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Oklahoma A+ Schools Statewide Conference

August 21, 2010

Check out these creative activities, events and resources across the state!

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 Forward to a Friend

THIS MONTH ...

ARTS COUNCIL OF OKLAHOMA CITY ACCEPTING TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

OKLAHOMA CHILDREN'S THEATRE presents *Treasure Island*, by Robert Louis Stevenson, April 7 - 30 ... [Click](#) for schedule.

LYRIC THEATRE AND DEVON PRESENT *1776 INTERACTIVE: A MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF AMERICA'S INDEPENDENCE*, priority scheduling to schools who respond by April 18 ... The *1776 Interactive* acting troupe will offer FREE performances from September 2010 through May 2011. [Click](#) to learn how to bring this production to your school.

GALLERY TALK, Sunday, April 18, 2 pm, at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art ... Join Collections Curator, Alison Amick, to hear background information on the artist Alfonso Ossorio and learn more about the works included in the exhibition *Alfonso Ossorio: Gifts from the Ossorio Foundation*. [Oklahoma City Museum of Art](#) is located in Downtown Oklahoma City, 415 Couch Drive.

OKLAHOMA CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION PRESENTS *LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD* at the [University of Central Oklahoma](#), April 21 & 22. [Click](#) for more information.

AUTHOR GREG MORTENSON TO LECTURE APRIL 22 ... To mark its 100th anniversary, the OU

College of Engineering is hosting a free public lecture at 10 a.m. featuring Greg Mortenson, best-selling author of *Three Cups of Tea*. Over the past 16 years, Mortenson and his nonprofit organization Central Asia Institute (CAI) have worked to promote peace through education by establishing more than 130 schools - most of them for girls - in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

PENNIES FOR PEACE ... In conjunction with Mortenson's visit to Oklahoma, schools and youth organizations are encouraged to begin their own Pennies for Peace campaigns. Pennies for Peace is a service-learning program sponsored by the Central Asia Institute and designed to broaden students' cultural horizons while teaching them about their capacities as philanthropists - one penny at a time. To register your school or organization, visit www.penniesforpeace.org. The web site includes a K-12 curriculum linked to standards, an assessment tool, an implementation guide, fact sheets, printable maps, postcards, stickers & poster components, remarkable videos that open the world of Pennies for Peace, and much more! For additional information, please contact Mary Francis, co-chair of Pennies for Peace-Oklahoma, at mary.francis111@gmail.com or 405-474-0695.

20TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF TEACHING, Friday, April 23, 2010, Oklahoma State University-Stillwater Student Union. [Click](#) for more information.

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES PRESENTED BY OKLAHOMA CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION at the [University of Central Oklahoma](#), April 29, 2010.

GREAT DEPRESSION ART EXHIBIT RUNS THROUGH MAY 11 - *Revisiting the New Deal: Government Patronage and the Fine Arts 1933-1943* runs through May 11 at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art. This exhibit surveys the large collection of painting, sculpture, and prints that the museum acquired between 1935-43. For additional information, please visit the museum's website: www.ou.edu/fjjma.

BOREN AND THE OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE ANNOUNCE PLANS TO STRENGTHEN AMERICAN HISTORY EDUCATION BY OFFERING \$500 ELECTRONIC FIELD TRIP SCHOLARSHIPS ... What is an Electronic Field Trip, and what can it add to your classroom? [Click](#) to find out.

LOOKING AHEAD

SCIENCE INQUIRY INSTITUTE OFFERED BY THE OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ... APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 3

Level 1 Institute, for educators who have not yet attended an Inquiry Institute: July 12-14
Level 2 Institute, for educators who have previously attended Level 1: July 27-29

TOYOTA INTERNATIONAL TEACHER PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 26 - Travel opportunity for Secondary Teachers. The Toyota International Teacher Program, administered by the Institute of International Education, is offering U.S. secondary school educators a unique opportunity to travel to the Galapagos Islands from November 20 through December 4, 2010. [Visit](#) the program's website to learn more about this opportunity and submit an online application.

ONGOING...

CREATIVE THINKING ... PROBLEM SOLVING ... A POSITIVE SELF-CONCEPT ...recognizing that

each of us has unique gifts...all goals for students encouraged by A+ teachers every day. Dr. Cheryl Steele, career educator and children's author, would love to visit your classroom and/or school to share her children's books, which support these same goals. Students enjoy hearing the stories and interacting around the content, and your academic goals are reinforced at the same time. All three books have free audio downloads and free teaching suggestions. A+ schools can schedule a visit by contacting Dr. Steele at csauthor1@cox.net. She is happy to meet with parents, too, if there is a message you would like your students' parents to hear. Students and teachers in A+ schools may purchase Dr. Steele's books at a special discounted price when she visits. For additional information, check out Dr. Steele's website at www.specialtimepress.com.

Mount Vernon Education Newsletter... Resources and links for your Oklahoma classroom
Plus how to bring George Washington Teaching Ambassador Jan McClaren to your school
[Read More About Mount Vernon](#)

[Read George Washington Wired](#)

Philbrook Museum of Art MyMuseum Program and Free Second Saturdays

Philbrook Museum of Art, 2727 South Rockford Road, Tulsa, OK 74114

MyMuseum program for families and free second Saturdays

Contact: Cindy Williams, Museum Educator, at (918) 749-7941

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Bring Colonial American History to Life for Your Students! Community Colonial Days
www.colonialday.org is a comprehensive web site of tips and resources for creating a Colonial Day event in your School District or Community.

- ◆ Large and small-group activities
- ◆ Location ideas
- ◆ Funding sources
- ◆ Colonial costume ideas
- ◆ Historical documents
- ◆ Helpful links and lesson plans
- ◆ Colonial games and educational materials for checkout
- ◆ Historical characters/Speakers

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A NEW WEBSITE. A NEW RESOURCE... www.ArtForSmallHands.com. A word about the host. Julie Voigt taught art at the Hong Kong International School and more recently at the Elementary Workshop Montessori School in Wilmington, Delaware. She is widely recognized as an outstanding teacher and mentor. She has now started a blog to share her art lessons more broadly as a resource for elementary and middle school teachers. The site features art lessons for children aged three to thirteen that she found to be especially successful in her twenty-five years of teaching. Each lesson is self-contained and intended for use in school art programs. She will be adding a new lesson every two weeks.

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