

P10X Parent Newsletter

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**Have a Safe,
Healthy and
Happy
Holiday!**

P10X 6th Annual Fall Ball - Nov 13th

WHAT A FABULOUS TIME HAD BY ALL!

Thanks to everyone who help make our 6th Annual Fall Ball a success. There were volunteers who help set up/clean up. The food that was donated by everyone, WOW! Loads of, goood food. I'm still smacking my lips (smile). The DJ had everyone either on the floor, tapping their feet and bobbing their heads or singling along to some good time tunes. Thanks to our photographer. Some parents showed me their pictures. Beau-ti-ful. And, the magic show. Now you see it, now you don't. Great show. Representatives from a number of great agencies came out and shared information about their program and the services they provide. Vendors allowed everyone to get a head start on holiday purchases. The door prizes were so GREAT! But, did I win anything? NOPE! That's ok, I got over it!

The Parent Association Board Members were mixing and mingling encouraging parents to join the PA.

Much thanks to Mrs. Elissa O'Brien and Mrs. Nancy Maurer for coordinating a fabulous event.

Hmmm, ladies can we talk about the ...spring! ☺

November Parent Meeting - Parent Association

On November 17th, Ms. Nichole Cerimele, Program Coordinator, of KEEN New York spoke to parents about KEEN'S recreational program. The organization provides one-to-one activities to children and young adults with special needs, such as: sports, arts and craft and swimming. www.KEENnewyork.org (P) 212-768-6785; (C) 917-494-7943

Support Program that offers specific interventions to individuals and families that have developmental and behavior management needs". nicholas.colon@gccnyc.org
Tel: 718-325-5021

Mr. Nicholas Colon, Family Support Case Worker, at Gateway Counseling spoke to parents about Gateway's "Advance Program". The "Advance Program" is: "A Family and Community Based

Agency: Social Action Center, Inc. - Open House



Planning for the Future

On Tuesday, December 1st, parents attended the Open House for Social Action Center, Inc., located at 665 Pelham Parkway North, Tel: 718-654-1815.

Staff at the agency talked to parents about the different services the agency provides to families of children and adults, living at home, with a development disability. The services available are: Medicaid Service Coordinator, Day Habilitation, At-home

residential Habilitation, After school respite and Saturday recreation. Parents were able to ask questions and then tour the facilities. Staff was also available for one-to-one consultations.

This was an opportunity for parents to think ahead and plan for the future. What will your child be doing after he/she finishes school?

<http://www.nichcy.org/Disabilities/Specific/Pages/IntellectualDisability.aspx>

December Parent Meeting - Parent Coordinator

Our Parent Workshop, held on Friday, December 4th was informative and well received. "How to create a structured workstation for your child at home" was facilitated by our very own Mrs. Deirdre Leggio, 304x 6:1:1 Teacher. A few of the topics discussed were: quiet area in your home, clear boundaries (start and finish), home schedules, bin set up, routines and structure, simple directions. Parents visited a classroom

to see a model workstation. Parents were divided into three groups to create a schedule. Mrs. Leggio also instructed parents on how to get pictures off the internet. There was much sharing and discussions among all who attended. Everyone received hand-outs of sample schedules and resource information.

Attending workshops is an opportunity to network, enjoy the company of other parents and acquire information.

"Life without limits for people with disabilities"

December Parent Meeting - Parent Association

WOW! If you were not present at the Parent Association Meeting held on Tuesday, December 15th, you missed a great opportunity to speak directly with the "Resource Man, himself", Mr. Gary Shulman from Resources For Children With Special Needs, Inc.
<http://www.resourcesnyc.org/>

According to those in attendance, the workshop was GREAT! There was a lot of information shared. He discussed

how and where to get services, places to go, day and overnight respite, healthcare for children, after school, legal services, camp, to name a few. The information and resources are tremendous.

If you have any questions about the information shared, please feel free to contact the Parent Association Parent Representative for your child's P10X site.

P10X @CHS-Inclusion Teacher, Ms. Ayanna Cohen

Our inclusion students at Columbus High School

Stefanie accepted the award on his behalf.

GREAT NEWS:

Our very own William Feliciano's artwork is in a gallery exhibit at New Visions for Public Schools. He was honored Thursday, December 3rd at an evening ceremony held at the New Visions headquarters. Unfortunately, William was unable to attend, but

Thanks for sharing Ms. Cohen