

**GIVE students a THOUGHT and they'll learn for a DAY.
TEACH them to THINK and they'll learn for a LIFETIME.
-Thinking Maps Motto**

September 9, 2013

Dear Families:

This year at P.S. 154Q we will be continuing to use Thinking Maps with all students as a tool to organize their thinking. The Thinking Maps, developed by Dr. David Hyerle, are visual, brain-friendly tools that foster and encourage life-long learning. Based on thorough and well-accepted academic study and research, these visual maps provide students with patterns for using the eight fundamental thinking processes.

While all students learned and used these maps last year, your child will learn and review all eight maps over the next few weeks. Each week, the entire school family will focus on the same Map. Every class will be using these Maps in all content areas as the teachers and students work to expand their thinking skills. Each week you will receive a Map Memo for Families that explains the format and use of the week's Thinking Map. I invite you to familiarize yourself with each Map. Ask your child to tell you about the Thinking Maps. Students and teachers are very excited about these tools. Expect to see them in your child's work and in the classrooms as you visit. A schedule of implementation is located at the bottom of this page.

SAVE THE DATE!

You are invited to join us for an exciting workshop on Thinking Maps!

Thursday, September 26th from 8:30-10:30 AM OR 6:00-8:00 PM

Sincerely,

Dr. Tara B. Davidson
Principal

This is a Flow Map, one of the eight Thinking Maps your child is learning to use!

Flow Maps show SEQUENCE

