



Community Happenings and Resources for Educators

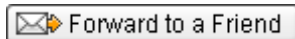
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March 2010

Daylight Savings Time Begins the 14th ... *SPRING* forward!

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

If you would like to have your information considered for publication, please contact us at aplusmail@uco.edu.



THIS MONTH ...

BOREN AND THE OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE ANNOUNCES 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.

THE METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS COREETA SCOTT KING AWARD WINNING AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR FLOYD COOPER, MARCH 3 - 5 ... Presentations are FREE but seating is limited. [Click](#) for dates, locations and additional information.

SPRING 2010 SCHEDULE FOR InvestEd

When: March 6
Location: Francis Tuttle Tech Center
Main Bldg. - room 103
Rockwell Campus
12777 N. Rockwell Ave.
OKC 73142-2789

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THE HOUSE OF CLAY CELEBRATES 60 YEARS IN BUSINESS MARCH 13 ... The House of Clay is celebrating its 60th Anniversary, Saturday, March 13. Activities will include drawings for a Creative Industry Clay Boss Potters Wheel, a gift certificate towards a Paragon Kiln, and gift certificates to The House of Clay. All Mayco glazes, brushes, and Kemper tools in stock will be marked down 20%. Those attending can paint a complimentary tile and watch Bob Willis sculpt. The House of Clay is located at 100 NW 30 St, OKC. Store hours: Tues-Sat 10:00 5:00. Visit their [website](#) or call (405) 524-5610 for more information.

NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 15 ... The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence is seeking nominations for its Oklahoma Award for Outstanding Achievement in Alternative Education. A \$5,000 award will be presented to a public school alternative education program in recognition of its effectiveness and impact on student learning. Nominees must be public school programs in Oklahoma and must have been in operation for at least three full years. The recipient will be

chosen by an independent selection committee. Nomination forms are available online at www.ofe.org and must be postmarked on or before March 15, 2010. For more information, visit the foundation's Web site at www.ofe.org or call (405) 236-0006.

THE METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS SPRING FLING 2010 WITH SECRET AGENT 23 SKIDOO March 14 - 19 ... [Click](#) for dates, locations and additional information.

OKLAHOMA CHILDRENS' THEATRE PRESENTS *SPRING BREAK THEATRE CAMPS IN A MAGIC KINGDOM*, March 15 - 19. [Click](#) for dates, locations and additional information. Eight-week Acting Classes begin March 29, 30, and April 1.

GEOFFREY CANADA, 2010 BROCK PRIZE LAUREATE, TO SPEAK AT THE OSU-TULSA CAMPUS MARCH 25 AT 4:00 pm ... The Colleges of Education at OSU, OU, and UT are sponsoring the "Brock Symposium on Excellence in Education" at the OSU-Tulsa campus on March 25. Canada is the "educator" author who has worked to help urban children escape violence and poverty through the Harlem Children's Zone, a non-profit community-based organization he founded and has served as President and CEO for nearly 20 years." 60 Minutes featured the Harlem Children Zone on a recent broadcast. [Click](#) for additional information and Schedule of Events. Contact Holly Blakey at 405-744-8933.

UCO PRESENTS *PROJECT WILD WORKSHOP MARCH 27* ... Oklahoma Project WILD will be conducting professional development workshops at the University of Central Oklahoma's Center for Outdoor Adventure Recreation at Lake Arcadia. Each workshop lasts from 9 AM to 3 PM and the cost is \$15. For more information on the types of workshops go to www.OKProjectWILD.org or contact [Lisa Anderson](#) or call 405-990-1292.

UCO HOLDS 2010-2011 DANCE AUDITIONS MARCH 27 ... The University of Central Oklahoma's Dance Auditions and Dance Scholarship Auditions for the Academic 2010-11 year will be held on the University of Central Oklahoma campus in the Health and Physical Education Building, 1:00 .m. -5:00 p.m. [Click](#) for additional information.

GREAT DEPRESSION ART EXHIBIT RUNS THROUGH MAY 11 - "Revisiting the New Deal: Government Patronage and the Fine Arts, 1933-1943" exhibit will run February 6-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 from 1935-'43. For additional information, please visit the museum's website: www.ou.edu/fjjma.

LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL

OKLAHOMA CHILDREN'S THEATRES 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*, with priority scheduling to schools who respond by April 18 ... The 1776 Interactive acting troupe will be traveling from September 2010 through May 2011, [Click](#) to learn how to bring this production to your school FREE of charge!

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 with 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.

ONGOING...

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

or cwilliams@philbrook.org Website: <http://www.philbrook.org/>

Bring Colonial American History to Life for Your Students!

Community Colonial Days www.colonialday.org

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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