

The Power of Choice

P.771K

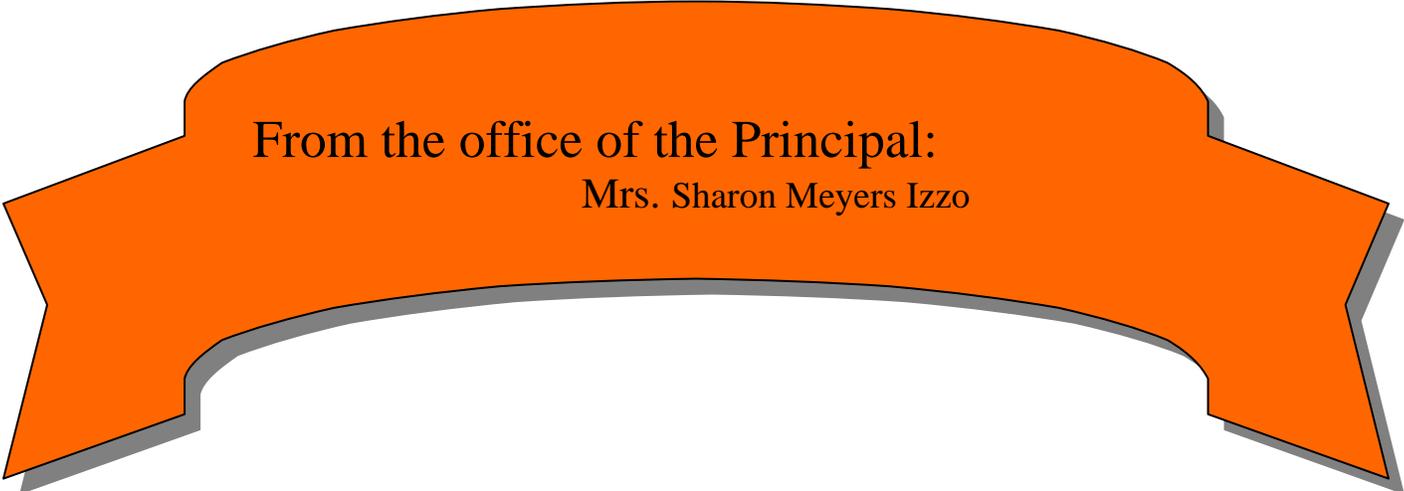
Newsletter



you

*ARE A CHILD OF THE
UNIVERSE*

*NO LESS THAN THE TREES AND THE STARS
YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE HERE
And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt
The universe is unfolding as it should.*

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From the office of the Principal:

Mrs. Sharon Meyers Izzo

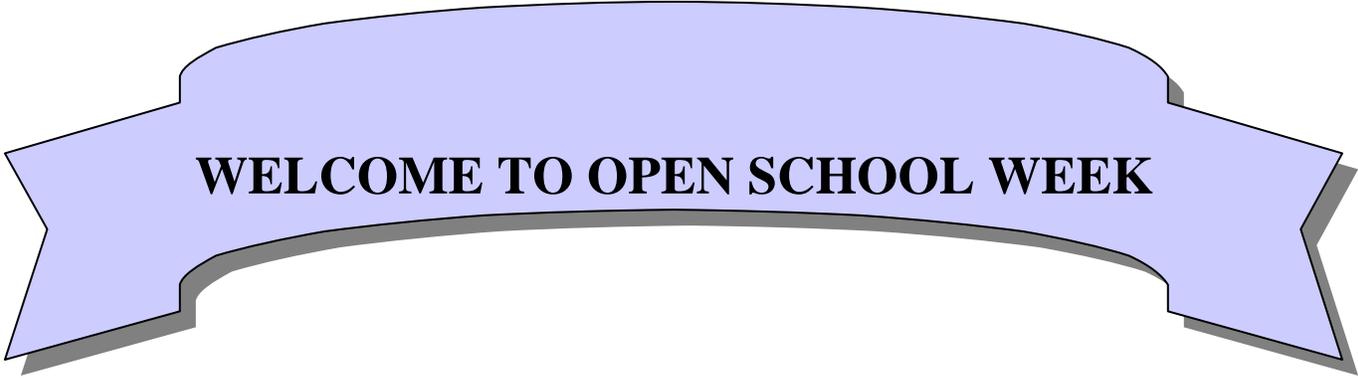
Dear Parents:

Happy Holidays. We are very excited about many of the new activities taking place this year in our school.

We have a new Assistant Principal, Heather Leykam. We wish the best of luck in her respective position. Mrs. Leykam will be responsible for the supervision of PS.329 & PS 236 while Mrs. Beale will continue her supervision of PS225. I will continue to supervise IS98, IS303, and Brooklyn Studio School.

Unfortunately, we are continuing to have difficulties with our busing this school year. We are working diligently at trying to rectify these problems as they arise. Please continue to contact the Office of Pupil Transportation at 718-784-3313 to complain as well as the bus company, and let Ms. Ramos (Parent Coordinator) know if you need her assistance 347-563-4413.

Sincerely,
Sharon Meyers Izzo



WELCOME TO OPEN SCHOOL WEEK

P.225 Thursday NOV. 20 TH	Afternoon	12:30-2:50
	Evening	5:30-8:00
P.236 Thursday Nov. 20 th	Afternoon	12:30-2:50
	Evening	5:30-8:00
P.329 Thursday Nov. 20 th	Afternoon	12:30-2:50
	Evening	5:30-8:00
IS 98 Monday Nov.17 th	Evening	6:00-8:30
Tuesday Nov.18 th	Afternoon	12:30-2:30
IS303 Tuesday Nov. 18 th	Afternoon	12:30-3:00
	Evening	6:30-9:00

*Please Come To
Open School Week*

AFTER YOUR VISIT

It's a good idea to talk about your conference with your son or daughter. Share what the Teacher said, their strengths and successes. You might want to set a plan like this to help your child progress:

- **Set aside a certain time and place for Homework**
- **Check Homework, but let your child correct his/her mistakes**
- **Limit television watching**
- **Stick to a reasonable bedtime**
- **Sign and Review point sheet every night**
- **Discuss school topics or events at home**
- **Review specific skills (spelling, multiplication) regularly**



HAPPENINGS

This fall, we are pleased to announce several developments in technology at P771K. Students are putting technology to use in creative ways that reflect their knowledge of curriculum and current events.

In October, 771 students created stop-motion animation videos to illustrate a work of literature. Students brainstormed ideas for images that effectively tell the tales found in *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* by Alvin Schwartz. We used digital photography to bring these images to life, assembling our video projects using iMovie software.

In November, 771 students used news articles from www.cnn.com to track the Presidential election, and to learn about the impact of Barack Obama's historic victory. We created graphic organizers using Inspiration software to analyze the electoral map, and to write short essays about how people in other countries expressed their opinions about our new president.

In other news, we are happy to welcome two new members to the P771K Technology Committee. Luisa Goldschlager will be our new tech liaison at 771's site at I98, and Susan Scully will be the tech liaison for P771K at P236. We welcome our new tech committee members, and thank you for your technology support!

P.225

HAPPENINGS

Class V01 Mrs. Chen & Y31 Mrs. Nekrasova:

Are continuing there Gardening project at Gateway. They also had stories read to them at The Story Museum at Historic Richmond Town in Staten Island.

Classes V01 Mrs. Chen, V08 Ms. Levy, Y32 Mr. Palmones and Y33 Ms. Scarpaci:

Went exploring with Mr. Bobo at the New York Hall of Science in Queens. They had many cool discoveries.

Class V01 Mrs. Chen and Y33 Ms. Scarpaci:

Took a neighborhood walk with there classes who explored Sheep heads Bay and eat at Applebees.

Once again we are continuing our trips to Aviator Sports Complex in Floyd Bennet Field. All classes are experiencing new challenges this year, such as ice Skating, Rock Wall Climbing, Yoga, gymnastics, and soccer.

P771K@236 October

HAPPENINGS

Class V42 Mr. Fluss:

V42 has two classroom celebrations in which they read Realistic Fiction, and Nonfiction and wrote their own stories.

Classes V42 Mr. Fluss, V43 Mrs. Rosiello, & Y21 Ms. Albert:

Mayor's committee trip to the Aquarium. All enjoyed!

Class X11 Mrs. Burg:

Went to McDonald's on the 14th of October, they learned how to make choices by ordering their own food and paying for it themselves. Congratulations to Alex LeVeille in LO6 Inclusion class for getting the Principal's award student of the month.

October 17th Halloween Celebration Assembly:

V43 Mrs. Rosiello's class performed the Monster Mash. V44 Ms. Polanco's class had their very first assembly, "The Monkey Dance, and X11 Mrs. Burg's class read Halloween poems.

Class Y20 Ms. Gaines:

Visited McDonald's making choices, socializing, and exchanging money.

Classes X11 Mrs. Burg and V43 Mrs. Rosiello:

Went on a trip to the Alley Pond Environmental Center

SCHOOL LISTINGS.....

School Closing for the 08-09 School Year:

Sept. 30- Oct. 1	Rosh Hashanah
Oct. 9 th	Yom Kippur
Oct. 13 th	Columbus Day
Nov. 4 th	Election Day
Nov. 11 th	Veteran's Day
Nov. 27 th -28 th	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 24 th -Jan. 2 nd	winter Recess
Jan. 19 th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb. 16 th -20 th	President's Week
Apr. 9 th -17 th	Spring Recess (Including Good Friday & Easter)
May 25 th	Memorial Day
June 4 th	Brooklyn/ Queens Day

Vacation Activities:

Brooklyn Botanic Gardens. 1000 Washington Ave. (718) 622-4433. BBG often has specials going on for kids of all ages. Call for more information. **Free Admission**

Aquarium for Wildlife Conservation, West 8th Street and Surf Ave. Coney Island, (718) 265-**FISH**. Daily demonstrations introduce guests to the world of Sea Lions, dolphins, Seals, and Beluga whales and many more. Call for hours, admission fees.

Brooklyn Public Library. (Main Branch) Grand Army Plaza. (718) 780-7700. Visit the main branch or pick a monthly schedule of events at your local library branch. Most branches in Brooklyn offer a wealth of activities for children's & Adults.

Cheap thrills and loads of fun call (718)-965-8999 or (718) 965-8961 for details and more information to Prospect Park.

SCHOOL ALERTS.....

MOVING.....

Please notify the school when you plan to move at least three weeks in advance, if possible. The school will process your new address for bussing so that your child's attendance at school is not **INTERRUPTED**.

If you are planning, to move outside the New York City area. We need your new address, telephone number and if possible your child's new school. Please do not **FORGET** to call the school with the information because your child will then be listed as an **UNEXCUSED ABSENTEE**.

EMERGENCY CONTACT.....

Please call the school to inform us of any changes in your Telephone number, either at home or work. It may be necessary to call you in an **EMERGENCY** or just to inform you of **IMPORTANT ISSUES** pertaining to your child's education.

It is **IMPORTANT** to contact the school if your **EMERGENCY** contact person has a new telephone number or you want to change your designated emergency contact person. It is very **IMPORTANT** that your designated emergency contact person be **AVAILABLE** in case of an **EMERGENCY**.

FYI FOR PARENTS.....

Child health Plus
(888)809-8009

Child health plus is a New York State Health Insurance Plan that provides free or very low cost health insurance for children from birth through age 19. To be eligible children must be without Medicaid or other insurance coverage, and residing in New York State.

How to Apply

For Child Health Plus:

To apply, simply provide proof of address, income, and child's age. For more information, call Health Plus at (888) 809-8009 or e-mail us at marketing@healthplus-ny.org.

For Family Health Plus:

To apply, you will need to meet with a facilitated enroller. He or she will help you complete an application. The facilitated enroller will check your proof documents (residence, age, income, social security number, and citizenship status). You will select a health plan and choose a doctor to take care of you. We are here 7 days a week to help. Call (888) 809-8009 to make an appointment. Or apply in person in your neighborhood. If you don't live in NYC, but want to know more about Family Health Plus, call (877) 9-FHPLUS.

For more information, call Health Plus at (888) 809-8009 or e-mail us at marketing@healthplus-ny.org.

For Health Care Plus:

For further information, call Health Plus at (888) 809-8009 or e-mail us at marketing@healthplus-ny.org.

Resources for Children with Special Needs:

200 Park Avenue South Suite 816
New York, New York 10003
(212) 677-4650

Resources for Children is a not for profit information, referral, advocacy, training and support center in New York City for parents and professionals looking for all kinds of programs and services for children from birth to 21 with learning, developmental, emotional or physical disabilities. Resources for Children's provides assistance in identifying school and educational programs, infant and preschool programs, camps, and summer programs, social services, legal Services and an array of other resources concerning the needs of children and young people with disabilities.

Dr. Samuel Carnin Dental Center

1 Brookdale Plaza
Brooklyn, New York 11212
(718) 240-6281

Dental Center services Autistic individuals as well as other disabled populations. Medicaid and self-payment accepted only. Call for further information or appointment.

ADULT LEARNING CENTERS:

The Brooklyn Public Library Literacy program offers free instruction in Reading and Writing to adults over the age of 17, from non-readers up to a pre-GED level. Instruction is provided through the use of computer technology and volunteer tutors in a small group.

Central Library Learning Center:

Grand Army Plaza
Brooklyn, NY 11238
(718) 780-7791

Bedford Branch Learning Center:

496 Franklin Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11238
(718)783-3010

Coney Island Learning Center:

1901 Mermaid Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11224
(718)373-7720

Eastern Parkway Learning Center:

Eastern Parkway @ Schenectady Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 778-9330

REMINDER:

Parent Workshop

Autism: ABA in the Home

Presented by: District 75: Office of Autism

Topics will include:

- *Natural Environment Training*
- *Language Training*
- *Managing Behaviors*

Date: December 8, 2008

Time: 10:00 am- 12:30 pm

Location: District Office

400 First Avenue (at 23rd Street)

New York, NY

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*Please RSVP by contacting your parent coordinator: Mrs.
Ramos-Alomar @ 347-563-4413*

For additional information

Call: (917) 256-4268

Also offering:

Social Skills @ Home

Jan. 9, 09

District Office

Using the Child's Strengths

April 6, 09

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