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Dear ,
Welcome to the last issue of this school year. After this month the OAE Newsletter will take a "summer vacation." We hope that you've found the editions you have received thus far to be informative and we look forward to your feedback. Curriculum Supervisors in each arts discipline (dance, music, visual arts and theater/literary arts) will be hard at work over the next few months preparing for the fall and are available to assist schools. Please enjoy this issue and be sure to make the arts a part of your summer plans!

Best wishes,
OAE Staff

DISCIPLINE HIGHLIGHTS

DANCE

OAE was pleased to host an exciting weekend of dance on May 16 and 17 as the *Having a Ball*, ballroom dance intensive program came to a close for the year. Over 160 couples from the 15 participating CPS schools competed in the International Style of ballroom dance, displaying an impressive amount of achievement and dedication. Congratulations to Eric Kasprzyk and Angieszka Suminski of Oriole Park who placed first, Jamari Bryant and D'Kyra Long of Attucks Academy, placing second; Timothy Grzebieluch and Allyson Abbinanti of Oriole Park, placing third; Eric Quinones and Raven Jones of New Sullivan, placing fourth; and Jawaun Lee and Ketyra Carter and Hasaan P. Morris and Janell Island all of Attucks Academy, placing fifth and sixth. All of the couples who danced during the weekend did an incredible job and made tough work for the judges.

The program was fortunate to receive both local and national attention last month. It was featured on [NBC Nightly News](#) with Brian Williams as part of the *Making a Difference* series, and regionally on [ABC](#), [NBC](#) and CBS among others. Students from the program are tentatively scheduled to appear on WGN's midday news on Tuesday, June 9.

OAE is also thrilled to launch a new pilot program - the Summer Dance Boot Camp. This three week intensive provides an opportunity for "graduates" of the *Having a Ball* program an opportunity to continue and expand their dance experience and is funded as part of the Carol M. White physical education grant.

VISUAL ARTS

This has been a busy year for CPS visual arts programs including professional

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Eric and Angieszka of Oriole Park.



Having a Ball Finals; photos courtesy of Cheryl Mann Photography

development for both high school and elementary art teachers and exhibitions showcasing the creative work of students from over 100 schools. The All-City Art Exhibition was hosted at IIT this year and will soon be followed by a smaller exhibit of selected works as part of the HeART of Chicago at the CBS2 new broadcast center. CPS elementary artwork can also be viewed [online](#) together with pieces created by students from several sister cities including Lithuania, England and China as part of this year's World Art Chicago Exhibition. Please make sure to look on the [OAE website](#) for upcoming teacher opportunities this summer provided by Marwen, the MCA and the Hyde Park Art Center.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of opportunities for students and teachers alike this summer, many of which are free or low cost. Please be sure to check our online [calendar](#) regularly to stay up to date!

Have an event you'd like to share? It's easy! [Click here](#) to get started.

ART AND SOUL

Miss the [February issue](#) of Edutopia Magazine? Not to worry, it is still available online! The publication focused on why arts education must be saved and includes a number of thoughtful articles and links.

NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES

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