



Springboard

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### ***SLPS students enjoy in-school field trips***

*Funding for performances generously donated by 2 St. Louis Foundations*

**ST. LOUIS, MO April 29, 2009** – St. Louis Public School students from multiple middle and elementary schools will be or have been enjoying one time Springboard performances courtesy of two very generous St. Louis based foundations. The Siteman Family Foundation and the Fox Performing Arts Charitable Foundation donated a total of \$7,500 to Springboard to give students access to high quality artistic performances including the following:

<b>School</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Teaching Artist</b>	<b>Performance</b>
Gateway Middle	12/5/08	12:00 and 1:00	Bobby Norfolk	Voices of St. Louis (Storytelling)
Langston Middle	12/16/08	10:00	Kunama Mtendaji	Words from the Drum (Music)
Froebel	2/12/09	9:15	Kunama Mtendaji	Words from the Drum (Music)
Clay	3/11/09	1:30	Bobby Norfolk	Tales Worth Telling: Character Education Stories (Storytelling)
Woodward	4/2/09	3:00	Bobby Norfolk	Globetrotting with Bobby (Storytelling)
Froebel	4/17/09	2:30	Bobby Norfolk	If Books Could Talk (Storytelling)
Mallinckrodt	4/30/09	2:00	Judi Mann & James Anthony	Cinderella's Revenge (Theater)

Shaw VPA	5/4/09	9:30	Bobby Norfolk	If Books Could Talk (Storytelling)
Dewey	5/13/09	9:45 and 10:45	Ed Reggi & Paper Slip Theatre	Instant Improv (Theater)
Shaw VPA	5/15/09	10:00	Judi Mann & James Anthony	Cinderella's Revenge (Theater)
Mann	5/15/09	1:30	Samba Bom Trio	Sounds of Brazil (Music)
Bunche International Studies Middle	5/21/09	10:00	Bobby Norfolk	Globetrotting with Bobby (Storytelling)
Ames VPA	5/21/09	2:00	Ed Reggi & Paper Slip Theatre	Instant Improv (Theater)
Mallinckrodt	5/28/09	2:30	Samba Bom Trio	Sounds of Brazil (Music)

The performances were chosen by the schools' literacy coaches in collaboration with Springboard to reinforce and deepen Springboard residencies, SLPS curriculum, the individual schools' character education programs and annual events, such as Bunche International Studies' annual International cultural fair. Also, many of the performances tie into themes that the schools have adopted. For example, award winning storyteller Bobby Norfolk performed *If Books Could Talk* at Froebel Elementary School where the students have been concentrating on literacy this year.

**Please call Cory Smallwood at 314-289-4128 for more information about any Springboard program.**

***About Springboard:***

The mission of Springboard is to provide programs in the arts, cultures, humanities, and sciences to schools and community organizations. These programs inspire their audiences to embrace knowledge and new experiences that broaden their horizons. Springboard is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that offers more than 177 unique educational programs to around 78,000 students in the St. Louis region.