

# Scholars' Academy Parent Newsletter

## February 2011

### **Rescheduled**

The Parent Workshop and Kaplan Course Lottery will be held on February 2nd 6-8pm this was re-scheduled from the January snow day.

### **Family Engagement Night**

Wednesday February 9<sup>th</sup>

- 1) 6:00pm- 6:30pm - Parent Workshop ELA Common Core Standards and the need for Effective Study Skills
- 2) 6:30pm -7:00pm Parent Workshop on Cyber Bullying
- 3) 7:00pm PTA general membership meeting
- 4) Movie Night – 6:30pm-8:30pm

### **Respect for All Week**

February 14<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> - Lessons will focus on positive behavior, respect and diversity.

### **Spanish Spelling Bee**

Mrs. Cave and Mr. Bierman will conduct a Middle School Spanish Spelling Bee on February 16th periods 7 & 8. Contestants will compete to move up to a borough and city-wide competition level.

### **Open Classroom Day**

Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 10am parents are invited to visit their child's classroom. A letter with details will be sent home. Save the date!

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

PTCs will be held Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 1pm -3pm and 5:30-8:30pm.

### **Spain Trip**

Twelve high school students will be traveling with Ms. Sorrentino & Ms. Pinedo to Barcelona, Granada, Seville and Madrid February 18th through the 26th. . We are very excited for this wonderful opportunity to learn about Spain's culture. Daily excursions will focus on Spain's languages, artwork, history, geography, religions and food!

### **EDLINE/ARIS Assistance Dates**

During the month of February the Internet Café will be open to parents every Friday from 7:30am to 9am. Drop by after you drop off your child or on your way to work for assistance using the sites or get logged in for the first time.

### **Upcoming Learning Survey**

The annual School Learning Survey will arrive in March. This is your opportunity to give us feedback on our school. There will be incentive rewards for classes with 100% complete returns so please be sure to complete and return survey promptly.

### **Discovering and Exploring Shakespeare**

The 6th grade will be introduced to the Bard with a very special program. On Friday, March 4th, all six classes will participate in a theatrical workshop with actors from the Classic Stage Company. The 45 minute workshop for each homeroom is designed to introduce the plot and characters of William Shakespeare's comedy, "As You Like It". On Wednesday, March 30th, the entire grade will attend a performance of "As You Like It" at the Classic Stage Company's home theatre in the East Village - performed by the actors who conducted the workshop. Everyone's very excited to see Shakespeare come alive here at Scholars' and in the theatre.

### **Principal of the Year**

Mr. O'Connell will be awarded Principal of the Year at the Emerald Society Dinner Dance on March 11th at Terrace on the Park. Please contact Ms. Sorrentino (TSorren@schools.nyc.gov) if you would like to attend or purchase a booster/ad. We are currently organizing tables for staff and parents alike.