

Letter from the Office of Arts Education

Dear Readers,
 Welcome back! We are pleased to announce the return of the Chicago Public Schools Office of Arts Education monthly e-newsletter. As you prepare for the upcoming school year we encourage you to use our office as a resource to stay connected with the arts community including upcoming events, professional development opportunities, performances and more. We are also excited about the upcoming launch of our website, www.cpsarts.org, which will serve as an additional hub of communication. The site will include information about our programs, a searchable arts partner database, an extensive calendar of events (to which you can add your own arts events) and much more!

In addition to this launch, we are gearing up for our special event designed specifically for arts specialist teachers in all of the arts disciplines—dance, music, theater and visual arts. This professional development day will take place on Friday, August 29 and will be a great way to kick start the year. Please see below for more information and be sure to register soon as we've already begun receiving rsvps! If you cannot join us for this event, stay tuned for information about our after school teachers gathering, currently scheduled for Tuesday, September 16.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year and thank you for your continued support of arts education in our schools. Please do not hesitate to contact us!

Best wishes,
 The CPS Office of Arts Education

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Save the Date!

As part of our preparations for the 2008-2009 school year, the Office of Arts Education will present ***Arts on the Agenda: A Day for Teachers***, a professional development day for arts teachers (music, visual art, dance, drama) on Friday, August 29, 2008 at UIC Forum, 725 W. Roosevelt Road, from 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

This is an important opportunity for arts teachers to join together and focus on the common goal of strengthening and expanding teaching and learning in the arts. Activities will include workshops, panels and performances. This program will help arts teachers to prepare for an outstanding year.

We invite principals to inform and plan to send their arts teachers to this important event. **Principals should pre-register their arts teachers by August 15 via e-mail ONLY to cjgerner@cps.k12.il.us.**

For more information please contact cjgerner@cps.k12.il.us or call 773-553-2170.

Stay tuned for more information about our after school event for teachers on Tuesday, September 16th!

Visual Arts Highlights

It has been a busy summer for visual arts professional development opportunities including the Rediscovering Chicago School Murals Project (July 9-10th) and OAE printmaking workshops (July 15, 16, 17th) at Anchor Graphics. Art teachers can still sign-up to participate in another two-day fall workshop for the Rediscovering Chicago School Murals Project on October 10th (9:00 a.m.– 3 p.m.) and 11th (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.). Workshop participants will receive CPDU's, a revised CPS Mural Curriculum Guide with companion supplement and a guided tour of Hidden Treasures: The Lane Tech Murals exhibit at the Chicago Cultural Center.

CPS E-Bulletin Job Postings

OAE is currently working to track CPS job openings in music, visual arts, theater, dance and physical education through the weekly E-Bulletin. We are making note of opportunities we see listed in these postings and will keep a record at our office. If you are interested in learning what might be available in your area please email cjgerner@cps.k12.il.us

Upcoming Opportunities

A Celebration of American Dance is a FREE performance in Millennium Park's Jay Pritzker Pavilion on Wednesday, August 20 at 7:30 p.m. This exciting event features both local and national dance companies. This year's lineup includes Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, the Joffrey Ballet, American Ballet Theatre and more!

Interested in a FREE music education program at your school? Take a look and see if the Chicago Sinfonietta could be right for you! The Audience Matters program includes: five days of in-school programming about the orchestra, instruments, and classical music led by members of the orchestra, integrated learning with art and creative writing, an in-school performance by a Chicago Sinfonietta ensemble and free tickets for students and their families. Applications are due September 15, 2008. For more information visit www.chicagosinfonietta.org. To apply for programs, please contact Megan Johnston at mjohnston@chicagosinfonietta.org

For more information about the Office of Arts Education or items featured in this newsletter please contact cjgerner@cps.k12.il.us or call 773-553-2170.
Website coming soon!

