

OFFICE of **ARTS** EDUCATION

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Dear ,

We have yet to see if our April showers have brought May flowers, but they have certainly brought a wide variety of performances and events to our arts garden! We encourage you to attend one of the many special ways schools are showcasing their students' talents. If you haven't added your own event to our [online calendar](#), please do so! It is quick and easy and a great way to help spread the word about activities at your school.

Best wishes,  
*OAE Staff*

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**DISCIPLINE HIGHLIGHTS****DANCE**

Join students from 15 schools as they participate in the CPS *Having a Ball*, ballroom dance intensive competition! Events are free and open to the public. The Semi-Finals take place on Saturday, May 16 at Little Village High School from 9:20 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Finals take place at the Chicago Journeymens Plumbers' Union Hall on Sunday, May 17 starting at 5:15 p.m. (doors open at 5:00 p.m.). Students will be dancing the Cha Cha, Waltz, Paso Doble, Tango and Jive. Sunday's event also includes presentations from the CPS Elementary Dance Scholarship Program students and by [DanceWorks Chicago](#). For more information visit our [online calendar](#). Please come by to cheer on your favorite couple and help celebrate the great hard work these young dancers have demonstrated.

**MUSIC**

*All CPS contests are open to the public and free of charge.*

**CPS / JCI JAZZ CONTEST**

Saturday, May 9

Simeon Career Academy

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL (Instrumental and Choral)**

All contests begin at 10:00 a.m.; open to the public free of charge.

- Band and Orchestra Tuesday, May 12 at Lowell Elementary School and Wednesday, May 13 at Kenwood Academy
- Choral Thursday, May 14 at Whitney Young Magnet HS Fine Arts Center and Friday, May 15 at South Shore Leadership HS

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ALL-CITY PERFORMING GROUPS  
Finale Dress Rehearsal Saturday, May 17  
Whitney Young Magnet HS Fine Arts Center  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

46th ANNUAL ALL-CITY FESTIVAL CONCERT  
Saturday, May 30  
Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.  
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., \$10.00 Admission  
For ticket information call 773-553-2170.

### THEATER/LITERARY ARTS

The first day of the High School Theater Competition was hosted by Victory Gardens Theater on Saturday, April 25. Lincoln Park, Social Justice, Jones College Prep, Wells and Lane Tech participated by presenting a diverse range of scenes and monologues. The second day of competition will be held at Clemente High School on May 13. This event is presented in partnership with The Goodman Theatre and Steppenwolf Theatre Company.

High school students looking for additional theater opportunities may want to consider the [Gallery 37](#) Advanced Arts Education program.

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### ARTS ON THE AGENDA RECAP

OAE presented its second *Arts on the Agenda: A Symposium on the Importance of Arts Education for Principals* at the Chicago Cultural Center on Tuesday, April 28. The event was attended by approximately 150 principals, teachers and administrators. Highlights included: a keynote address given by [Elizabeth Burmaster](#), State Superintendent of Schools Wisconsin, a performance by [Maggie Brown](#) jazz vocalist and performances by Chicago Public Schools students from McDade, Curie, Wendell Green, Sandoval and Lindblom.

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### 2009 OUTSTANDING ARTS PRINCIPALS

Congratulations to Joyce Nakamura from [Stone Scholastic Academy](#), winner of the 2009 Outstanding Elementary Arts Principal award, and to Dr. Antoinette LoBosco from [Lane Tech College Prep](#), winner of the 2009 Outstanding High School Arts Principal award. The winners were announced at the *Arts on the Agenda* event on April 28 and will receive \$1000 in supply money to assist the arts at their school. Thank you to the many teachers, parents and students who sent in nominations, and to the many wonderful nominees for their continued commitment and achievement in supporting arts education opportunities at their schools.

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### MAY IS ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with some arts lesson plans! What better way to discover, explore and learn about the rich heritage of Asian and Pacific Islanders living in the United States? Lesson plans are courtesy of ArtsEdge, Crayola, EdSitement, Education World, Scholastic and Smithsonian Education.

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

[Lon Po Po: A Chinese Fairytale](#) (Grades 1-2)  
[Pakistani Handicrafts](#) (Grades 2-4)  
[Can You Haiku?](#) (Grades 3-5)  
[Floating Lotus Leaves](#) (Grades 4-6)  
[Readers Theater: Asian Folktales](#) (Grades 2-12)  
[Japan, Images of a People](#) (adaptable)

For more lesson plans and ideas visit the [Asia Education Foundation](#).  
Or, stop by one of the many [events](#) being hosted by a Chicago Public Library near you!

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