Arts & Crafts Returns on June 24th!

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CRAFT BEER & SPIRITS.
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FOOD TRUCKS.
JOY AND WHIMSY!

Arts & Crafts art and music festival has something for everyone - it's fun for the whole family! Get your ticket today.

Pre-party with us! COMPAS will be participating in Community Mondays at Maple Island Brewing on June 5th from Noon till 8pm. $1 of every pint sold will go to funding arts-education in Minnesota. Come have a beer and say hello! Let's cheers to unleashing creativity.

A comedian, comic book enthusiast & spoken word poet walk into a classroom...

Sounds like the prelude to a bad joke, but in reality they are the main ingredients for the Writing Apprenticeship Program at North View Middle School. This month three-hundred 7th and 8th graders participated in the program and worked with three of our literary teaching artists. **Levi Weinlagen** (comedy), **Fiona Avocado** (comics), and **Tou SaiKo Lee** (spoken word poetry). The artists worked together to inspire students and teach new genres of writing, while each student wrote an original piece to share with their class.

Weinhagen, Avocado and Lee will each select three students’ work to be published in the annual **COMPAS collection of student writing**. Additionally, all interested students had the opportunity to share their writing at North View's One World, Many Stories event on May 25.
Artist Spotlight: Saxophonist Doug Little of Tres Mundos

“Teaching and performing feed off of each other. The teaching brings us closer to the audiences and the performing gives weight to our teaching and of course nurtures our creative selves.”

What is it like to tour around the state performing Latin jazz in Minnesota communities big and small? Find out in Doug’s full interview.

Don't Forget About The Blog...

This month the blog explored everything from teacher appreciation week to creating a sense of belonging through spoken word along with an artist spotlight with Charlie Maguire.

Subscribe to the blog to get reminders every Friday morning and delve into new topics and inspiring discussions!

If you’re reading this - way down at the bottom - then you are one of us: a person who knows creative education is essential for every age.

In the 2016-17 school year close to 28,000 K-12 students experienced the life-changing POWER of creativity. Your donation connects Minnesotans of all ages with creativity that helps them thrive.

Will you help us connect even more people with the power of creativity?

COMPAS is a nationally-recognized provider of arts education programs.