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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Dear ,
Happy Valentine's Day from the CPS Office of Arts Education! We hope that you are staying warm as we forge through these blustery months. There are a lot of great arts opportunities coming up so be sure to check our [website](#) for updates and enjoy this month's newsletter!

Best wishes,
OAE Staff

CPS OUTSTANDING ARTS PRINCIPAL

OAE is currently inviting nominations for the first Outstanding Arts Principal Award. Throughout the district there are a number of exemplary arts programs that receive limited recognition. We would like to honor one of the exceptional principals who has worked to support the arts as part of the learning environment. Parents, students, administrators and alumni are welcome to nominate. For more information visit us on the web or [click here](#) to nominate your favorite arts principal!

SAVE THE DATE!

Please mark your calendars - Tuesday, April 28, 2009 is OAE's second annual *Arts on the Agenda* event for principals! This event will be held at the Chicago Cultural Center from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and is open to principals and administrators. We hope you can join us for this day and help support quality arts programs in our schools. More information will be available soon.

DISCIPLINE HIGHLIGHTS**THEATER/LITERARY ARTS**

OAE is pleased to continue the professional development series partnership with Urban Gateways. Join us in February for a workshop on improvisation led by Second City. The workshop will take place on February 24 from 5 - 8 p.m. Location TBA. Workshop is open to all CPS teachers and CPDU's will be provided.

Elementary Poetry Festival: Do you have some excellent student writers or performers? OAE invites schools to participate in a pilot Poetry Festival this April! The Old Town School of Folk Music will be hosting this exciting event. The festival is open to all CPS schools. Participants will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Grades K-3 will be featured on Friday April 3 and

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grades 4-8 will be featured on Friday April 17. Applications will be available beginning Monday, February 2. For more information [email us](#).

High School Theater Competition: We would like to invite schools to select outstanding scenes and/or monologues for our High School Theater Competition. This event will be presented in partnership with the Goodman Theatre and Steppenwolf Theatre Company. The competition will take place in May and will be held at Steppenwolf Theatre. Participants will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Application and guidelines will be available beginning February 16. Please [email](#) for questions.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

To celebrate our shared passion for the art of dance, River North Chicago Dance Company presents the *Show Us Your Move* Dance Contest. Follow the link on our website to download our music, upload your video on our YouTube Channel, and share your dance moves with all the fans of River North Chicago Dance Company. You may enter with a group of friends or show us your solo moves. The winner's video will be showcased in River North Chicago Dance Company's Valentine's Weekend Engagement at the Harris Theater For Music and Dance in Millennium Park. Visit the [website](#) to get started today! Submissions are due by February 7.

Intersections: A Literary Conference for Young Writers Friday, February 20, 2009. A state-wide literary conference in downtown Chicago where participants will explore the mechanics of writing with an emphasis on inquiry and self-empowerment. Please [contact](#) Young Chicago Authors for more information.

The Illinois Arts Council is now accepting applications for its Arts-in-Education Residency grant (due by March 1) and for its Program Grants, Arts Service Organization Grants, and Partners in Excellence (due by March 15). For more information visit the [Illinois Arts Council Program Guidelines & Applications](#).

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ARTS LESSON PLANS

Celebrate Black History Month by exploring the role of the arts through history. Lesson plans are courtesy of the Kennedy Center's ARTSEGE and the Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute:

[Jazz Dance and Music](#) (Grades K-4)
[Creative Voices of Harlem](#) (Grades 3-4)
[Twelve-Bar Blues](#) (Grades 5-8)
[Reliving History Through Slave Narratives](#) (Grades 7-8)
[Poets Got Them Blues](#) (Grades 9-12)
[African American Folktales](#)

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