



John Gill School (K-5)

Performing-Visual Arts/Communication School with neighborhood boundaries

Principal: Wendy Kelly
Assistant Principal: Kelly Greenfield
2007-08 Enrollment: 388

Overview

John Gill Magnet School has a specialized program which focuses on the Performing-Visual Arts and Communications Technology as they integrate with the core curriculum. Although special talents are not a prerequisite for admission to this K-5 school, this program is designed to give all students the opportunity to explore and develop talents in communications technology, music, visual art, dance, drama and written composition, while strengthening academic skills in social sciences, literacy, mathematics, science and critical thinking.



Integration of curricular strands is of particular interest to the staff at John Gill; an ever-widening expertise in technology provides the opportunity to develop student projects in multimedia, which can integrate science, social studies, math, language arts and performing arts.

Students experience the arts as both performers and spectators. Through field trips and assemblies, students view first-rate arts performances in all areas of the performing arts. They share their own achievements through recitals, performances and exhibitions.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Class size reduction in all grade levels for language arts and math; twenty students to one teacher through 5th grade
- Arts used as a delivery tool for core curriculum
- Students and teachers produce original video and stage productions involving music dance, drama and visual arts

- Inter-generational volunteer program Garden Program for grades 3-5
- Teaching staff experienced in academics, performing arts and technology
- Multi-Age K-5 classrooms (where students stay with the same teacher in a multigrade classroom from K to 2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade)
- After-school tutorial program
- Special assemblies and performances by area artists and community groups.
- Ameri-Corps Volunteer program
- Dance class for all students twice per week
- Special theater on campus
- Even Start family literacy program/preschool
- Music classes
- Visual Arts experiences
- Many intervention programs

SPECIAL ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Parent and child commitment to participate in performances.