

Working In The Schools

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A New Look for the New School Year

Volunteers Gather to Paint Murals at CPS School

What: A day of service at Walsh School for young professionals affiliated with WITS. Volunteers will work together to paint murals around the school with a message of learning and loving to read. While painting, volunteers will enjoy a BBQ hosted by the school's Principal, Krish Mohip, and teachers.

Why: In celebration of the new school year, WITS volunteers wanted to give something special to the students at Walsh. Having tutored at the school for six years, the volunteers have formed lasting relationships with the students and teachers. Understanding the need to promote literacy and the love of reading at Walsh, the volunteers decided literacy-themed murals would be the perfect lasting gift.

When: Saturday, September 27, 2008 at 1pm

Where: Walsh Elementary School, 2015 S. Peoria

How: Trader Joes and Vienna Beef have generously donated the food for the event while WITS will provide the mural materials.

Who: Thirty young Chicagoans, who volunteer with WITS at Walsh Elementary, will gather to paint the murals. The individuals are returning volunteers who participate in a program called Saturday Tutoring, where they come to Walsh every Saturday during the school year to tutor one-on-one with the same child each week. Tutors and students work together to improve reading skills and comprehension.

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Working In The Schools (WITS) is a literacy organization that increases the reading proficiency and learning capacity of low-income and minority students in Chicago Public Schools. WITS recruits and supports dedicated business, government, and community volunteers who deliver measurable and consistent tutoring and mentoring services.