

# THE DAILY PLANET

Creative Planet School of the Arts

Spring 2006

## OUR NEW HOME

Creative Planet School of the Arts is happy to announce that as of September 12, 2005, it has found a safe and happy new location. After 3 months of grueling searching, the directors of CPSOA were able to secure a new home on the property of First Presbyterian Church in Baldwin Park. The new address is just 8 minutes east of our last location, so 98% of our students were able to continue their studies at CPSOA! The Board of Sessions at First Presbyterian was very welcoming of our school and our kids! "We thought this was a calling for our Church. You have injected this church with a breath of fresh air!" says Sessions member Sonnie Swenston, who was instrumental in getting all the details ironed out between the two parties and assuring the school they would have a new home by the start of the school year. Thank you to all at First Presbyterian Church for their support!

In October, our children performed for the new church's congregation. The kids pulled it together in such a short period of time, with little preparation, but still managed to offer a performance that evoked such comments as, "I've never seen so much energy!" "Young & Positive should be heard by ALL!!" and "This was the most fun I've ever had in church!" --Go, CPSOA!



## TANZANIA & HIV/AIDS

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> our children will have an opportunity to help raise money for the fight against HIV/AIDS in Tanzania. The AIDS virus in Tanzania infects 1 out of every 3 children. Produced by some of the medical staff and other volunteers from Huntington Memorial's Phil Simon Clinic, our children will be a part of a benefit that will raise money for this worthy cause. The benefit will be held at the Castle Green in Pasadena and our kids will have the rare privilege of being the only performers at this benefit event. Our children will also be sending notes, pictures, etc. to Tanzania to encourage and befriend these children in need.

Later that same evening, our children will be performing in a hip-hop benefit that is also raising money in the fight against HIV/AIDS. That performance will be with Culture Shock L.A. at the Marsee Auditorium of El Camino College in Torrance, CA.

For more info regarding the "Children Helping Children" benefit for Tanzanian children with HIV/AIDS, please visit: [http://www.thephilimonclinic.org/site/tanzania\\_project\\_gaols.php](http://www.thephilimonclinic.org/site/tanzania_project_gaols.php) or call 626-397-5480.

## CPSOA admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. We welcome your inquiries!

Phone: 626-856-1710

Web: [www.cpsoa.org](http://www.cpsoa.org)

To see how you can support us just by shopping at Ralph's visit the "Support Us" page on our site.

Mail: 4428 N. Stewart Ave., Baldwin Park, CA 91706

Hours: Free Morning Care: 7am - 8:30am

Academic Schedule: 8:30am - 3pm

After School Arts: 3:15pm - 6pm

After School Classes only \$5.00/each



## SAVE THE DATE

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, our children will be performing on their new campus for the year-end show. So, mark your calendars!!! Don't miss out on experiencing the energy and excitement of the children of Creative Planet School of the Arts!

## FOR THOSE CLOSER TO HOME

The children of CPSOA are aware that money isn't the only need in the fight against HIV/AIDS. They're also aware of the importance of being able to put a smile on a hurting child's face. This will be their primary goal as they sing, dance, and entertain the children at Children's Hospital Los Angeles in May.

Also, coming this Spring, our kids will be performing their hip-hop routines at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center in Long Beach, singing at the Albert McNeil International Choral Festival in Los Angeles on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, and letting their fingers do the dancing at our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Piano Recital and Open House on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. For more info: contact us at 626-856-1710.

As you see, our children will be very busy this Spring! Not only with performances, but also with keeping their grades high and remaining in the top 20% of the nation, once SAT testing begins this May.

*"...the minds to create, the hands to build, and the voices to be heard..."*

## ALUMNI NEWS!

Creative Planet School of the Arts prides itself in not only providing children experiences in all areas of the visual and performing arts, but also instilling within them a discipline that leads to academic success as well. Our students, current and graduated, continue to excel in whatever artistic or academic opportunities they pursue. We're happy to tell you about some of our CPSOA alumnus who are doing very well at various high schools in the San Gabriel Valley.

Isabel Varela is a senior, studying at So. El Monte High with a 3.7 GPA and her third year on the Principal's honor roll. Having recently been accepted at Cal State Fullerton, she's looking forward to majoring in social work with a minor in dance. Along with her sister, Sara, she will be guest starring in CPSOA's Tanzania benefit.

Brittney Rodriguez, currently a junior at Marshall Fundamental High, in Pasadena, where her GPA is a 3.8 with mostly AP and honors classes, is secretary of her class and president of her school drama club. She's also been invited to visit Korea as a student ambassador this Spring and is being courted by many major universities...

Alumni Stevie Dominguez and Brittany Arellano are doing well at the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts (LACHSA) in their acting program. The 2 honor roll students are both acting students attending the prestigious arts high school located on the Cal State LA campus. We're excited to announce that Lydia Renteria was just accepted to the acting program at LACHSA as well. Lydia's ecstatic to begin taking classes at her new school in September.

Cristy Wilson, Rickie Wilson, Eddie Ponce, and Patience Merchain are all pursuing their visual arts education at the High School of Arts & Enterprise in Pomona.

...a few examples of how the arts are a necessary and viable part of academia.



## BALDWIN PARK EXPO

Creative Planet took part in the Baldwin Park Expo held on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Baldwin Park. Our kids performed a FIERCE eight minute set which included singing, hip hop, and African dance! The crowd roared with applause at the end of their performance! The event was well attended and CPSOA's booth was visited by many potential students and their parents after the student's appearance. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and talent!!!!

## CPSOA TAKES A TRIP ON A NOMADIC EXPERIENCE!

The Creative Planet student body was recently able to make a special trip to Santa Monica to visit the *Ashes and Snow* exhibit. This is a very unique kind of museum, referred to as a Nomadic Museum, because it's designed to move from city to city. The title *Ashes and Snow* suggests beauty and renewal. The exhibit weaves together photographic works, three 35mm films, art installations and a novel in letters by its creator, Gregory Colbert. Colbert collaborated with architect Shigeru Ban to create the Nomadic Museum, the permanent home of the exhibition as it travels around the world. Colbert's awe inspiring photos were taken in various locations throughout Asia and Africa. CPSOA student put their artistic skills to the test as they spent time trying to recreate the powerful images in pencil drawings and written text. After, CPSOA students took a much deserved romp in the ocean and relaxed on the beach.



CPSOA'S CANDY SALE RAISED \$2,700 TO HELP PAY FOR PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS. THANKS TO ALL WHO SOLD AND/OR BOUGHT CHOCOLATE. ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS!!!!

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