

OFFICE of **ARTS** EDUCATION



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HELLO!

Dear ,
Welcome to the November issue of our E-Newsletter! We are pleased to introduce a new format to our newsletter that we hope you will enjoy. We encourage you to use the "send this to a friend" link on the top right hand side to share it with others. You can also manage your user preferences by using the link at the bottom of this page. We hope this format will be easier for you to access and will continue to keep old issues on our website <http://www.cpsarts.org/>.

Now, without further ado, the CPS Office of Arts Education November E-Newsletter!

NEW ON CPSARTS.ORG

We've added a new feature on our website! You can now view photos and video of our programs by visiting the dance, music, visual art or theater/literary arts pages. In the upcoming months you will see more added but in the meantime [click here](#) to see what we have posted so far!

DISCIPLINE HIGHLIGHTS

DANCE

OAE is pleased to recognize the 15 schools selected to participate in *Having a Ball*, CPS' official ballroom dance intensive program for 08-09: Addams Elementary, Agassiz Elementary, Alcott Elementary, Attucks Elementary, Cleveland Elementary, Edwards School, Hefferan Elementary, Kipling Elementary, May Community Academy, New Sullivan Elementary, Onahan Elementary, Oriole Park Elementary, Sandoval Elementary, Saucedo Scholastic Academy and Thorp Scholastic Academy. The 20-week program runs December through May and focuses on the International Style of ballroom dance.

MUSIC

This month OAE co-sponsors an exciting workshop opportunity with the Thelonius Monk Institute of Jazz! Friday, November 7, join us for a day-long workshop provided by Dr. J. B. Dyas of the Thelonius Monk Institute of Jazz that will offer CPS teachers training in a wide variety of jazz band rehearsal techniques; includes teaching of improvisation, rhythm section development, starting a jazz ensemble. 5 CPDUs will be offered. Open to elementary, middle and high school music teachers. For more information or to access the registration form [click here](#).

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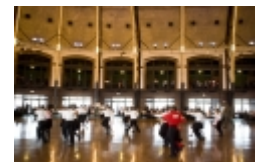
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Students in the 07-08 *Having a Ball* program compete at the Navy Pier Grand Ballroom.

VISUAL ARTS

OAE is partnering with the Mayor's Office of Special Events (MOSE) on the city's first *Snow Days Festival* (Feb. 11-14, 2009) in Grant Park. This festival will feature 15 snow sculptures created by professional artist teams from across the country. MOSE is also challenging 12 teams of high schools students to design their own 6'x4'x4' snow sculptures for the festival. Snow blocks will be displayed for public view. For more info or to request an application please call 773-553-1952. Design entries are due by mid-November.

The Rediscovering Chicago Public School Murals Project is now underway in up to 50 schools district-wide. Teachers who participated in the Summer and Fall workshops are using the revised curriculum guide and taking fieldtrips to see *Hidden Treasures: The Lane Tech Murals* exhibition at the Chicago Cultural Center (until Dec. 31). The exhibit celebrates Lane Tech's 100th anniversary and features 11 Progressive Era murals alongside photographs and other school artifacts.

The All-City Art Competition for high schools is gearing up once again! Artwork and portfolio submittals are due on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. New this year, twenty-two All-City artworks are on display at the brand new CBS 2 Broadcast Center as part of the *HeART of Chicago: CPS Student Art Exhibition*. This special exhibit will be a regular feature of the All-City Art Program in collaboration with the CBS 2 departments of Design and Public Affairs.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

For a complete calendar of upcoming events and opportunities please visit our [online calendar](#).

Join the Art Institute for its November teacher programs, "Weaving Narratives - Using Art to Teach Literacy" and "Art Volunteers in the Classroom." CPDUs are available. For more information call 312-443-9092 or [click here](#).

Arts in Early Childhood Workshops are continuing at Columbia College including Color Connections: Painting on Saturday, November 15. This program offers teachers 5 CPDU's. For more information call 312-369-8712.

The Museum of Contemporary Art presents a teacher workshop on Saturday, November 15. In this workshop, teachers will explore art and activism, focusing on language-based art making. CPDUs are available. For more information [click here](#).

Don't miss the chance for your students to see Joffrey's production of *The Nutcracker* during a special student matinee on Friday, December 19. Tickets are only \$10 and are going fast so call 312-386-8908 or [click here](#) to learn more.

The Lou Conte Dance Studio has added classes on Sundays! [Click here](#) to see what is new. CPS [teacher discounts](#) are available via application through Hubbard Street's Education Department.

The CPS *Combined Charities Campaign* is launching its first-ever student art competition. Winning designs become the booklet covers and poster for the upcoming charities campaign that kicks off in April 2009. Several prizes are available! All entries must be received by December 19, 2008. For more

information contact Chris Koziel at ckoziel@cs-il.org, or call 312 379 0190 x112.

LESSON PLANS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

November is Native American Heritage month! Here are a few arts education lesson plans that can be related to your Thanksgiving or Native American Heritage month activities. Lesson plans courtesy of The Kennedy Center's ARTSEGE.

[Native American Chants and Movement](#) (K-4)

[Moccasins Are Made for Dancing](#) (5-8)

[Native American Poetry and Sand Paintings](#) (9-12)

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