

Working Together Works!

P.188X Parent Newsletter



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A Message From Our Principal

By now you have received the most important word about how this school year has begun - the informal reports given to you by your son or daughter and the conversations with their teachers. The staff is extremely pleased at the smooth beginning of this school year. As a Principal, I cannot stress enough the importance of your involvement in the school community. Any of our success' can only be attributed to the teamwork between staff, students and the home.

I look forward to a productive school year and am available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please make every effort to attend our Parent-Teacher Conferences, on November 5th and 6th at 188X @34.

I also would like to thank all the parents who came out to celebrate our Open House on 9/19 and 9/24. As always it's a pleasure to see you, and witness first hand your support in ensuring your child's success in school.

Sincerely yours,
Adrienne Edelstein,
Principal

A Message From Our Parent Coordinator

In September P. 188X welcomed parents and guardians to an Open House. I would like to thank all our parents who took the time out of their busy schedules to come and meet their child's teacher. It was a wonderful way to start off the school year. It is very important for you to familiarize yourself with the materials your child is learning, so you can better prepare your home enrichment ideas.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our parent workshops this year. Please check for notices in your child's book bag. Workshop listings will also be posted outside my office on the Parent Bulletin Board. Parents who wish to share information with other parents may also post it on the board. Feel free to call me with any suggestions for future workshops. If I have not had the pleasure of meeting you, please stop in my office anytime to introduce yourself. I look forward to hearing from you and assisting you throughout the school year.

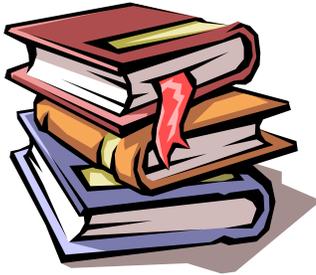
Very truly yours,
Dawn Zerbo,
Parent Coordinator





Some Fun Web-Site Activities

Scottbryce.com
ILike2Learn.com
Funology.com
Pbskids.org
Scholastic.com
Edhelper.com



Homework Help

United Federation of Teachers and the Department of Education designed the Dial-A-Teacher program as a resource for parents and students. Parents can get help working with their children or students can get help directly from a teacher.

Dial 1-212-777-3380, Monday-Thursday, 4:00 - 7:00 pm. A teacher will answer, ready to help.

FUNDRAISER

The Parent Teacher Association will be hosting its first fundraiser.

Our Bake Sale will take place on December 19th.

From 9:30a.m.-11:30a.m.

A Note from the PA President

I would like to welcome parents, teachers, students, and staff to a wonderful new school year at P.188X. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Gladys Sotomayor and I will be holding the position of PTA President for this academic year. I have held positions in the PTA as Treasurer and Secretary, and have been active with school's PTA meetings, conferences, and other events.

My son has been a student at this school for the past six years and I am proud to say he has made great progress thanks to his dedicated teachers and staff at this school. As a working parent, I have tried my best to be involved in my son's education and I will be involved with the school as the PTA President. I look forward to meeting parents; develop a partnership that will help promote academic success for all of our students, and work together to solve issues that may develop during the school year.

All parents and guardians of students attending P.188X are eligible for membership of the Parents Teachers Association. Annual membership dues of \$5.00 per family are requested, but not mandatory to become a member. You can send your \$5.00 to school in an envelope marked "PTA Dues" or give them directly to any of our officers at our next meeting. Please write your child's name and class on the envelope. Your donation will help your PTA fund activities for students throughout the year. Remember all proceeds from fundraising go to the children of P.188X

We will be hosting PTA meetings at least once a month, please make an effort to attend as many Parent/Teacher Association meetings as you can. We offer many parent workshops and activities, during the school year. Let's get together as often as possible and share our experience, knowledge, and network.

Looking forward to meeting and working with you together this academic year.

Sincerely,
Gladys Sotomayor, PTA President

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Parents Must!

- 1 Know your child's Principal, address, and phone number.
- 2 All parents should know their child's NYC ID/Osis number.
- 3 Keep your child's immunization record up to date.
- 4 Know the educational goals that have been set for your child for the school year.

IMPORTANT

DATES TO REMEMBER

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, November 4th- Election Day
Tuesday, November 12- Veterans Day
Thursday/Friday- Thanksgiving Recess

Parent/Teacher Conference

Wednesday, Nov. 5th -5-7:30
Thursday, Nov. 6th-12:30-3

Parent-Teacher Conferences

The Parent-Teacher conference provides a unique opportunity to collaborate with a key partner in your child's education, his or her teacher. The resulting advice, strategies, and insights can help both you and the teacher enhance your child's success in school. Ask questions. While the teacher will have a variety of topics to discuss, don't be afraid to ask questions and make sure your concerns are addressed. Be sure to ask about the learning goals and expectations the teacher has for your child, as well as what observations the teacher has made.

Find out what you can do at home. By working with the teacher to come up with activities and strategies you can do at home with your child, you will reinforce the learning that is happening in the classroom and have a great impact on your child's performance. Keep in mind that the teacher may not offer suggestions if you don't ask. Be prepared; your child will want to hear all about the conference. When you get home from the conference, your child is going to be very interested to hear what the teacher had to say. Be positive and specific. Begin by talking about all the good things that were discussed, and follow up by talking about what needs to be done to improve. Use this discussion to praise your child's accomplishments in school and offer encouragement for future efforts.



NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

By: Merna Gordon, RN

Influenza

Knowing the real facts about influenza and the rationale for getting vaccinated can decrease fear. For instance, how many of us know that influenza is the number one cause of death from infectious disease in the United States and second only to the cold as the most infectious disease? How many of us know that we have to get a new flu shot each year as the viral "strain" constantly changes. (Strains are A, B & C) and because of this it is impossible to maintain immunity?

Once again, the "flu" season is upon us, and because influenza affects 20-30% of the population annually, accurate information is required which will allow recognition and treatment of it. Influenza is caused by a virus; it affects the respiratory system and produces illness that is more severe than the ordinary cold. Often patients are bedridden, they are febrile with chills, and they have a headache, dry cough, sore throat, runny nose, aching muscles and overwhelming fatigue.

The best way to prevent or reduce the severity of the symptoms is to take the flu shot. The Centers for Disease Control recommend that the vaccine or shot be taken between October and March, the season when the disease is at its peak. This is especially important for those who are at highest risk.

Save the Day!

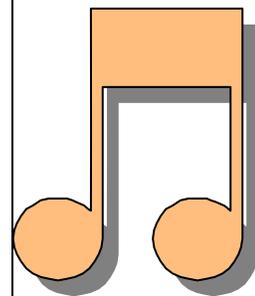
Scholastic Book Fair @ P. 188X
December 12-19, 2008
770 Grote Street
Bx., N.Y. 10460



DRAMA, MUSIC & DANCE

I'm so excited about the
drama,
music & dance program.
There
are so many wonderful
things
happening each day. Our
children
are learning to stay focused
and
follow directions. They are
learning to dance and sing
to
different beats and rhythms.
So
many of our children love to
perform, it's great for their
self
awareness, A famous
German
philosopher, Nietzsche once
said
"Life would be
senseless
without music!"

Ms. Polisenio, Drama Music &
Dance





PENNY HARVEST

Every November, students and their families have been collecting pennies for Penny Harvest.

Your child this year has the opportunity to make a difference. So do you!

With penny harvest, every penny counts and every person counts. Please work together with your child to collect pennies-your support will make the Penny Harvest a success. The process is easy. The results are meaningful. And the need is there. Together, we can make a difference.

For more information, please contact:

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