



THE CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION®

Parents As Arts Partners 2011-2012

Fostering Family Engagement and Providing Quality Arts Instruction for Public School Students and Families

The Center for Arts Education's *Parents As Arts Partners* program is a unique school-based arts education program that engages parents and families in hands-on, interactive arts education activities with their children. The program seeks to increase parent engagement and involvement in city public schools and in their child's education, creating shared, high quality arts experiences that align with classroom curriculum.

Parents As Arts Partners was created in response to research that indicates that parental involvement in their child's education positively impacts his or her academic success. The arts are an effective way to cultivate this type of engagement.

The program matches CAE's experienced teaching artists specializing in music, dance, theater, visual arts and digital media with participating schools to ensure the provision of a high quality program.



Each *Parents As Arts Partners* program is unique – designed in collaboration with school personnel, teaching artists and parents. Each partnership:

- Includes 1 planning session with the teaching artist, 5 family arts workshops and a skills-based, family engagement workshop for school and parent leaders;
- Directly involves students and their families in interactive arts education activities that build a collective understanding of the importance of the arts;
- Is aligned with family engagement goals, **Common Core Standards** and addresses at least one of the **NYS Learning Standards for the Arts**;
- Is eligible to be funded through **Title I, Title III** and **Contract for Excellence** funds;
- Connects to the school's arts and education programs;



- Provides experiences with and information about NYC arts and cultural organizations;
- Empowers parents and school communities to build sustainable school arts programs and be effective advocates for a well-rounded education that includes the arts.

The *Parents As Arts Partners* program will be offered to schools at a subsidized cost of \$300. Schools will be selected to participate based on a competitive application process. A limited number of need-based, fully subsidized programs will also be awarded.

To apply for the upcoming season visit: www.caenyc.org/parentsasartspartners2012.

A Track Record of Success

REACHING PARENTS

We achieved our goals in part because intensive contact with parents via phone calls, posters and flyers **encouraged inactive parents to participate.** *PS 94X*

ART IN SCHOOL AND BEYOND

Both parents and two children of the Garcia family attended every session... The Garcia family felt that **the activities brought them closer together** to explore more art. They plan to take advantage of any free events in the arts that they can find. *PS 94X*

Research demonstrates both the positive impact of parental involvement on a child's success in school and the effectiveness of the arts as a means of cultivating that involvement.

We used the funds to take parents and children to visit cultural arts sites right here in Queens...It opened up a **new world for many of our parents and kids.** *MS 172Q*



Some parents enjoyed the puppet making workshop so much that they **purchased materials similar to the ones used in the program to use at home.** *PS 230X*

DEVELOPING PARENT LEADERS

Based on her positive experiences at our PAAP workshops, **a parent has written another grant request** for an arts partnership at our school. *PS 290M*

Last year's [parent] participants became our ambassadors for the arts to recruit new families...[and] developed a cadre of arts leaders among parents who are actively involved in arts exhibitions and displays of student work. *PS 307X*

Since installing our Garden Gates artwork, there is talk among parents and teachers of **starting an arts committee** to encourage parent/child art projects and support the arts within our school. *PS 102K*

TAKING ACTION

The school prepared advocacy **letters to elected officials urging continuing support for arts education** in general and for the PAAP program in particular. Seventy-five letters were signed and sent. *PS 307X*

PS 132 in Greenpoint, Brooklyn recently celebrated its sixth annual Kite Festival. The festival began in 2005 through CAE's PAAP program, and the initial family kite-making workshop was such a success that PS 132 made it an annual end-of-year event. Taking CAE's emphasis on capacity-building and sustainability to heart the **Kite Festival 2010 brought the school community together and raised over \$7,000 to support after-school arts programs.** *PS 132*



Please direct specific questions or inquiries regarding purchasing the *Parents As Arts Partners* program at the full cost of \$2500 to:
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