

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Dear ,
Happy 2009! The CPS Office of Arts Education wishes you an art filled New Year and we hope that you will join us in the many activities ahead.

Best wishes,
OAE Staff

DISCIPLINE HIGHLIGHTS**DANCE**

OAE is pleased to announce that the Elementary Dance Scholarship Pilot Program is being featured on *CPS Right Now* this month. The episode airs twice nightly through January 13 on channels 23 and 49 between 5 and 9 p.m. and is also available online. Click to [watch the segment](#).

MUSIC

OAE is happy to extend an invitation to teachers to attend a special master class presented by Corky Siegel! The class will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, January 17 at Saucedo Scholastic Academy. Please [rsvp by email](#) by January 12 to save your spot.

Don't miss these upcoming opportunities to see CPS musicians in action! February 7 is the Elementary and High School Piano Contest at Whitney Young Fine Arts Center and February 21 is the Elementary and High School Solo & Ensemble Contest at Kelly High School.

Reminder: Contest deadlines for the Elementary and High School Vocal Solo & Ensemble Contest are Thursday, February 12! Completed forms should be submitted to OAE.

Kudos to Maria Saucedo Scholastic Academy's Concert Band, directed by Carlos H. Ayento, Whitney Young Magnet High School's Wind Ensemble, directed by Anthony Lanzino and Lane Tech's College Preparatory Jazz Band, directed by Omar Fong-Bances, for their participation at the 62nd Annual Midwest International Clinic held in Chicago in December.

VISUAL ARTS

Artwork submittals for the All-City Art Competition are due on Thursday, January 29 with one alternate day on Wednesday, February 5 for schools with testing conflicts. All submission forms must be typed and secured to the reverse side of submitted artworks. For more information call 773-553-1952.

Spots are still available for the Mixed Media Workshops on January 23 and

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Drawing by Maggie Ball, (Alcott Elementary) former *Having a Ball* participant and current Elementary Dance Scholarship Program student.

March 29. The workshops are provided by OAE in conjunction with Marwen and are taught by Lisa Cinelli and Regin Igloria. They will combine drawing, text and collage techniques for the production of books in various sizes. To register call 773-553-1952 or [email](#).

THEATER/LITERARY ARTS

Stay tuned for details regarding the launch of the CPS High School Theater Competition and the Elementary Poetry Festival! More details will be available in February.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

For a full listing of arts events and opportunities please visit our [online calendar](#).

After School Matters invites students to [apply online](#) for their Spring 2009 Downtown Programs at Gallery 37 Center for the Arts. Students can earn a stipend for this 10-week jobs training program in the arts. Auditions will be held January 10-15. For questions call 312-744-8925 and ask for Maureen Johannigman or Viola Lee.

The Illinois Music Educators Association All-State convention will convene in Peoria Illinois from Wednesday, January 28 to Saturday, January 31, 2009. For further information visit the [IMEA website](#).

The deadline for the Music Matters grant is fast approaching! This cycle will focus on educational reform in school music programs and independent music programs. Amounts are between \$1,000-\$12,000 each and are made on an annual one-time basis. Applications must be postmarked by February 4, 2009. For more information visit the [Muzak Heart & Soul Foundation](#).

Looking for a theater field trip in February? Consider eta Creative Arts Foundation's presentation of *Destination Freedom* (call 773-752-3955 for more details) or Writer's Theater's *The MLK Project* (call 847-441-6840 or [email Nicole Gilman](#)).

[Little Kids Rock](#) is returning to Chicago this year to offer a free teacher workshop on February 20 and 21; open to teachers with at least one year of guitar experience. Learn an exciting method for teaching guitar to children at your school and qualify for free guitars for your classes! Space is limited. Click here to [register](#).

CHINESE NEW YEAR LESSON PLANS

Celebrate Chinese New Year (January 26) this year with arts activities! 2009 is the year of the Ox, the sign of prosperity through fortitude and hard work. Lesson plans are courtesy of the Kennedy Center's ArtsEdge and Crayola:

[Chinese Instruments](#) (K-4)

[Chinese Calligraphy and Ink Painting](#) (K-4)

[Chinese New Year Dragon Parade](#) (4-6)

[Science Meets Artistry: The Work of Cai Guo-Qiang](#) (9-12)

INSPIRE THE FUTURE AWARD

Steppenwolf's Inspire the Future Award honors one teacher and one principal from Chicago Public Schools who are dedicated to the advancement of youth through theater and the arts in Chicago. The winners receive a \$2,500 grant to support arts programming in their school. For more information visit Steppenwolf's [website](#).

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