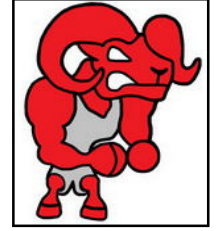


# Ravenswood News



## **As of May 5th, 2009, Ravenswood Elementary is now a Fine & Performing Arts Magnet Cluster School**

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**As a Magnet Cluster School, Ravenswood Elementary combines the best of both worlds:** we now have a greater ability to attract a diverse population of students from around the city, yet we maintain our Neighborhood School status which guarantees acceptance to those that live within our attendance area.

### **What Fine & Performing Arts Magnet Cluster status means for our school:**

- It helps fund our Arts Program by providing us with a full-time Art Teacher and has the potential to increase to fully fund our Music Teacher as well.
- Allows us to receive monies for Fine Arts Programming, Professional Development and Department Materials that we would otherwise have to fund ourselves.
- Gives our teachers the opportunity to participate in strategic planning sessions and share integrated units with other Fine Arts Magnet Schools.
- It creates a new partnership with The Office of Academic Enhancement which means Ravenswood School will now be officially promoted and strategically marketed citywide, thereby increasing enrollment. Increased enrollment helps us gain new teachers across the board, funded by CPS.
- Magnet Status allows us to further enhance our Arts and Academic Partnerships and allows us to continue bringing professional artists into our classrooms.
- Although Magnet Cluster schools do not bus students, there is a mileage reimbursement credit for parents who provide transportation and live within 1.5 and 6 miles from school. Please see our website's 'For Parents' page.

### **What this means for your child:**

- Studies in Chicago have demonstrated that test scores improve faster for students enrolled in schools that link Arts across the curriculum.
- Students will learn through as many varied learning experiences as possible.
- All benefit from expression through the Arts and the ability to think creatively.
- Students will continue to partake in weekly art and music classes, integrated units of study that incorporate the Arts, and interact with practicing professional artists in the fields of theater, dance, music and visual arts.
- Students will be able to further build their educations around authentic visual, auditory and physical activities and experiences.
- Students will continue to have the ability to incorporate and showcase what they've learned in the Arts at our many school fairs and events.
- A well-rounded education begins with the Arts being an integral part of the student's every day experience.
- As Barack Obama said, "I want our students learning art and music and science and poetry...and all the things that make an education worthwhile." So be it at Ravenswood School.