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## Parents!

**CPS Connects** is one component of CPS's personalized learning initiative, P.L.A.Y. (Personalized Learning Advancing Youth). In conjunction with The Chicago City of Learning (CCOL) and made possible by the MacArthur Foundation, CPS is launching CPS Connects which provides your child **free virtual learning opportunities as well as activities outside of his/her school and neighborhood**. Since these learning experiences are driven by your child's specific interests, it allows him/her to take ownership of their personalized learning experiences.

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- **CPS Connects** reaches today's digital savvy students in ways like never before, while providing teachers with continuous feedback on student progress to better guide their practice?
- **CPS Connects** provides students connected learning environments linking learning in school, home and community?
- Youth can earn digital badges that unlock special opportunities and use them in the future for internships, jobs, and college applications?

### SO WHAT'S NEXT???

1. **Help your child claim his/her CCOL account!** To do it at home, go here, and have your child's CPS ID ready: <https://chicagocityoflearning.org/CPS-Connects>
2. **Make sure your child completes the Best Buy Playlist and Winter Break Adventure Challenge** by January 19th to be entered into a raffle for an iPad or laptop. Winners will be announced at **Destination: Chicago, January 24th at Jones College Prep** (700 South State Street).
3. Complete the **MLK Action for Change Challenge** on January 19th. The first 60 students to submit a photo blog that meets all requirements will unlock free tickets to the new movie **Selma**
4. Stay tuned for other awesome opportunities that our students will have through **CPS Connect & the CCOL program!**



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