



Home Instruction Parent

Newsletter

Winter 2008-09 Edition

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PC: Edwin Hernández

Message from your Home Instruction PC:

In this edition of HIP, we present information on The Dominick Della Rocca Summer Camp Scholarship Fund 2009, Mail -A- Book services to homebound seniors, adults, young adults and children with no access to the library due to health reasons or disabilities, after-school/ weekend recreation respite programs, where to get information in case of a citywide emergency or major storm, and free workshops for parents. If you wish to contribute information to our newsletter you may do so by calling me at: (718) 794-7240 or (347) 563-4472.

Happy Holidays to all.
 Yours truly,
 Edwin Hernández,
 Home Instruction Schools
 Parent Coordinator



A message from Principal Sandra Ledesma:

Dear Parents,
 A strong partnership between home and school is a critical component of your child's academic success. Being well informed allows you to better support your child's continued progress throughout the school year. The Home Instruction Parent Newsletter will provide parents with important information on what Home Instruction has to offer, such as rising to the challenge, focusing on helping students succeed in literacy and math, preparing for and administering statewide exams as well as RCTS and Regents tests. This year, Home Instruction is piloting a technology based program for multiply handicapped

children. The laptops, touch screen computer program, empowers and enables independent computer use for children with cognitive disabilities. Guidance services to individual/small groups of students via a closed conference telephone system will continue this year. Technology-based instruction (Achieve 3000) has proven to be successful and improved students' literacy scores from at least 6 months to one year advancement. We encourage you to share your opinions with your child's Home Instruction teacher. An active involvement and ongoing communication will help ensure success as we work together to help your child meet his/her goals.

Yours truly,
 Sandra Ledesma,
 Principal.



**The Dominick Della Rocca
Summer Camp Scholarship
Fund 2009**

Community Mayors Inc. is offering a wonderful opportunity for District 75 families to send their children to a summer camp of their choice for little or no cost to the family. This is an opportunity for parents to get some respite and for children to experience some “fresh air” and independence away from home. District 75 does not coordinate, fund or select the students for this program. Positions are extremely restricted due to the limited funding available to Community Mayors Inc. The selection process is through a lottery. Applications are available by contacting your District 75 Parent Coordinator or by visiting The Community Mayors, Inc website at www.communitymayors.org The application deadline is February 28, 2009. Completed applications must be mailed to:
Community Mayors, Inc.
c/o Bonnie Brown,
Superintendent District 75
Department of Education
400 First Avenue
New York, New York 10010
Applications must be filled in completely and legibly or they may not be considered.

Good Luck to all applicants!



**Queens Library
Mail-A-Book Services
for Seniors, Adults,
Young Adults, and
Children**

Queens Library at Queens Village is offering Mail -A-Book services to homebound seniors, adults, young adults and children with no access to the library due to health reasons or disabilities. This service is free of charge to New York residents. Interested readers may request specific titles, subject matter and/or author preferences. Books are available in hardcover, paperback and audio format (CD and MP3 format). DVDs and music CDs are also available for loan. Materials are available in languages other than English. Items are sent through the mail in enclosed reusable book bags in which the readers can return the items with the included postage-paid return labels. Materials are circulate for 45 days and are renewable. When materials are returned, other materials are sent out automatically. If interested contact Madlyn Schneider, Library Manager for the Queens Library at Queens Village, at (718) 776-6800



Library Information

Below you will find a list of phone numbers to the NYC Public Library central office in each borough.

Brooklyn 718-230-2100
Manhattan 212-930-0800
Bronx 718-579-4200
Queens 718-990-0700

Staten Island 718-442-8562
Visit the website at
www.nypl.org



**Home Instruction
Website:**

Visit the Home Instruction Schools website at:
<http://homeinstructionschools.com>

Our website is an educational tool that is very helpful for both parents and students. It offers a wide variety of useful information, such as Regents preparation and other valuable website links.

Helpful websites for

Parents

- www.epicforchildren.org
- www.resourcesnyc.org
- www.homeworknyc.org
- www.insideschools.org
- www.learningleaders.org
- www.nycenet.org
- www.nysed.gov
- www.advocatesforchildren.org
- www.pacer.org
- www.parenttoparentnys.org
- www.usny.nysed.gov/parents/



East Harlem Council for Community Improvement, Inc.’s After-School/Weekend Recreation Respite Program

East Harlem Council for Community Improvement, Inc. is currently offering two respite programs for youth that are residents of Manhattan. The after-school program is available Mondays and Wednesdays and operates between the hours of 3pm-7pm. A recreation program is also available on Saturdays between the hours of 9am-3pm. Both of these programs offer, sports, interactive computer training, swimming, games, arts & crafts, dance classes, field trips, aerobic and birthday/holiday parties. Transportation is made available. To apply for respite services, please contact:

Loretta Copeland, Program Coordinator or Larinda Hooks, Intake/Entitlements Coordinator at (212) 410-7707 ext.5238.



Citywide Emergency Conditions or Major Storm Days

In the case of a citywide emergency or a major storm, the Chancellor will announce the citywide decision to close or delay the opening of schools (including the cancellation of after-school activities) during citywide emergency conditions or major storm days. The decision is made after consultation with the Mayor’s Office of Emergency Management, the Weather Bureau, the City Sanitation Department and the City Transit Authority. Where do you go to find information about delayed school openings or school closings?

- By 6:00a.m., the decision is announced on the NYC 311 Information Line.
- Tune in to the following radio stations in the city: WINS (1010 AM), WCBS (880 AM),

WABC (770 AM), WLIB (1190 AM), WADO (1280 AM), WBLS (107.5 FM), and or WNYE (91.5 FM)

- Watch the following television stations: WCBS (Ch.2), WNBC (Ch.4), WNYW (Ch. 5), WABC (Ch.7), WNYE (CH.25), and or NY1 (Ch.1 on cable) Univision (CH.41), broadcast in Spanish.
- You can also visit the Department of Education website home page at <http://www.nycenet.edu/>





**Resources for Children
with Special Needs offers
FREE Workshops**

Resources for Children with Special Needs offers FREE workshops for families and professionals seeking programs and services for New York City children and youth with disabilities and special needs. Refreshments are served. To register call Gary Shulman , MS Ed at (212) 677-4650 or email him at:
gshulman@resourcesnyc.org

*Workshops Dates &
Locations:*

Bronx site:
**Jewish Child Care
Association**
555 Bergen Avenue
Bx., NY 10455

January 8, 10am-1pm
*Getting Appropriate
Educational Services*

February 4, 10am-1pm
*Turning 5: Transition to
School-Age*

March 4, 10am- 1pm
*Transition from School to
Adult Life*

**Bronx Family Center of
the Children's Aid
Society**
1515 Southern Blvd.
Bx., N.Y. 10460

January 23, 10am-1pm
*Transition from School to
Adult Life*

March 13, 10am-1pm
*Turning 5: Transition to
School-Age*

Brooklyn site:
Brooklyn Heights Library
280 Cadman Plaza West
Bklyn., NY 11201

December 19, 10am-1pm
*Turning 5: Transition to
School-Age*

January 16, 10am-1pm
*Getting Appropriate
Educational Services*

Central Library
Grand Army Plaza
**Flatbush Ave. and
Eastern Pkwy.**
Brooklyn, NY 11238

January 22, 10am-1pm
*Turning 5: Transition to
School-Age*

February 12, 10am-1pm
*Getting Appropriate
Educational Services*

March 10, 10am-1pm
*Transition from School to
Adult Life*

Manhattan sites:
**Resources for Children
with Special Needs, Inc.**
116 East 16 Street 5th Fl
NYC, NY 10003

January 28, 10 am-1pm
*Transition from School to
Adult Life*

February 26, 10 am-1pm
*Getting Appropriate
Educational Services*

March 31, 10am-1pm
*Early Childhood Services:
Birth to Age 5*

West Harlem Head Start
121 W. 128 St,
NYC, NY 10027

March 12, 10am-1pm
*Getting Appropriate
Educational Services*

March 19, 10am- 12pm
Community Resources

March 26, 10am- 1pm
*Turning 5: Transition to
School-Age*

Queens site:
**Jamaica Center for Arts &
Learning**
161-04 Jamaica Ave.
Jamaica, NY 11432

January 7, 10am-12pm
Community Resources

January 13, 10am- 1pm
*Transition from School to
Adult Life*

January 29, 10am-1pm
*Getting Appropriate
Educational Services*

February 11, 10am- 1pm
*Early Childhood Services:
Birth to Age 5*

February 25, 10am-1pm
Advocacy Skills for Parents

**Resources for Children
with Special Needs offers
FREE Workshops
continued:**

Staten Island site:

**Joan and Alan Bernikow
Jewish Community
Center of Staten Island
1466 Manor Rd.
Staten Island, NY 10314**

January 6, 10am- 1pm
*Early Childhood Services:
Birth to Age 5*

February 5, 10am-1pm
*Transition from School to
Adult Life*

March 18, 10am-1pm
Advocacy Skills for Parents



PARENTS MUST!!

** Know the name, address & telephone number of your child's Home Instruction Schools Assistant Principal.

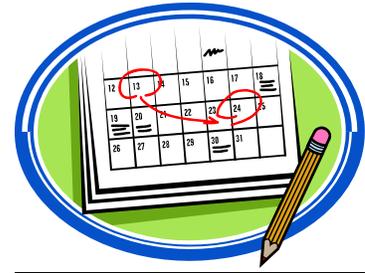
** All parents should know their child's New York City ID number /OSIS number.

** Know the dates of the Citywide reading and math tests. Speak to your child's teacher. Test dates will be available through your Home Instruction teacher or by visiting our website at <http://schools.nycenet.edu/d75/his>

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

** Keep your child's immunization records updated.

** Keep your child's medical/psychiatric referral for Home Instruction up to date. Visit your doctor.



Important Dates:

December

24 - Jan 2 Winter Recess
Schools closed

January

5 Students return to school

13-14 New York State
English Language Arts
Grades 3 & 5

13-15 English Language Arts
Grade 4

19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Schools closed

21 Citywide Council on Special
Education - 6:30 pm at
P77K

62 Park Place
Brooklyn, NY 11217,
21-23 English Language Arts
Grade 6

21-22 English Language Arts
Grades 7 & 8

27-30 New York State Regents
Grades 9-12

February

16- 20 Mid Winter Recess
Schools Closed

March

3-5 New York State
Mathematics
Grades 3-5

10-11 New York State
Mathematics
Grades 6-8





**Home Instruction
Directory:**

**Home Instruction
Schools**
Principal:
Sandra Ledesma

Main Site
3450 E. Tremont Ave.
Bronx, N.Y. 10465
(718) 794-7200

Bronx Home Instruction
Asst. Principals:
Michelle Oleksiak
Robert Walpole

P.S. 754 X
470 Jackson Ave.
Bronx, N.Y. 10455
(718) 742-0972

**Manhattan
Home Instruction**
Asst. Principal:
Ramona Pizarro

P.S. 721 M
250 W. Houston St.
N.Y., N.Y. 10014
(646) 486-3557

**Brooklyn Home
Instruction**
Asst. Principals:
Geraldine Langella
Bill Cornelius

P.S. 371 K Annex
360 36 St. Rm. 301
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11232
(718) 499-0636

Queens Home Instruction
Asst. Principals:
Danny Rayder
George Lombardi

P.S. 752 Q
142-10 Linden Blvd.
Jamaica, N.Y. 11436
(718) 529-0266

**Staten Island Home
Instruction**
Asst. Principal:
Eileen Pryor

P.S. 721 R
155 Tompkins Ave.
Staten Island, N.Y. 10304
(718) 447-4447

**Home Instruction
Parent Coordinator:**
Edwin Hernández
(718) 794-7240
(347) 563-4472



***HOME INSTRUCTION
SCHOOLS' MISSION
STATEMENT***

As developed by the
School Leadership Team.

- Students, parents and the Home Instruction Leadership Team will work collaboratively to ensure that each child, commensurate with his/her skills, will maximize achievement and address performance standards.
- Students who receive home instruction will become productive members of their communities and society. Home Instruction Schools will continue to develop and implement procedures that ensure successful transition from the student's school of affiliation to Home Instruction Schools and then back to the school of affiliation.