strategies, STEM, Project

Read, RIC

GLAD, Professional Learning Communities. UCI ELL Science Training, Cognitively Guided Instruction

Additional Assignments

Student Study Team Coordinator, AAA Gifted and talent Coordinator, SIP language Arts Social Science Committee Leader

CCR Review Coordinator, PQR Team Member for Westwood Basics School, Irvin's, CA.

Master Teacher, Mentor Teacher, Curriculum Standards Specialist, TK

Transition Team, OCDE TK Advisory Board, CUEA Representative and two terms on Executive Board

State of California, Leadership Position

President California Kindergarten Association- 2009-2011, 2011-2014, Board of Directors, 1999-2017

State of Florida, Leadership Position- Board of Directors, Florida Storytelling

Association 2019 to present

Professional Development Presentations

Orange County Department of Education, Capistrano Unified School District, Adelanto Elementary School District, Huntingdon Beach USD Professional Development Academies, Saddleback College, UCI Extension, Norwalk La Mirada School District, Saddleback Unified School District, Long Beach Unified School District, North Hollywood Unified School District, Upland Unified, Bowers Museum Docent Training, California Kindergarten Association Conference, National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, SDE Kindergarten Conference, BER Kindergarten Conference, Southern California Kindergarten Conference, KinderStar School-Saigon, Vietnam, Garden School- Guangzhou, China. Early Childhood Educational Forum, India

Professional Storytelling Performances

Philadelphia Folk Festival, Doylestown Library, Cherry Hill New Jersey Library, Elfeth's Alley Festival, Please Touch Museum, Philadelphia, PA, Strawberry Festival, Pennsylvania, Moorestown, NJ Library, Mount Laurel, NJ Library, Camden County Parks and Recreation Department, Bowers Museum, Ca, Rancho Los Cerritos, Tellabration, Mission Viejo Reader's Festival, Orange County Reader's Festival, Imagination Celebration, Heritage Hill, Aliso Viejo

Library, Orange County Library system, LA Library System, Scottish Storytelling Centre, Florida Folk Festival, Barberville, Florida Storytelling Festival, Romanza Festivale, The Storytelling Centre, Edinburgh, Scotland, Friesing Germany Elementary School, Mission Viejo Library Teen Storytelling Camp, Aliso Viejo Storytelling Camp, Norwegian Caribbean Cruise Lines, Getty Museum, Los Angeles, KinderStar School, Saigon, Vietnam, Garden School, Guangzhou, China. TAG Museum, St. Augustine, FL, GTM National Estuary Preserve, Ponte Vedra, Florida, St. John's County Library, Florida Folk Festival, Florida Storytelling Festival, Saint Augustine Art Association, The Story Space, Boston, MA., Fostering Connections, Lullaby of the Rivers Festival, Council of the Aging Nocatee, River House and Ponte Vedra, Vitas Healthcare, Daytona

Professional Consulting Work

Big Tree Entertainment CA, North Hollywood School District, CA Literacy Development, Lakeshore Learning, Kaplan School Supplies, We Sign Phonics, KF Enterprises, KinderStar School, Saigon, Vietnam, Garden School, Guangzhou, China, Early Edge California- Passage of Kindergarten Readiness Act, Rancho Los Cerritos, Long Beach, CA

Organizational Projects

The Storytelling Institute, Voices of the Future Storytelling Festival, The Early Childhood Academy CUSD, California Kindergarten Association Conference

Professional Associations

South Coast Storytellers Guild, National Storytelling Network, California Kindergarten Association, Capistrano unified Education Association, California Teachers Association, National Education Association, California Kindergarten Association, Tale Tellers of St. Augustine, Florida Storytelling Association, National Storytelling Network

Published Articles

"Storytelling, the Cornerstone of Literacy," CKA winter Journal 2009

Signed Phonics for All Children-Debra Weller, Dave Kinnoin, Ken Frawley, Georgia Frawley, 2015, KF Enterprises