

OFFICE of **ARTS** EDUCATION



DANCE MUSIC VISUAL ARTS THEATER/LITERARY ARTS

Dear David,

January in Chicago inevitably brings icy winds, slushy streets, gray skies, and bitter cold. Yet even in the bleakest midwinter, the dawn of a New Year brings the promise of new possibilities and unexpected opportunities. And thus, the Office of Arts Education wishes our former Administrative Assistant Crystal Gerner the best of luck as she begins the next phase of her career as a Counselor at John Hancock High School this month. Congratulations to Crystal, and to the Hancock High School Community!

Please take a moment to catch up on news and happenings in this month's OAE Newsletter. Best wishes from the Office of Arts Education for a happy, productive, and arts-filled New Year!

Sincerely,  
*OAE Staff*

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### THE CHICAGO GUIDE FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING IN THE ARTS

The Office of Arts Education will present a collaborative professional development day for arts teachers (music, visual arts, dance, and theater) and classroom teachers desiring to deepen their understanding about using the *Chicago Guide for Teaching and Learning in the Arts* in the classroom on **Friday, January 29, 2010 at Saucedo Academy, 2850 W 24th Blvd., from 8:30AM-2:30PM.**

This is an important opportunity for teachers to network with colleagues in their arts discipline area, to share best practices, and to learn collaboratively. **Teachers who have already received the *Chicago Guide* should bring their copies to this session for Phase II of the *Chicago Guide* professional development. Teachers who have not yet received the *Chicago Guide* will receive a copy and may also attend an introductory orientation.**

**Please plan to attend. RSVP by January 22 via e-mail to:**  
[artseducation@cps.k12.il.us](mailto:artseducation@cps.k12.il.us)

Please contact the Office of Arts Education with questions:  
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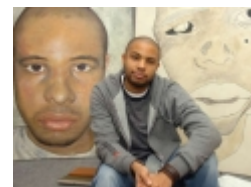
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"The Chicago Guide for Teaching and Learning in the Arts" is here!

**CPS Teachers:** Please save January 29, 2010 and April 9, 2010 on your new calendars. Professional development sessions for CPS teachers on using the *Chicago Guide for Teaching and Learning in the Arts* will take place on January 29, 2010 and April 9, 2010.

**CPS Principals and Administrators:** Please save the date Tuesday, March 23, 2010, when the OAE will offer a Chicago Guide event especially designed for administrators.

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## DISCIPLINE HIGHLIGHTS

### MUSIC

2010 is already a record-setting year in music. The Piano Solo Festival (February 6, 2010) will have a record 77 participants (up from 48 in 2009) and the Elementary and High School Instrumental Solo and Ensemble Festival (February 27, 2010) will have 518 events with 769 student participants (both are record numbers). In this time of cuts, this shows a definite upward swing in music participation and strong work from you.

Congratulations to all of the participating schools and students!

Keep up the good work!!!!!!

Dates to Remember:

January 5, 7 & 9, 2010—All-City Performing Groups rehearsals resume

January 27 - 30, 2010 – Illinois Music Educators Association Convention in Peoria Illinois

Thursday, February 4, 2010 – Deadline for Vocal Solo & Ensemble Festival (March 20, 2010 @ Whitney Young Magnet HS)

Saturday, February 6, 2010 – Piano Solo Festival (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Whitney Young Magnet High School)

### VISUAL ARTS

This month will be very busy as we prepare to receive All-City artwork submittals in ten categories at Colman Elementary (46<sup>th</sup> & State) on Thursday, January 28, 2010.

Twelve high school sculpture teams will begin carving monumental works in Grant Park during the Mayor's Office of Special Events Snow Days Festival (January 27-30). Participating schools include Gage Park, Foreman, Lakeview, Walter Payton, Bronzeville Scholastic, Northside College Prep, Douglass, Lane Tech, Gallery 37, and Chicago High School for the Arts.

The Office of Arts Education is accepting up to 12 more elementary schools to participate in "World Art Chicago: One People, One Earth – Our Home." Interested art teachers should complete and fax their School Participation Forms by 3:00 pm on Friday, January 15, 2010. For more information, call Nancy A. Cortés at 773-553-1952 or send an email to [nacortes@cps.k12.il.us](mailto:nacortes@cps.k12.il.us).

### THEATER/LITERARY ARTS

The Elementary Poetry Festival will take place April 13-16 at the Old Town School of Folk Music. Registration information will be available on our website as of 1/15/2010. Registrations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Please visit our website for additional details.

The High School Theater Competition will be held in partnership with Goodman, Steppenwolf and Victory Gardens theaters. Registration information will be available on our website as of 1/15/2010. Registrations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.

**LAST OPPORTUNITY: Storytelling Professional Development Series**  
We still have a few remaining slots for teachers who are interested in learning innovative techniques for incorporating the use of storytelling in the classroom. Please contact Emily Lansana for more information. [emlansana@cps.k12.il.us](mailto:emlansana@cps.k12.il.us)

Broadway in Chicago in partnership with the Office of Arts Education and Arts Alliance Illinois will present an in-service for teachers interested in the upcoming production of *Billy Elliott* scheduled to open in Chicago in March 2010. The event will take place on January 26, 2010 at 5:30 pm. Please contact Broadway in Chicago Group Sales for more information, 312-977-1710.

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## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

The Office of Arts Education is again partnering with Marwen to offer workshops for CPS Elementary and High School art teachers on January 29<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Both workshops will focus on Book Arts and will be taught by Shawn Sheehy and Jen Thomas. A total of 7 CPDUs will be offered along with all workshop materials. To register for these professional development opportunities, call Nancy A. Cortés at 773-553-1952 or send an email to [nacortes@cps.k12.il.us](mailto:nacortes@cps.k12.il.us).

There are a number of exciting enrichment opportunities available through our many arts partners. Please visit our [website](#) for more details on programs and field trips!

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