



## **THE PARENT UPDATE**

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**BKLYN TRANSITION CENTER**

### ***Welcome to the 2010/2011 School Year!***

Thank you to those parents who assisted during the fall and spring school session. We had a truly successful year at P753K and we look forward to seeing many of you at our parent workshops this year. Workshop listings will be posted outside my office and the main office. Letters will be mailed to parents as well as phone calls.

Parents will receive four newsletters during the school year. Letters will be sent via backpack in December, February and May. Parents who wish to contribute information for all parents may do so by calling me at 718-857-4646ext.3141. I look forward to hearing from parents and assisting parents throughout the school year.

*D. Shockness*  
*Parent Coordinator*  
347-563-4469

### ***A message from Principal Yvrose Pierre:***

My sincere thanks to you for your support of our learning environment. You have been on the front line supporting us in our School Leadership Team, parent events, prom and graduation. BTC has

seen much success because of your involvement. I hope that we continue this path, as we undertake new challenges in the new school year. Please stay in touch with **Ms. Shockness, our Parent Coordinator** who will be here throughout the summer. If you have any great ideas on how to make 753K one of the best schools, feel free to share with me. Again, thanks for all your support this school year and throughout the upcoming school year 2010/2011. Have a Great Summer!

*Yours truly,*  
*Principal*

### ***A message from BTC's Assistant Principals***

Summer school is about to begin for our students at BTC. As parents, you should be proud knowing that your child is part of the Brooklyn Transition Center. I am proud of the achievements and accomplishments that our students have displayed so far this year. I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you – students and parents this summer. Enjoy

**Valerie Wahrman**

In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. , “The

function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.” Here at BTC, we thrive to teach our young adults these fundamental values. We teach them to reach for the **STARS** and to be all that they can be. This summer and into the new school year we will work with the students to make sure they are getting the best education possible.

- **Cosmetology**
- **Auto Mechanic**
- **Home Health Aide**
- **Media Arts**
- **Independent Living**
- **Science and Tech**
- **Transition Center**

Our worksites are ongoing and you will have the opportunity to tour our school upon registering your child for the new school year.

Enjoy your summer  
**BriAnne Alleyne**

### **PARENTS MUST!!**

\*\* Know your child's school Principal, address and telephone number.

\*\* All parents should know their child's New York City ID number /OSIS number.

\*\* Know your child's bus run, bus company's telephone number and the dates when school is closed.

\*\*Know the dates of Citywide reading and math tests. Speak to your child's teacher. Test dates will be posted on your parent coordinators door.

\*\* Know the educational goals that have been set for your child for the school year. Speak to your child's teacher about these goals.

### ***Parents in the Spotlight!***



Special thanks to all the parents who volunteered and assisted during last year's educational workshops. **KUDOS** to Ms. Jean Foy, Valerie Hardaman and Emily Givens for receiving a Certificate of Special Recognition for **Dedication, Help and Love for Parents and Students** from the Member of Congress **Mr. Ed Towns – Job well done and deserved Thank You!!**

### **Helpful websites for Parents**

[www.insideschools.org](http://www.insideschools.org)  
[www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org)  
[www.resourcesnyc.org](http://www.resourcesnyc.org)  
[www.learningleaders.org](http://www.learningleaders.org)  
[www.classsizemateers.org](http://www.classsizemateers.org)  
[www.asthmamoms.org](http://www.asthmamoms.org)  
[www.classsizematters.org](http://www.classsizematters.org)  
[www.cleweb.org](http://www.cleweb.org)  
[www.nycenet.org](http://www.nycenet.org)  
[www.nysed.gov](http://www.nysed.gov)



### **SAVE THESE DATES!**

- 1) **Month of July-Ongoing Registration-Please call Ms. Nuba @ (718) 857-4646 ext 2091 to set up an appt.**
- 2) **September 8<sup>th</sup> School Reopens**
- 3) **School Closed Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>-Jewish Holiday**
- 4) **Adult GED/ESL class 9/20/10**
- 5) **Sept. 22nd –PA/PTA Expedited Elections**
- 6) **Parent/Teacher Conference Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm to 3:00 & 5:00pm to 8:00pm**

### **Social Workers Corner**

#### ***Parent Engagement***

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers: All the research shows that when parents are involved in their children's education, the child has improved attendance, motivation and academic achievement. Parental involvement may come in many forms from reading to their child and helping with homework, visiting and volunteering at school, and participating in parent/school groups. Parent contact with teachers should not occur only when problems arise. Open and honest communication is a must. Enjoy your summer and hope to meet with all of you in September. Enjoy!

**Jean Isbell, Social Worker/Dean**

### **CCSE- Committee on Special Education**

The Citywide Council on Special Education (CCSE) will advise and comment on citywide special education services in (District 75). Nine of the eleven voting members of the CCSE are parents of students receiving citywide special education services. Two additional voting members were appointed by the Public Advocate and have extensive experience and knowledge in educating, training or employing individuals with disabilities. The committee on Special Education has had its first four meetings for the year. All meetings are open to the public and are held on the first and second Wednesdays of every month. Contact the parent coordinator for dates of monthly meetings.

### **Health Insurance**

Children's health insurance is available to most uninsured children under the age of 19 in New York City. Children in your school may be eligible for one of two child health insurance programs, Child Health Plus A (formerly Medicaid) or Child Health Plus B- New York's two health insurance programs for children. Medicaid and Child Health Plus, are now united under one name, Child Health Plus. Child Health Plus is a comprehensive health insurance program that covers most child health and dental needs. The program's income requirements make it possible for working families to get free or low-cost health insurance for their children.

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