



811K PARENT VOICE -- Nothing beats time

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GRADUATION



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Dear Parents/Guardians/
Caregivers:

It has been my pleasure and privilege to form a more cohesive partnership with you this year. Our lives have been enriched just by knowing each other and working together for the betterment of our children. We celebrated with 44 graduates on June 21, 2011. Our new Chancellor, Mr. Dennis Walcott was our key note speaker. Our school, P811K now has the distinction of being the first graduating class he addressed in his new position. My message to our graduating families is to remember that we will always be interested in the growth of your child. You will always be a part of our P811K family, so we hope you continue to share their lives with us. We look forward to welcoming those students who will be returning to us for the 2011-2012 school year.

For our students joining us for the summer program we plan to have a relaxed, enjoyable time. Thank you 811K Parents/Guardians/Caregivers for supporting your school. Donna Donegan (718) 769-6984 x133

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers I'm inviting you to get involved by visiting the school, attend workshops and P811K Parent Coordinator meetings. You can share any information you have with other parents through this newsletter. Please also contact me if you have a workshop idea that will benefit you and other parents.

Our school has been using the **Automated Phone Calls** System to contact you so we need correct phone numbers.



PARENTS MUST!!!
*** Notify the Pupil Accounting Secretary Sandy Gallimore, when there is a change in your address or telephone number



At the 811K Main Site
School Begins at **8:00AM**
School Ends at **2:30PM**

At Shellbank (Off-Site)
School Begins at **8:00AM**
School Ends at **2:30PM**

The Last Day of Summer School attendance for students is Monday, August 15, 2011.

**The 2011-2012 School Year
Begins: September 8, 2011
THURSDAY**

This is one day later than previously announced. This change will give teachers more time to plan their instruction.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT

Movie in Kaiser Park
Circle Beside Mark Twain West
25th Street. Time: 7:30 pm

NO RAIN DATES

Dates:

July 8, 2011

July 22, 2011

August 12, 2011

August 26, 2011

September 16, 2011

Items you may want to bring to movie night: Snacks-Beach Chair-Blankets. Free to all children, parents and seniors. Visit us on line at: www.friendsofkaiserpark.com
For more info: 917-873-9261 or email to: friendkaiserpk1@aol.com

**BROOKLYN PUBLIC
LIBRARY SUMMER
READING**

Everyone, from babies through senior citizens, can sign up for Summer Reading which started on Thursday, June 9th. They can also sign up online at

www.summerreading.org

This year's theme is "One World, Many Stories." There's a passport game in which students can answer fun questions about the continents of Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. For example: "Listen to or watch an Afro beat music artist," or "Look up recipes for making candy sushi." When students complete each continent in the passport game, they can enter a raffle to win a Sony Bloggie video camera - a total of 4 raffle entries. Students who can't

go to the library over the summer can participate in Summer Reading online - again, at www.summerreading.org. They can create avatars, keep a book log, earn virtual badges for reading books and writing reviews, and see what other kids are reading and playing (video games). The "official" booklist is online, but students can read whatever they like - they don't have to stick to the list. There's a short "tutorial" at www.summerreading.org to show students how to use the website.



DID YOU KNOW?

Each time you enter a Department of Education building you are required to show ID. This is a standard practice to ensure safety.

You are to inform Mr. Harold Weiner, Attendance teacher and your child's classroom teacher if your child needs to be absent from school for a long period of time.

Our summer curriculum is "UNIQUE LEARNING"

OUR SUMMER THEME IS 'VACATIONING AROUND THE WORLD'

By the end of this summer all of our P811K classrooms will be equipped with smartboards.

The NYC School survey result is in. 7,588 parents, 5,251 students and 3,426 teachers completed the survey. To learn more about the school survey, please visit the website.

On May 18, 2011 the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene launched a NYC prescription drug discount card, BigAppleRx, which is designed to help reduce the cost of prescription medications for NYC consumers. The card is available to everyone living, working or visiting the City and provides discounts for a broad range of medications at most retail pharmacies throughout the five boroughs with savings averaging 47% (15% for brand names and 53% for generic medications). No personal information or enrollment is required to use the card. Although the Card will be of greatest benefit to persons without health insurance or prescription drug insurance, even individuals who have drug insurance can use the Card to buy medications not covered by their plans.

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**Free Outdoor Films at
Fort Greene's Habana
Outpost: Sunday Movies
Under the Stars**

- July 10th- *Roller Boogie*
- July 17th - *Saturday Night Fever*
- July 24th - *Breaking*
- July 31- *Dirty Dancing*

CYBER BULLYING SUMMIT 2011

While advances in technology have resulted in many great opportunities for our children, they have also led to new threats to their safety and well-being. As part of our ongoing effort to combat bullying among kids in today's digital age, the NYC Council will be hosting a

**Cyber Bullying Summit 2011
Monday, July 18th 5 - 8 p.m.
The Times Center
242 West 41st Street
(between 7th and 8th Avenues)
Manhattan**

Sponsored by The New York Times Company, this educational event will bring together widely renowned leaders in technology and Internet safety. Facebook, Microsoft, MTV and other social media outlets will be available at the summit to speak to parents about what they can do to protect their children from cyber bullying and encourage responsible online behavior.

Counselors, child advocates, and representatives from the NYC Department of Education, the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development, and the NYC District Attorney's Office will also be at the summit, as will cyber bullying and cyber safety expert, Parry Aftab, founder of Wired Safety.com and creator of CyberBullying.org.

We're thrilled to bring together this group of experts from industry, government and advocacy so we can provide parents and guardians the tools and information they need to keep their children safe in today's digital age. You can read more about the event by clicking on the NY Daily News article below:

<http://www.nydailynews.com/blogs/dailypolitics/2011/05/first-look-city-council-versus-cyberbullying>

If you would like to RSVP to the summit, visit us online at www.council.nyc.gov. You can also share this event with friends on

Facebook at

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=213979951956411>.

Please note that space at The Times Center is limited. If you have any questions about the event, feel free to contact Nick Rolf in the Council's Community Outreach Unit at (212) 442-5765 or nrolf@council.nyc.gov.

YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

NYPD Community Affairs has announced that the NYPD is starting a YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY that will be open to children who are in school, ages 10-16. It is a 6 week program with sessions 4 days per week. To learn more about this program, log onto www.nyc.gov/nypd and click on the "Community Affairs" link. There you can see a brief video of last years Youth Police Academy. The program will run from Tuesday, July, 5 till Thursday, Aug. 11th. THIS IS FOR KIDS ONLY FROM 10-16 YEARS OF AGE.

For more information you can call the Community Affairs Unit at 646-610-5323. Enjoy your week!

For more information contact:
Detective Martin Brown
Police Commissioner's Liaison Unit
One Police Plaza
New York, NY 10038
(O) 646-610-6016
(C) 917-337-4168

HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR PARENTS

I am a New Yorker with a disability, and I want to **find services** in New York State:

<http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/edi/ny/makesworkpay/index.cfm>

A Lesson in Writing IEP Goals

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/info/goals.lesson.heitin.htm>

BigAppleRx

jweinste@health.nyc.gov

lhelurn@health.nyc.gov

www.nycschoolssurvey.org

www.vote.nyc.ny.us/pollworkers.html

NYC PARKS AND



Prospect Park Alliance

K Indicates kid-friendly event
SPECIAL EVENTS

New program!

**K RECORDING STUDIO at the
AUDUBON CENTER**

Weekends this Summer

12 – 4 p.m. Audubon Center. Free with volunteer time.

Want to record your latest creation but don't have the audio equipment to do it? Volunteer in Prospect Park to gain free recording time in the Beat Cave, our brand new state of the art recording studio located in the Prospect Park Audubon Center at the Boathouse. Work on-site with our in-house audio engineer to bring your track to life. Ages 26 and under. By appointment only. Call (718) 287-3400 ext. 310

New program!

**K MACY'S FISHING CLINICS
Every Saturday in August**

1 & 2 p.m. Audubon Center. Free.

This summer the decades-old Macy's Fishing Contest will become the new and improved Macy's Fishing Clinics, an exciting, summer-long program offering kids quality fishing instruction. Children 15 and under will learn about the recreational sport of fishing, safety, and fish-friendly techniques, all while casting their lines on a spectacular summer day in the Park! Call (718) 287-3400 x303 for details.

**K EZRA JACK KEATS
STORY HOUR**

Every Saturday in August

*2 – 3 p.m. Imagination
Playground. Free.*

Gather 'round Peter and Willy, the statue of two beloved Keats characters, for storytelling adventures. Sponsored by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation.

K SUMMER SONGS & STORIES

Every Sunday in August
2 & 3 p.m. *Lefferts Historic House.*
Free.

Storyteller Tammy Hall brings the age-old art of storytelling to Prospect Park. Gather at Lefferts and engage in enchanting tales from around the world.

K FREE CAROUSEL RIDES!

Sunday, August 7
As part of Heart of Brooklyn’s Free Summer Sunday, Carousel rides will be free all day! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

BROOKLYN LOVES MICHAEL JACKSON

Saturday, August 27
12 – 5 p.m. *The Nethermead.*
Free.

Celebrate Michael Jackson's birthday at Prospect Park! Spike Lee, 40 Acres and a Mule Filmworks, Spike DDB, and the Republic of Brooklyn invite you to join in the fun of honoring this legend with a special birthday celebration.

VOLUNTEER CORPS INFORMATION SESSIONS

Wed., August 10, 4 – 5 p.m.
Sat., August 13, 3 – 4 p.m.
Wed., August 24, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Litchfield Villa, 95 Prospect Park West, between 4th and 5th Streets

Learn about the great opportunities Prospect Park has to offer for volunteering! Join in the fun of sprucing up the Park, learn how to maintain our gardens and become an advocate. No experience necessary! Volunteer groups meet on Wednesdays,

Thursdays or weekends. Call (718) 965-8960 for information.

EMPLOYMENT

NYC PARKS AND RECREATION

The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation is currently hiring staff for seasonal and consultant positions! You can apply now to be a Camp Counselor, Computer Resource Center Coordinator/Community Advocate, Imagination Playground Associate, Junior Ranger Camp Aquatics Director, Lifeguard, Swimming Instructor/Instructor Aide, or an Urban Park Ranger Fellow. For more information about seasonal and consultant positions and eligibility requirements, please visit the website.

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Brooklyn: OBT (Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow)

OBT Provides on-the-job training/apprenticeship for urban youth in two locations in Brooklyn . For More Info Visit www.obt.jobs.org

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For New York City-Wide (DYCD's) Programs that connect Urban Youth click on the links below:

NYC Ladders for Leaders
http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/jobs/nycladders_for_leader_s.shtml

An innovative program that offers high school and college students the opportunity to participate in summer

internships with some of the most dynamic corporations and businesses in New York City.

Young Adult Internship Program

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/jobs/young_adult_internship_program.shtml

As part of Mayor Bloomberg's Commission for Economic Opportunity, DYCD is providing the most job-ready disconnected youth with short-term paid internships, job placements, and follow-up services.

In-School Youth (ISY) Program

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/jobs/in_school_youth_program.shtml

The ISY provides occupational skills, employment services, and educational opportunities to low-income high school juniors and seniors.

Out-of-School Youth (OSY) program

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/jobs/out_of_school_youth_program.shtml

Provides extensive job training and employment services to 16-21 year-olds who are not enrolled in school

“May the sun always shine on your windowpane; May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain; May the hand of a friend always be near you; May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you. *Irish Blessing*”