

OFFICE of **ARTS** EDUCATION



SEASONS GREETINGS

Dear ,
Happy holidays from the CPS Office of Arts Education! As we enter December the CPS community is busy with performances, assemblies, and other seasonal activities. We encourage you to make the arts part of the festivities! Why not take your students on one of the many arts field trip opportunities available this month or incorporate an arts project into your school day? Visit our [website](#) or enjoy our December newsletter for more ideas.

Best wishes,
OAE Staff

DISCIPLINE HIGHLIGHTS

DANCE

Help support the CPS dance community by attending some of the upcoming student performances this month! Tuesday, December 9 join the Elementary Dance Scholarship Students for their informal in-studio demonstration, visit Curie High School to see the dance department's production of *The Nutty Grinch*, December 3-6 or stop by Whitney Young for the Holiday Concert on December 18. For more information visit OAE's [events calendar](#).

MUSIC

Don't miss an opportunity to see the All-City Performing groups in [Winter Wonderfest](#) at Navy Pier on Saturday, December 13!

Reminder: The [registration deadline](#) for CPS Piano, Instrumental Solo and Ensemble Contests is Thursday, December 18 by 4:30 p.m. For questions please [email](#) or call 773-553-2236.

Join the excitement at the 62nd Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, December 16-20 at the Hilton Hotel and Towers! See CPS students from Lane Tech College Prep, Saucedo Scholastic Academy and Whitney Young High School in performance and rehearsal or attend a clinic like "The Basie Style." For details, dates and times visit our [events calendar](#).

Congratulations to Sharon Quattrin, music teacher at Hubbard High School, who was nominated by one of her students and selected by WGN news as October's Teacher of the Month! Hubbard was also awarded a \$1700 scholarship from Sylvan Learning Centers, and Ms. Quattrin and her class were featured on WGN news on October 29 and 30. [Watch the segment](#) featuring Ms. Quattrin and her class!

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VISUAL ARTS

The deadline for design entries for the Snow Days Teen Sculpting Challenge has been extended to December 5, 2008. High school teachers interested in signing up groups of 5 students for this challenge in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Special Events should request an application by calling 773-553-1952.

In partnership with the Office of Libraries, OAE invites art specialists, librarians and classroom teachers to apply for the CPS Pictures America Grant. Funded by the Terra Foundation for American Art, this project will increase the educational opportunities made possible by the NEH's Picturing America resources. Applications are already on route to principals, teachers and librarians and are due December 17. For more information [email](#) or call 773-553-1952.

The CPS All-City Art Competition is just around the corner with guidelines being forwarded to high schools this month. A few changes this year include a new exhibit venue and the opportunity for more students to participate in mixed-media, printmaking and portfolio categories. Submittals will be due the last week in January to prepare for judging starting February 11-18, 2009. More to come!

THEATER/LITERARY ARTS

OAE is excited to co-host an Acting Workshop for CPS teachers at Gallery 37 on Thursday, December 11 from 4-6 p.m. CPDU's are available and the workshop is offered free of charge. Please [email us](#) to register or for more information.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

For more events and opportunities visit our OAE [online calendar!](#)

Join the Art Institute on January 22 for a teacher program entitled *Colorful Connections - Science and Art*. Teachers will engage in hands-on activities to demonstrate principles of color theory and the physics of light. Participants will also take a gallery tour to see how artists have put theory to practice in actual works of art. For more information [click here](#).

OAE has invited the Marwen Institute to design mixed-media workshops for CPS art teachers on January 23 and March 27, 2009. Workshops taught by Lisa Cinelli and Regin Igloria will combine drawing, text and collage techniques for the production of books in various sizes. To register for these professional development opportunities call 773-553-1952 or [email](#).

The Jazz Institute of Chicago presents the 2nd Annual Jazzin' Up Chicago Public Schools Winter Workshop on January 23. For more information [click here](#).

LESSON PLANS FOR WINTER ARTS FUN

Looking for ways to incorporate the arts in your holiday or winter activities? Try some of these lesson plans courtesy of the Kennedy Center's ARTSEGE:

[Telling a Story Through Dance](#) (K-4)

[An Owl in the Woods](#) (K-4)
[Dancing a Christmas Carol](#) (5-8)
[Acting Up, Backstage](#) (5-8)
[Tchaikovsky in America](#) (9-12)

GOOGLE'S ANCIENT ROME 3D CURRICULAR COMPETITION

For the first time ever, K-12 educators in the United States will have the chance to highlight their creativity and technical know-how by combining this brand new Google Earth content with classic classroom curricula. We're accepting curricula from all grade levels and K-12 subject areas including art history, math, social studies, physics, and philosophy, so whether you teach 5th grade art or high school engineering, there's glory and a nice prize package waiting for you. For more information visit the [competition's website](#).

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