



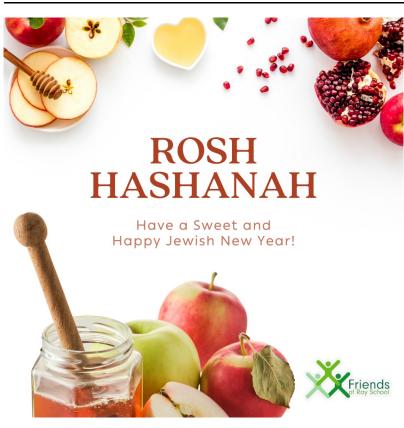
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CPS Calendar















Join the Meeting Here











PARENT SPOTLIGHT



"INVESTING IN CHILDREN IS INVESTING IN A **BRIGHTER TOMORROW."**

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A heartfelt thank you to Bill Housewright for your continued support of Friends of Ray School! From volunteering at engagement events to lending a hand with tabling, you consistently go above and beyond to strengthen our efforts and build community at Ray. We are truly grateful for your time, energy, and dedication.



All school volunteers are required to complete the CPS Volunteer Application form, EVERY YEAR.

Interested in volunteering? Scan the QR code!

Steps to becoming a **CPS-approved volunteer:**

- 2. Complete the Online
- 3. Include 'Ray' as the school where you plan to volunteer on your application.

Application Form.

Volunteer status.

4. Visit the main office in person to submit a photocopy of your ID. 5. Monitor your email for a reply from CPS confirming your

CALL for VOLUNTEERS





WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO. www.friends of ray school.com





For other questions about the volunteer process and your application, contact: volunteer@cps.edu, or call 773-553-1544.

You can also email our Volunteer Chair, Toshia Booker for additional support: friendsofrayptovolunteers@gmail.com

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SY 2026 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE CONTACT US DIRECTLY IF INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

TENTATIVE DATES - MAY CHANGE AS NEEDED

- RAY GEAR SALES POP UP FRIDAY, SEPT. 19 (Tentative)
- VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SUPPORT SEPT. 23 WED. SEPT. 24 (AVAILABLE TIMES: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM)
- FALL BLOCK PARTY SATURDAY, OCT. 4
- OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8
- CULTURAL HERITAGE NIGHT THURSDAY, NOV. 6
- CINEMA & HOT CHOCOLATE THURSDAY, DEC. 11
- RAY GEAR SALES POP UP JANUARY (TBD)
- BHM DINNER & CELEBRATION THURSDAY, FEB. 19
- RAISE A GLASS YEAR ROUND PLANNING
- RAISE A GLASS EVENT MARCH (TBD)
- WALKATHON FUNDRAISER THURSDAY, APRIL 23
- ROOM PARENT LIAISONS YEAR ROUND (MORE DETAILS COMING SOON)

BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE CPS APPLICATION FOR LEVEL II CLEARANCE. ADDITIONAL DETAILS FOR EACH EVENT WILL BE SHARED VIA EMAIL, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND ENEWS.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO. www.friendsofrayschool.com





Complete the CPS Application Here





Raise a Glass for Ray Committee

Learn more about Ray's largest fundraiser and parents-nightout event, Raise a Glass for Ray, and ways to plug in. If you're enthusiastic about building community at Ray and have some time and energy to give back, please join us.

Doubting that a PTO event can be fun? Here are photos from last year's event (yes, it was 90's themed): View the photos by clicking the button below.

Questions or can't make it but want to get involved? Text Katie Yocum Musisi (202-413-0120) or Bill Housewright (312-550-5065).

View Photos Here





RAY WARRIOR GEAR & MERCHANDISE





PRICE LIST

Long Sleeve Tees \$23 (Price Varies) Pullover/Zip-Ups Trucker Hats \$23 Yard/Window Sign

Show Your **RAY WARRIOR** >>>>>> PRIDE!

Interested in a sold out item?

Presale Orders Available

Complete the order form. Additional details will be provided upon receiving new inventory of ordered items.



SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO ORDER!



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Show Your Ray Warrior Pride!

Get Field Trip Ready!!

Families, it's time to represent the Ray Warriors of William H. Ray Elementary with spirit wear that celebrates our amazing school community! We've got a great selection of shirts, hats, and more!

Let's fill the halls (and the neighborhood!) with Ray Warrior spirit. Please complete the form below to order your Ray gear.

A confirmation email with next steps for payment/pick up will be sent once the order form is submitted.

Items currently not in stock are available for purchase as presale orders. Visit the link to learn more!

Next Pop-Up Date:

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 (Open House)

Order Here



Shop for holiday cards, photo gifts, and more. With code "FUNDRAISEFRIENDS OFRAY", you'll receive a 20% discount and Friends of Ray School will receive 10% back on every purchase.

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Search for Friends of Ray School PTO. Each order of labels, return address stamps, ornaments, and more, Friends of Ray School will receive 20% of the purchase price.

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Children's Book Fair of Hyde Park

The 2025 Children's Book
Fair of Hyde Park

The Fair will take place on Sunday, September 28, 2025, from 11:00am until 4:00pm, on 57th Street between Woodlawn and Kenwood and Kimbark Ave between 56th and 57th Street

See images from the 35th Annual Children's Book Fair of Hyde Park

>Videos of the 2022 parade, with the Kenwood Academy Drumline

>2022 Day of the Fair images

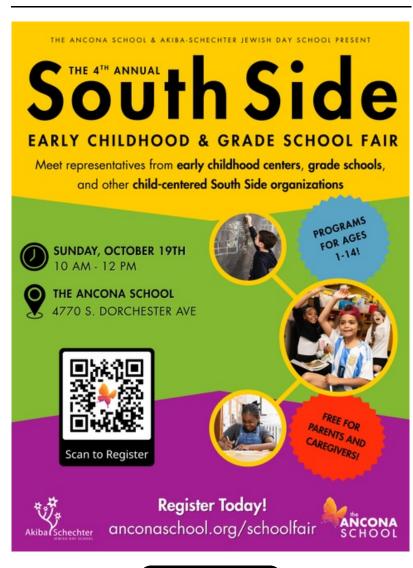
In the Spirit Storytellers

>2022 Banned Books Essay Contest winners

Sunday, September 28, 2025, from 11:00am until 4:00pm, on 57th Street between Woodlawn and Kenwood and Kimbark Ave between 56th and 57th Street.

This year's theme is "resiliency!"





Register Here







explore fun, math-rich puzzles, games, and challenges-focusing on creative thinking and mathematical mindsets rather than basic drills.

Program Levels

Cheng:

Haynes: 5th- 6th Grade

3rd - 4th Grade

Cantor Brahmagupta:

Geometry & Algebra I Students 7th - 8th Grade

> Kovalevsky: **High School**

Ready to join the fun?

Scan the QR code to create an account!





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Locations & Dates

Back of The Yards College Prep

9/13, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/8

Walter Payton High School 1034 N. Wells St.

9/13, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/8

UChicago

5734 S. University Ave.

9/13, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/8

Lane Tech

2501 W. Addison St. 9/18, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/13

Austin College & Career

231 N. Pine Ave 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1

FORA

6435 N. California Ave. 9/14, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/9

There are still spots available for Math Circles's fall program! $\label{lem:lemon} \mbox{Email } \underline{\mbox{info@mathcirclesofchicago.org}} \mbox{ for more information.}$

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JOIN THE PTO TODAY!

WHAT WE DO:

- Promote Parent Support
- · Volunteer for School **Events/Initiatives**
- Develop Fundraisers
- · Raise Funds to Provide Additional Resources/Support
- Enhance Community **Engagement & More!**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

FOR MORE DETAILS ON HOW YOU CAN JOIN/SUPPORT!

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Interested in joining the Friends of Ray School **Board of Directors? Email us today for more** details! We need your support!









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Our Website

School Website

Ray Gear

Contact **GoCPS**

supports the students, faculty, and administration of William H. Ray Elementary School through fundraising and organizing community-building events throughout the year. All Ray families and community members are welcome and encouraged to join the Ray PTO in supporting our school. Our mission is to supplement the limited funding allotted to Ray through the Chicago Public School system. All funds raised are used to support recess, enrich the curriculum at each grade level purchase classroom supplies, and sponsor community

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