

# P10X Parent Newsletter

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## September Parent Meetings

Each P10X site held a Parent Curriculum Meeting in September 2009. 1162X-Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, P304X-Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, P15X-Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, P152X-Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, P817X-Sept 30<sup>th</sup> and P300X-Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Parents were welcomed, and the topics of discussion were - the curriculum: standardized assessment and alternate assessment, P10X plans and policies, attendance, pick up/drop off procedures, emergency cards, related services, child abuse, homework, behavior program, student suspensions, medical issues, transportation, trips, building security, working/reading to/with your child, ARIS Parent Link, the P10X Parent Association, our Parent Coordinator, the School Leadership Team, parent involvement, workshops and activities. Parents also had the opportunity to ask questions and visit their child's classroom. A resource folder was distributed to parents. Representatives from United Cerebral Palsy/Adaptive

Technology Department presented at P10X@300.

Parents should be aware that P10X is always striving towards increasing parent involvement. Our goal is to reach the next level in fulfilling the P10X mission statement of full family and community involvement with high expectations for all, while appreciating each student's individuality.

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### Upcoming Events

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- ◆ P10X 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Ball
- ◆ PA Meeting
- ◆ Book Fair

## October Parent Meeting - Parent Coordinator

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, parents came together for our parent support group. Parents who attended had the opportunity to network, learn from and listen to one another, share information, ideas and resources.

Parents talked about the goals they had for themselves before they had children. They talked about what they love about their child with special needs. And, they described the feelings they were going through when writing about their child with special needs.

Parents then shared what resources they currently have for their child with special needs.

It was a very informative and resourceful meeting.

*Thanks again to all who attended.*



*“An Involved Parent  
is  
An Informed Parent”*

*“...Helping  
Children Become  
Lifelong Learners”*

## October Parent Meeting - Parent Association

At the October 20<sup>th</sup> Parent Association Meeting, parents met with a representative from National Income Life Insurance Company to talk about the company’s free child safety kit. The importance of child safety was discussed. The kits will be provided at no cost to the parents and guardians.

Also at this meeting were representatives from ReThink Autism, “a web-based autism platform”,

[www.rethinkautism.com](http://www.rethinkautism.com). A couple of parents, who attended the meeting, shared their experience with the web-based organization.

*Representatives from ReThink Autism will be attending our P10X Fall Ball on November 13<sup>th</sup>.*

## October 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween

For all those who were able to participate: students, staff and parents, the Halloween celebrations were full of fun, and candy; great costumes and candy; laughter and more candy. *(Smile)*

If you took pictures at home, trick-or-treating or at any children parties, send in pictures to share with your child’s class.

## Upcoming November Events

**November 2009** is Parent-Teacher Conferences. Everyone should have received letters from your child’s respective school site. If not, please call your child’s site directly.

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** is P10X 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Ball: **Big, Big, Big Event**. A fabulous time will be had by all who attend. Bring the whole family, friends and relatives. Come One! Come All!

Come Have A Ball!

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** is the next Parent Association meeting. There will be a representative from KEEN New York, an organization that provides one-to-one recreational activities for children and young adults with special needs <http://keennewyork.org/>.

Also, representatives from Gateway Counseling Services.

## Scholastic Book Fair

**November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>** is the school’s Scholastic Book Fair to be held at the P10X Main Site.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Parents and Guardians, volunteer to assist at this year’s Scholastic Book Fair. All P10X students, with signed permission slips, will be coming to the Main Site to buy books. The Book Fair will be from 9:30 to 1:30pm. We would appreciate any amount of time you can spare to set

up/clean-up, assist students with purchases, and be of assistance wherever needed.