

# Columbus Magnet Schools

## The Falcon Newsletter



### Lottery 2009 Parent Edition



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Dr. Del R. Phillips, Superintendent of Education, is pleased to announce the opening of this year's lottery enrollment period for Columbus Magnet Schools for the 2009-2010 school year. The first year for Columbus Magnet Schools has been a huge success! We invite you to join us for another fantastic school year.

The application window for the first lottery officially opens for 2009 on Friday, February 27, 2009, and ends on Friday, March 27, 2009. Lottery applications will be sent home to parents with the report card on Tuesday, February 24, 2009. Applications should be submitted to the district office in person or by mail:

Columbus Municipal School District  
2630 McArthur Drive  
Post Office Box 1308  
Columbus, MS 39703  
ATTN: Magnet Schools Program Office

For more information about the Columbus Magnet Schools Lottery, please contact the office of :

Dr. Martha Liddell  
Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education  
662-241-7400

The deadline for submitting applications for Lottery 2009 is Friday, March 27, 2009, at 4:00 P.M. The Magnet Schools Lottery will be conducted at Brandon Central Services Center on Friday, April 17, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. The event is open to the public.

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## Application & Enrollment Information

### Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) Program

If you wish to apply for Columbus Schools Pre-K Program for the 2009-2010 school year, your child must be four (4) years of age on or before September 1, 2009.

Parents must submit a Pre-K Lottery Application and Enrollment Information by March 23, 2009, in order to participate in Pre-K Testing.

There are 60 seats available for Columbus Schools Pre-K Program. Please see the Pre-K Testing Schedule on page 3 for the dates and times for Pre-K Testing.

### Incoming Kindergarten Students

If your child is entering kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year, he or she must be five (5) years of age on or before September 1, 2009.

If your child was enrolled in Pre-K at Stokes-Beard this year, you must apply for a kindergarten seat. Your child will not automatically be assigned to a kindergarten seat for the 2009-2010 school year.



### Students New to Columbus Schools

If your child is new to Columbus School District, you must submit a Magnet School Lottery Application. A new student is defined as a student who is entering Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, or is moving to Columbus Schools from another school district.



### Current Columbus Schools Students

If your child currently attends a Columbus Magnet School in grades kindergarten through third grade and you are satisfied with his or her placement, you do not need to submit an application in this year's lottery. Your child will have a seat at the appropriate grade for the 2009-2010 school year in his or her current magnet school.

If your child attends Columbus Magnet Schools in grades kindergarten through third grade and you wish to apply to a different magnet school, you must submit a lottery application.

### Enrollment Process

To enroll a new student (and a Pre-K student) for Columbus Magnet Schools, parents must complete a lottery application and bring the following information with them to Brandon Central Office to apply for a seat:

- A certified copy of your child's birth certificate
- A copy of your child's Immunization Compliance Form (Form 121)
- Two proofs of residency indicating that the child and parent reside in the Columbus School District. These proofs may include: Mortgage/lease agreement, electric, gas, or telephone bill (land-line only), driver's license, or voter's registration card. The name and address must be the same on both documents.

In order to participate in the first lottery, all lottery applications must be hand delivered or mailed to Brandon Central Services Center by the deadline of **March 27, 2009**.

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## Pre-K Testing Information

### Pre-K Testing Schedule

Pre-K testing will take place on the following dates at Brandon Central Office

Tuesday, March 24, 2009  
4:00 P.M.—6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, March 25, 2009  
7:30 A.M.—10:00 A.M.

Bring the following to Brandon Central Office on the testing day with your lottery application:

- A certified copy of your child's birth certificate
- A copy of your child's Immunization Compliance Form (Form 121)
- Two proofs of residency indicating that the child and parent reside in the Columbus School District. These proofs may include: Mortgage/lease agreement, electric, gas, or telephone bill (land-line only), driver's license, or voter's registration card. The name and address must be the same on both documents.



For More Lottery 2009 Information Contact:

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## Open House & Expo 2009

Columbus Magnet Schools have planned a very special Open House & Expo experience for parents and the community this year. Parents will enjoy an experience that will excite their enthusiasm for 21st Century Learning. Parents are cordially invited to attend all Columbus Magnet Schools Open House & Expo events.

The Open House & Expo events will showcase the wonderful learning taking place in Columbus Magnet Schools. A parent corner will be set up at each magnet school. This special sitting area will offer parents a place to ask other parents questions while getting to know each other and the magnet school.

Parents will also enjoy student performances and visit classrooms to talk with teachers. We look forward to seeing you at the Columbus Magnet Schools Open House & Expo 2009.

**Don't Miss It!**



### Open House and Expo Dates

#### **Cook Fine Arts Magnet School**

Monday, March 2, 2009  
5:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M.

#### **Fairview Aerospace & Science Magnet School**

Tuesday, March 3, 2009  
5:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M.

#### **Franklin Medical Sciences & Wellness Magnet School**

Wednesday, March 4, 2009  
5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

#### **Sale International Studies Magnet School**

Thursday, March 5, 2009  
5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

#### **Stokes-Beard Technology & Communication Magnet School**

Monday, March 9, 2009  
5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

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## From Principals to Parents



Excelente!!!! I am so excited to see the accomplishments that we have made at [Sale International Studies Magnet School](#). Our teachers have been diligent in their inquiry preparations and our students have produced excellent work in their quest to become global thinkers. Life long learning is truly taking place at Sale! We have traveled around the country as Flat Stanley, explored outer space, participated as involved citizens in our local government, and realized rules and manners really do make a difference. We are becoming more environmentally conscious and we are immersed in our new second language, Spanish. However, we are not stopping there! We haven't arrived at our destination yet...Come join us as we continue our journey to a world class education!

Nancy Bragg, Principal  
Sale International Studies Magnet

[Franklin Medical Sciences & Wellness Magnet School](#) has opened a world of possibilities to our students this year. The medical field is the largest growing profession and offers endless possibilities of professions. Realizing these facts has led to one of our greatest successes as a magnet school. Students have an increased desire to learn. The desire to learn, as well as implementing healthy habits, is promoting academic success for all students. Exciting new additions include our medical science lab where students are working with medical tools used in the doctor's office. Classroom teachers are taking medical science to the next level with a challenging curriculum developed to infuse our focus into all academic areas.

Patricia Overstreet, Principal  
Franklin Medical Sciences & Wellness Magnet

5-4-3-2-1, Blast off! We have lifted off to a new and exciting space and science adventure at [Fairview Aerospace & Science Magnet School](#). The teachers and students are exploring and discovering new concepts daily. We are not only teaching our students the basics, we are teaching them how to be problem solvers and critical thinkers. We are conducting distance learning activities and science experiments with students and schools in Hong Kong, New York, Virginia, and others around the world. Come aboard and *Shoot for the Moon*. If you miss, you will land among the stars!

Billie Smith, Principal  
Fairview Aerospace & Science Magnet

Transitioning to [Cook Fine Arts Magnet School](#) has been the most exciting experience of my teaching career. The bridge being built between the academic classes and the arts classes is expanding the students' learning and providing them with new insight into our world. The excitement of violin, movement, art, drama, music, and P.E. classes motivates and supports the students in their academic classes. When the students talk to me about Picasso and show me their work modeled after Seurat, when I see the results of their practice in *The Nutcracker*; and listen to them play their first song on the violin, I know that our students are learning and growing by being exposed to new experiences.

Lois Kappler, Principal  
Cook Fine Arts Magnet

I am so excited about the learning opportunities that students are involved in at our school. At [Stokes-Beard Technology and Communication Magnet School](#), students are making connections between academics and the real world through Project-Based Learning. They have researched the train in the park across the street from our school, studied the election process, held a voter registration drive and computerized mock election, and learned about foreign countries. Students are being prepared today for tomorrow's workforce. Fourth graders applied and interviewed for jobs with SBTV, our school's high tech television station. Each morning the members of the Broadcast Team report to work where they write, tape, edit, and produce our school's TV show. Students are constantly involved in activities that allow them to explore, experiment, collaborate, discover, organize, analyze, and make decisions. The opportunities for learning are endless when the latest information is literally just a click away!

Pamela Lenoir, Principal  
Stokes-Beard Technology & Communication Magnet

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## Messages From Parents

Our sons love attending Cook Fine Arts Magnet School. We could not have chosen a better school for them to attend. Our sons have great teachers, and they are enjoying a wonderful year with many new experiences.

Jamie and Jenni Hebert  
Cook Fine Arts Magnet School



My daughter and I have learned a lot about the human body as well as learning different ways to keep healthy. We have medical science vocabulary in all our subjects, not just in science. We have studied the circulatory, respiratory, skeletal, and digestive systems. So far walking the one million steps was fun. What a fun way to get in the habit of staying active. I am pleased with the Franklin Medical Sciences and Wellness Magnet School. My daughter and I are looking forward to learning even more in the 3rd and 4th grades.

Carolyn Carter  
Franklin Medical Sciences & Wellness  
Magnet School

Fairview Aerospace and Science Magnet School has allowed my daughter, Katlyn, the opportunity to explore the world around her. I particularly like that Katlyn is excited about the learning process and shares it with me and others. I have thoroughly enjoyed Fairview Aerospace and Science Magnet School this year. What I have witnessed is a true team in action, everyone working together, and no one being left out. Although children are enrolled at the school, parents are learning also.

Jacylyn Weir  
Fairview Aerospace & Science Magnet School



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Our son, Kody, is thoroughly enjoying school this year. He is learning a lot and doing very well academically. He is excited about the subject matter he is learning as a part of the new curriculum of Sale International Studies Magnet School. My husband and I are impressed with the new teaching techniques of the school.

Jaime Rickert  
Sale International Studies Magnet School



I am very glad that I made Stokes-Beard the choice for my child. Stokes-Beard Magnet School does a wonderful job of challenging their students in ways that are interesting including a lot of project based work. The staff displays an unselfish concern for the welfare of others and seems to care deeply about the students' learning. The school has been a God-send for my child. My child looks forward to attending school and is eager to share the lessons that have been taught.

Greg Lewis  
Stokes-Beard Technology &  
Communication Magnet School



*It's a Great Day to be a Falcon!*

# *Columbus Magnet Schools*

## 2009 Lottery Timeline



**March 2-9, 2009**

K-4 Magnet Schools Open House & Expo at Each Site



**February 27 - March 27, 2009**

Lottery Applications Received at Brandon Daily



**March 27, 2009**

4:00 P.M. Deadline for School Choice Lottery Applications



**April 17, 2009**

School Choice Lottery- Brandon Central Office - 10:00A.M.



**April 20, 2009**

Parent Notification by Mail of the 2009-2010 School Assignment



**May 18 - 29, 2009**

Registration of New Students at Assigned School

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