

Introducing www.cpsarts.org !!!

The CPS Office of Arts Education (OAE) is pleased to announce that phase one of its [website](http://www.cpsarts.org) has been launched! Our exciting new "hub of communication" is designed to help the CPS community by increasing connectivity and access to opportunities in arts education.

Features include:

- Searchable calendar of events including professional development sessions, workshops, student matinees, school arts presentations and more.
- Searchable database of area arts partners.
- Programs offered by OAE.
- Links to useful resources.
- Updates, news and highlights.
- OAE Newsletter archives.
- ...and more!

Stay tuned as we add more features and be sure to visit www.cpsarts.org for your arts education needs. We look forward to seeing you in Cyberspace!

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Share Your Events!

We want to hear from you! Have a dance, music, theater or visual arts event that you'd like to share with the CPS community? Be sure to submit it to our calendar. [Click here](#) to get started!

Dance Highlights

Interested in taking dance classes? Several area studios provide special discounts for CPS teachers including Hubbard Street's [Lou Conte Dance Studio](#), located in the West Loop and [Joel Hall](#), located in Andersonville. Each of these studios offer classes for adults, beginning through advanced and have drop-in options. Please contact the studios directly for more information.

Theater/Literary Arts Highlights

We are very excited about the Theater/Literary Arts Page of the new Office of Arts Education [website](#). Please take a moment to view the theater section and take advantage of the vast array of cultural organizations that have connected with us as partners. There are many important events coming up in the area of Theater/Literary arts and Media. We would like to highlight the following field trip possibilities:

Margaret Garner a student matinee of this notable opera will be presented at the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University on October 31, 2008. High school students will have the opportunity to view a full dress rehearsal of this internationally recognized award winning performance for only \$10 per ticket.

Harambee Pre-Kwanzaa Festival Save the date: Wednesday December 17, 2008! This dynamic multi-media presentation teaches the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa through video, African dance and drumming, Hip Hop, skits and live music. Plan early to share this exciting opportunity with students of all ages. Visit the website y2kwanzaa.org for more details.

Children's International Film Festival—The CICFF is North America's largest and most celebrated film festival devoted to films for and by kids, and it's the only Academy®-qualifying children's film festival in the world! (That means our winners in the short film category can go on to compete for the Oscars®!) This year, "Cannes for Kids" features over 200 of the best films and videos for kids from 40 countries. The Festival welcomes over 26,000 Chicago area children, adults, and educators to hundreds of screenings. More than 100 filmmakers, media professionals & celebrities attend the Festival to lead interactive workshops with kids.

Upcoming Opportunities

FREE to Chicago Public School Teachers: Professional Development Workshop with 3 CPDUs!!
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7th 3-6P at DALEY ACADEMY , 5024 S Wolcott St, Chicago IL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9th 9A-12P at FACETS MULTIMEDIA, 1517 W. Fullerton, Chicago IL
"Media: Improving Skills and Scores" is a high-energy workshop that shows you how to use short films and videos to improve children's work in the classroom! You'll learn simple techniques to awaken children's interest in learning, stimulate critical thinking and improve fundamental skills required for success on Standardized Tests. For more information contact Ann Vikstrom at (773) 281-9075 or annv@facets.org.

Be sure to visit our website www.cpsarts.org for more upcoming opportunities!



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