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Dear David,
Welcome back to another exciting school year! We are delighted to be a source for arts education news and events related to CPS. With more and more visitors using our website, www.cpsarts.org, there promises to be a full calendar to choose from. We want to hear from you - don't forget to use our easy [online tool](#) to share your own school or organization's arts opportunities.

OAE looks forward to once again offering quality arts programs that set high standards for students as well as networking and professional development sessions. In the fall we hope you will join us for a series of events to launch and introduce *The Chicago Guide for Teaching and Learning in the Arts*, a curricular framework designed to help provide guidance for sequential PreK-12 education in the arts.

Thank you for your ongoing interest and support of arts education at CPS. We are eager to continue to build relationships that will give our students greater access to the arts. Cheers to a new year!

Best wishes,
OAE Staff

CHICAGO GUIDE LAUNCH

The Chicago Guide for Teaching and Learning in the Arts, a comprehensive curriculum framework for music, theater, dance and visual arts education, will be released in October!

For a preview of *The Guide*, visit the OAE table at [Spotlight](#) on October 14.

The official launch for all CPS teachers is October 23, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Saucedo Scholastic Academy, 2850 W. 24th Blvd. This professional development workshop will introduce teachers to the resource and begin the dialogue on how to utilize it.

Arts partners interested in learning about or working with *The Guide* are encouraged to attend one of the following releases, by discipline. These meetings will take place at CPS Central Office, 125 S. Clark St.

Dance: October 26
Music: October 27
Visual Art: October 28

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Stay tuned for details! More information will be coming soon on cpsarts.org!

DISCIPLINE HIGHLIGHTS

DANCE

OAE is pleased to announce the return of [Having a Ball](#), the official CPS ballroom dance intensive program. Congratulations to Agassiz Elementary, Alcott Elementary, Attucks Academy, Cleveland Elementary, Edwards School, Hefferan Elementary, May Community Academy, New Sullivan Elementary, Onahan Elementary, Oriole Park Elementary, Sandoval Elementary and Thorp Scholastic Academy for being selected for the 2009-2010 program. Also continuing is the CPS [Elementary Dance Scholarship Program](#). This year 28 students from seven different schools have been selected to participate in rigorous, after school dance training.

VISUAL ARTS

Welcome back to another year of citywide programs in support of visual arts curriculum, teacher development and the creative work of CPS students. OAE is again partnering with the Mayor's Office of International Relations, and the Mayor's Office of Special Events to provide more exhibition opportunities outside of the annual All-City Art Program through World Art Chicago (for elementary grades) and the Snow Days Teen Sculpture Challenge (for high school).

There are many opportunities for teachers this fall! OAE, in conjunction with the School of the Art Institute of Chicago will be presenting "Design with Nature" workshops on November 6. In addition, a new Art Teacher Salon Series is being offered on four occasions after school during the year. The first of this series will be held October 21 from 4:30- 6:30 p.m. at the Chicago Cultural Center. These open forum discussions with the broader arts community will introduce CPS art teachers and other providers to new resources and information to support student learning.

THEATER/LITERARY ARTS

There are many exciting opportunities in Theater and Literary Arts this year. We will begin with a [Professional Development Expo](#) which will present a wonderful opportunity for CPS teachers to connect with local arts providers and to learn about the wide range of offerings for this year. The Expo will take place at Adventure Stage Chicago, 1012 N. Noble Street, on October 1 from 4-6 p.m. If you are a theater PD provider and are interested in participating, you can access the [application form](#) here. Please plan to come out and learn about the exceptional offerings available this year!

OAE is pleased to continue its pilot professional development program in storytelling. The program will operate at two sites, [Adventure Stage Chicago](#) and [eta Creative Arts Foundation](#), and will provide teachers with in-depth training on how to incorporate storytelling into classroom practice. Applications and more information are available through both organization's websites.

FUNDING AND RESOURCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS

The [Oppenheimer Foundation's](#) Oppenheimer Teacher Incentive grant

applications are due October 9! Join the ranks of creative teachers who engage their students in project based learning. More information and applications are now available [online](#). Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to receive funding to provide hands on learning experiences!

Have you heard of the [Kids In Need Foundation](#)? It's mission is to ensure that every child is prepared to learn and succeed by providing free school supplies nationally to students most in need. The organization's website is filled with resource ideas for obtaining supplies as well as a list of available [teacher grants](#) for 2009.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Tryouts for the AIM Poetry Performance Troupe of the H.Y.P.E. program will be held September 19 from 1-4 p.m. at the Gwendolyn Brooks Center on the campus of Chicago State University. Singers, actors, poets, dancers and rappers ages 16-21 are encouraged to audition. For more information call 773-995-4440 or send an [email](#).

Lincoln Center Institute is launching a new Fellowship Program: An Online Professional Development Program for Arts Specialists. Membership in the Lincoln Center Institute/Dana Foundation Fellows Program provides a rich online professional development experience for arts specialists currently working in a pre-K-12 school. Online instruction takes place over a period of ten weeks and course tuition is waived for the Fellows. A small stipend of \$100.00 will be offered to each Fellow at the successful completion of the program and Fellows who complete the program are eligible to become Lincoln Center Institute (LCI) Online Course facilitators in their own school systems. [Applications](#) are due back to Lincoln Center Institute by September 23, 2009 for the fall Fellows Program and by January 4, 2010 for the winter Fellows Program.

Please share this information with your outstanding high school seniors! The National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts Young Arts Program is a Talent Search Competition which presents exceptional educational and networking opportunities and awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to students across the country. The deadline for registration is October 16. Visit the [website](#) for complete details.

The Institute for Learning, Access and Training at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra announces the launch of *Orchestra Explorers*, a free set of resources for all Kindergarten through 3rd Grade classrooms in CPS. A series of professional development workshops will be offered in October and November 2009 to introduce these resources and provide the training necessary for teachers to implement them successfully. For more information [click here](#) or send an [email](#).

HISPANIC-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH ARTS LESSON PLANS

Why not celebrate Hispanic-American Heritage Month (September 15-October 15) with the arts? Here are some sample lesson plans you may find useful.

[La Fiesta!](#) (PreK-K)

[Smithsonian's Latino Voices in American Art Lesson Plans](#) (K-12)

[Ballet Hispanico's Lesson Plans](#) (1-8)

[The Music and Meaning of Mexican Corridos](#) (9-12)
[Baïla! Latin Dance in the Spanish Classroom](#) (9-12)

Or take a trip to the National Museum of Mexican Art and explore its exhibits using the [educator guides](#).

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