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To Friends of The Kitchen Community:

It is exciting to watch the back to school season and see what schools are doing with their Learning Garden. I am particularly inspired by Burr Elementary in Chicago.

What was an empty concrete pad next to their playground two years ago is now a thriving Learning Garden and children's mosaic.

Burr was one of the first Pilot schools in Chicago. It is so awesome to see them so engaged in their fourth growing season with us!

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From: **Jim Javenkoski** <~~jim@thekitchencommunity.org~~>

Date: Sat, Aug 17, 2013 at 10:42 AM

Subject: Re: TKC Chicago: Burr mosaic art

To: Peter Vitale <peter@thekitchencommunity.org>, Jamie Wirkler <jamie@thekitchencommunity.org>

Cc: Team TKC <team@thekitchencommunity.org>

Hi, Peter and Jamie:

Thanks for sharing your photos of Burr Elementary. The mosaic is the creation of [Green Star Movement](#), a Chicago-based NPO which "inspires students and community members to design and realize public art". There is [a gallery of three photos of the mosaic](#) on their Web site. The corner of the mural features a short phrase written by the students: "Every child is a different kind of flower and together make this world a beautiful garden." To expand on Jamie's point about Burr as a model for Learning Garden sites, the school has a (sometimes functional) wind turbine that helps power the grow lights used to germinate seedlings for the garden. Further, they launched a "Garden Buddies" program last year in which older students are paired with younger students to help them learn to cultivate the garden.

Yesterday, Assistant Principal Amy Klimowski agreed to host our first CPS Learning Gardens teacher training event on Friday afternoon. It promises to be an inspiring hour of "show & tell" for those CPS teachers who are able to attend.

Kind regards,

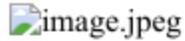
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On Sat, Aug 17, 2013 at 8:43 AM, Jamie Wirkler <jamie@thekitchencommunity.org> wrote:

Nice shots! Burr's definitely a model for success.

I was able to visit when they had the first community mural day this Spring. Parents raised all funds for the project, which was around 15k.

Here's a shot from the first day.

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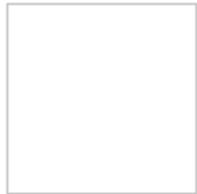
On Aug 16, 2013, at 8:20 PM, Peter Vitale <peter@thekitchencommunity.org> wrote:

Team - more pictures of the amazing mosaic-encrusted garden in a cityscape that is Burr's Learning Garden. Great to see one of our Chicago Pilot School gardens booming.

Peter

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Peter Vitale | [The Kitchen Community Learning Garden presentation](#) and [2012 Annual Report](#)
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