

Scholars' Academy

Parent Newsletter May2011

Family Engagement Night

Wednesday May 11th

6:00pm – Parent Workshop

Learn some effective strategies to help your child achieve academic excellence by attending the “**Academic Bootcamp: Train Your Student for Success**” workshop. Mary Beth Dawson, PhD, will share tactics she has developed during her 20+ years as an educator (not to mention her 16 + years as a parent!) to help you help your child excel. Some topics to be discussed: organization and study skills; test-taking strategies; and tips for success in AP and College-level coursework.

7:00pm PTA General Membership Meeting

Final nominations for Executive Board Positions will be accepted at this meeting. Once the slate is presented at this meeting the nominations will be closed. The vote will take place at the June 8th PTA general membership meeting. All parents are invited to participate in this process. The success of our school depends, in great part, on parents being involved. A strong PTA will ultimately help the students, and the strength of the PTA depends on you!

Scholars' Academy Spring Arts Festival

Tuesday, May 17th 6- 8pm - Music students will perform, student artwork is displayed. All parents and students are encouraged to attend this annual celebration of the arts.

Scholars' Academy Annual Science Fair

Wednesday, May 18th, 5-7pm All parents and students are invited to attend our annual event where students will present and display their interesting, informative and innovative projects.

The RWA Youth “Greater Rockaway” Competition Exhibition Opening

Rockaway Waterfront Alliance hosted a team based competition to challenge local students to collaborate on ideas to make the Rockaways a greener and more sustainable waterfront community. Students have developed exhibits of 3 dimensional models, sketches and other forms of media to express their ideas. Scholars' Academy Students have submitted their projects and all are invited to attend the Opening Reception and Jury Presentation on **Saturday May 14th** from 4pm to 6pm at the Rockaway Artist Alliance Gallery at Fort Tilden in Gateway National Park.

ARIS Parent Link

ARIS Parent Link (www.arisparentlink.org) is a secure location where you can easily find information about your child's attendance, periodic assessments, and NY State test results, including Regents exams. Parents of students in middle and high school can also access report card grades, unofficial transcripts, and important information about high school graduation requirements. ARIS Parent Link also contains resources you can use with your child to improve his or her achievement. If you have not yet activated your ARIS account contact Janet Brady, Parent Coordinator at JBrady4@schools.nyc.gov or call 718-474-6918 ext. 181

Community and Citywide Education Council -Advisory Vote mailers have been distributed to all parents. The vote is open until May 7th.

Community Service Opportunities

Belle Harbor Property Owners Association 23rd Annual Beach Clean-Up in Belle Harbor Saturday May 7th from 10:30AM to 1:00PM. Meet at the Sea Wall at Beach 134th Street, bring your own gloves and a rake (if you have one). Participants will receive free t-shirts!

Kids Walk for Kids Cancer -Saturday May 7th Central Park 2pm

Aids Walk NY -May 14th 8:30am Central Park at 59th Street and 5th Avenue