



Home Instruction Parent Newsletter

Spring 2009 Edition

Principal: Sandra Ledesma

PC: Edwin Hernández

Welcome To Home Instruction Schools!

Message from your Home Instruction PC:

In this edition of HIP, we present information on Home Instruction Summer services, free immigration services, the EPIC Conference and Best Practice Fair, free workshops by YAI and Resources for Children, summer jobs, free air conditioners and much more. If you wish to contribute information to our newsletter you may do so by calling me at:
(718) 794-7240 or
(347) 563-4472.

On behalf of myself and Home Instruction Schools have a wonderful, safe and fun summer.

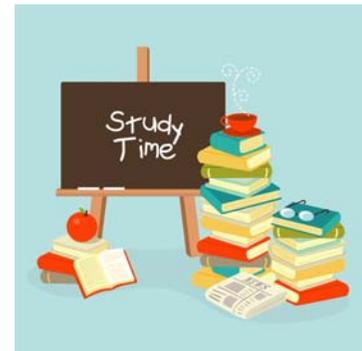
Yours truly,
Edwin Hernández,
Parent Coordinator



A message from Principal Sandra Ledesma:

Dear Parents,
As another year comes to a close, our Parent Coordinator, Edwin Hernández and I feel proud of the many accomplishments made by our students. I hope you found this edition of the Home Instruction Parent Newsletter helpful. All of us here at Home Instruction wish you and your child a pleasant summer vacation.

Yours truly,
Ms. Sandra Ledesma,
Principal



Home Instruction Summer Services

If your child is on Home Instruction as a result of a recommendation by the Committee on Special Education and his/her Individualized Education Plan (IEP) indicates a 12 month school year, he/she is entitled to Home Instruction services from July 1st to August 14th. The Home Instruction teacher assigned will provide a parent consent form for this program which you must sign and return to the Home Instruction office. High School students will receive credit towards high school graduation and will be given an opportunity to acquire Regents/RCT credit as well.



Promotion in Doubt

If your child is not meeting the promotional criteria necessary for him/her to advance to the next grade, Home Instruction services will be available from July 1st to August 14th. Please be advised that your child's medical must be up to date for the summer in order for you to participate. Please call the Home Instruction office in your borough for more information.



Free Immigration Services

The Murphy Institute for Worker Education & Labor Studies in collaboration with NYC Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO and The City University of New York Citizen and Immigration Project are providing FREE immigration services on the 1st Thursday of the month at The New York City Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO located at 31 W. 15 St., 3rd FL. and the 3rd Thursday of every month at

The Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies located at 25 W. 43rd St., 18th Fl. They provide assistance with naturalization, relative petitions, adjustment of status, consular processing, asylum and refugee issues, certificates of citizenship, replacement of lost/damaged USCIS documents and diversity visa lottery entries. They also provide consultations, information and referrals.

All services are free and confidential, whether or not you are a union member or a CUNY student. Please bring an interpreter to consultation if necessary. To schedule an appointment for the 15th St. location contact Peggy Ortega at (212) 605-9552 ext.218 and to schedule an appointment for the 43rd St. location contact Eloiza Morales at (212) 827-0200 ext. 2029.



District 75's EPIC Conference & Best Practice Fair

District 75's EPIC Conference & Best Practice Fair will take place on *Saturday, April 25th-2009 from 8 am to 3pm at P811X-1434 Longfellow Avenue between Freeman and Jennings Streets*

The EPIC conference brings together District 75

parents, students and staff from all five boroughs to gain knowledge, share experiences and celebrate their successes. In the morning parents will have the opportunity to attend two workshops, while students attend art workshops and musical performances. In the afternoon, parents have the opportunity to connect with over 30 service agencies and visit school exhibits that highlight the work of District 75 students.

This year there is ***no pre-registration*** to attend the conference. *A maximum of 35 parents can attend each workshop. Only children over the age 5 and older can attend student activities. (There is maximum of three children per family)*

Workshops begin promptly at 10:15am. Please try to arrive early!

Interpretation will be available in Spanish and Cantonese for workshops. We do hope that you will be able to join us on this day as we continue to provide support to students and their families. If you have questions, please reach out to your school's parent coordinator. We look forward to seeing you and your family at the conference.





Resources for Children with Special Needs offers FREE Workshops

Resources for Children with Special Needs continues to offer FREE information on 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

Bronx sites:

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

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

June 3, 10am-1pm
Getting Appropriate
Educational Services

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

May 8, 10am-1pm
Getting Appropriate
Educational Services

June 12, 10am-1pm
Early Childhood Services:
Birth to Age 5

Brooklyn sites:

No workshops scheduled until the Fall.

Queens sites:

No workshops scheduled until the Fall.

Manhattan sites:

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

April 28, 10am-12pm
Community Resources

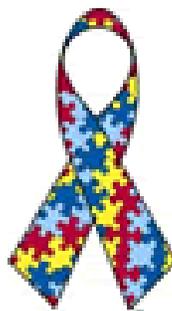
Staten Island site:

No workshops scheduled until the Fall.



YAI National Institute for People with Disabilities Parent Support Series

YAI National Institute for People with Disabilities is offering Parent Support Series for caregivers of people with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). The series is free of charge and are being held throughout the months of May and June. Parents must register. For more information and a list of topics visit YAI's website at: www.yai.org/autismsupport or call (212) 273-6182.



N.Y.C. Department of Youth and Community Development's Summer Youth Employment Program

The New York City Department of Youth and Community Development's Summer Youth Employment Program provides New York City youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with summer employment and educational opportunities. Program runs from July 1 through August 15. Participants work in a variety of entry-level jobs at government agencies, hospitals, summer camps, nonprofits, small businesses, law firms, museums, sports enterprises, and retail organizations. Participants can work up to 25 hours a week earning \$7.25 an hour working for government agencies, summer camps, nonprofit organizations, small businesses, law firms, museums and sports organizations. The deadline to apply is May 15th. For more information call the City of New York Department of Youth and Community Development Youthline at (800) 246-4646 or 311. You can also apply online at <https://application.nycsyep.com/> On the next page is a list of community -based SYEP providers.

City of New York
Department of Youth and
Community Development
2009 Summer Youth
Employment Program

BRONX

Community Association of Progressive Dominicans,
1865 Morris Ave
Bronx, N.Y. 10453
718-716-4021
4 train to 176th St.

Police Athletic League New South Bronx Center
991 Longwood Ave-10459,
718-389-5306
6 train to Longwood Avenue

Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club
1930 Randall Ave-10473
718-893-8600 ext.261,
6 train to Parkchester/177th St then
Bx39 bus to Randall Ave

Simpson Street Development Association,
997 East 163rd St-10459
718-589-3595/1511
6 train to Hunts Point, 2,5 train to
Simpson St, Bx19 bus

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center, 3450 Dekalb Avenue-10467
718-882-4000
4 train to Mosholu Pkwy,
Bx10,16,28,30,34 bus to Bainbridge &
Gun Hill Rd

South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation,
555 Bergen Ave-10455, 3rd Flr
718-292-3616
2,5 train to 3rd Ave

New York City Housing Authority,
Any NYCHA Development
Management
Office. Dept. of Resident Employment
Services
350 Livingston Street, 6th Fl.,
Brooklyn,
212-306-3985/3969

Wildcat Service Corporation
560 E. 179th St.-10457
718-294-0230,
4 train to 176th St,

Phipps Community Development,
1030 East 178th St-10460
718-542-0109,
2,5 train to East Tremont Ave/West
Farms Sq.

Woodycrest Center for Human Development
153 West 165th St-10452,
718-992-4256,
4 train to 161st St Yankee Stadium, then
Bx13 bus to 165th St

BROOKLYN

Catholic Charities Neighborhood Svcs, Inc
200 Gold St-11201.
718-875-8801
A,C,F,2,3,4,5,N,R trains to Borough
Hall

Police Athletic League
Schwartz PAL Center
127 Pennsylvania Ave-11207,
718-389-5309
C train to Liberty Ave

Church Avenue Merchants Block Association
PS 269/1957 Nostrand Ave-11210
718-462-2597
2,5 train to Newkirk Ave; or B41 to
Foster Ave

Research Foundation/Medgar Evers College
1150 Carroll St-11225, Rm 226,
718-270-6152/3
2 train to President St, 3 train to
Nostrand Ave or B49/44 bus to
Carroll Street

Community Counseling & Mediation,
1 Hoyt St. 7th floor 11201
718-875-7751 x240
2,3 train to Hoyt St

Ridgewood Bushwick SCC,
1474 Gates Ave-11237
718-381-9653
L train to Myrtle Ave, M train to
Wyckoff Ave

Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation,
Franklin K Lane High School,
999 Jamaica Avenue Rm 304A-11208,
718-235-1521,
J train to Elderts Lane

SCO Family of Services - Center for Family Life
345 43rd St-11232
718-788-3500
R train to 45th St

Italian-American Civil Rights League,
1460 Pennsylvania Ave # 1B- 11239,
718-642-2180
A, J, L train to Broadway Jct then B83
bus to Geneva Loop

St. Mary's Community Services
230 Classon Ave-11205
718-230-0827,
A/C train to Hoyt & Schermerhorn or G
train to Classon Ave

National Society for Hebrew Day School
1545 Coney Island Ave-11230
718-252-4446
Q train to Avenue M

St. Nicholas NPC
850 Grand Street-11211, Room 185
718-599-9224 ext.22
L train to Grand St

Sesame Flyers International
905 Winthrop St-11203 Room 127
718-221-

New York City Housing Authority,
Any NYCHA Development
Management 8880
2,3,4 trains to Utica Ave
Office. Dept. of Resident Employment
Services, 350 Livingston Street, 6th Fl.,
Brooklyn, 212-306-3985/3969

Vanguard Urban Improvement Association
MS 258, 141 Macon St-11216
718-453-3330
A,C train to Nostrand Ave B25/26/44 to
Marcy Ave

MANHATTAN

Alianza Dominicana
2410 Amsterdam Ave-10033 2nd floor,
212-740-1960
A, C, 1 trains to 181st Street

Henry Street Settlement
367 Madison St 10002,
212-473-1474
F, J, M, Z train to Delancey/Essex St

Childrens Arts & Science Workshops,
686 West 204th St-10034. basement
212-740-8170,
A, 1 train to 207th St. or M100/Bx7 to
207th St

Immigrant Social Services
137 Henry St-10002
212-571-1840
F train to East Broadway

Chinese-American Planning Council,
165 Eldridge St-10013
212 334-0083
J,M,Z to Bowery Street

Community Association of Progressive Dominicans
2268 Amsterdam Ave-10032
212-781-4956
A,C trains to 168th St or
1 train to 181st St

New York City Housing Authority,
Any NYCHA Development
Management
Office. Dept. of Resident Employment
Services, 350 Livingston St, 6th Fl.,
Brooklyn, 212-306-3985/3969

East Harlem Council for Community Improvement
413 East 120th St-10035,
212-860-6820 x5211
4, 5, 6 trains to 125th St./Lexington
Ave.

New York City Mission Society
646 Malcolm X Blvd-10037
212-368-8400
x239, 3 train to 145th St

Ecumenical Community Development,
ECDO Community Partnership Center
413
West 125th St-10027
212-531-3211
A,B,C,D trains to 125th St

STRIVE East Harlem Employment Service
240 East 123rd St-10035, 3rd Flr,
212-360-1100
4,5,6 trains to 125th St

QUEENS

Afrikan Poetry Theatre
176-03 Jamaica Ave-11432
718-523-3312,
E,J train to Jamaica Center then Q110
bus to 177th St or F train to 179th St

La Asociacion Benefica Cultural Father Billini
35-34 105th St-11368
718-651-8427
7 train to 103rd St

ChaRosa Foundation Corporation,
228-08 Linden Blvd 11411 or 90-25 161
Jamaica Ave-11432
718-723-1400
E, J train to Jamaica Center then Q4 bus
to 228th St

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New York City Housing Authority,
Any NYCHA Development
Management
Office. Dept. of Resident Employment
Services, 350 Livingston Street, 6th Fl.,
Brooklyn, 212-306-3985/3969
Goodwill Industries
4-21 27th St-11102
718-278-9667
W train to Astoria Blvd **Police Athletic
League Foster Laurie PAL Center,**
199-10 112th Ave-11412
718-398-5309,
E train to Jamaica Center then Q83 bus
to 199th St
Greater Ridgewood Youth Council,
62-04 Myrtle Ave-11385
718-456-5437 ext 232,
M train to Fresh Pond Rd, Q55 to Myrtle
Ave & 62nd St
**Research Foundation/LaGuardia
Community College,**
29-10 Thomson Ave Rm C-314-11101
718-482-5340,
7 train to 33rd St, E,V train to 23rd St
Ely
HANAC Youth Services
23-16 30th Ave-11102 3rd Flr,
718-204-2325,
N,W trains to 30th Ave; or Q19A bus to
30th Ave & 23rd St
**Rockaway Development &
Revitalization Corporation**
1920 Mott Ave-11691 2nd Flr
718-327-5300, A train to Mott Ave Far
Rockaway
**Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood
Settlement**
10-25 41st Ave-11101, 718-784-7447,
F train to 21st St/Queensbridge

Southern Queens Park Association,
Roy Wilkins Park 177th St. & Baisley
Blvd 11434
718-276-4630 ext 107
E train to Jamaica Center. then Q5, Q85
bus to Baisley Blvd

STATEN ISLAND

New York City Housing Authority,
Any NYCHA Development
Management
Office. Dept. of Resident Employment
Services, 350 Livingston Street, 6th Fl.,
Brooklyn, 212-306-3985/3969
United Activities Unlimited
PS 18-221 Broadway-10310
718-448-4834
H44/46 to Castleton Ave or IS 2-
333Midland Ave-10306, H78 bus to
Hylan & Midland Ave



Free Air Conditioners

With another hot summer around the corner, the New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA) is happy to announce the 2009 Cooling Assistance Program. The program provides free air conditioners to qualifying seniors 60 years of age or older. The number of available air conditioners is extremely limited and requests will only be filled as long as supplies last.

To be eligible for a unit, you should not have received an air conditioner through a government-funded initiative in the last 10 years, be 60 years of age or older, have a least one member of your household with a acute medical condition that is made worse by extreme heat (medical documentation must be submitted), live in an apartment or private home, presently not have a working air conditioner and have a income which qualifies under Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

The air conditioner and installation will be free to those families that are approved. For more information, contact 311.

Home Instruction Website:

Visit the Home Instruction Schools website at:

<http://schools.nycenet.edu/d75/his>

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.insideschools.org
www.learningleaders.org
www.nycenet.org
www.nysed.gov
www.advocatesforchildren.org



Important Dates!!!

April 25
District 75's EPIC
Conference & Best
Practice Fair
8 AM to 3 PM
PS 811X
1434 Longfellow Avenue
between Freeman and
Jennings Streets

May 25
Memorial Day –No School

June 2- 3
Gr.8 Inter. NYS Social
Studies Test

June 16-24
NYS Regents

June 26
Last Day of School
Summer Recess Begins!



Home Instruction
Schools Directory

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

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

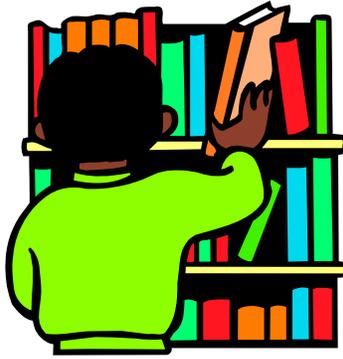
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(347) 563-4472





PARENTS MUST!!

- ** Know the name, address & telephone number of your child’s Home Instruction Schools Asst. Principal.
- ** All parents should know their child’s NYC 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.



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 212-621-0626
 Bronx 718-579-4200
 Queens 718-990-0700
 Staten Island 718-442-8562

Visit the website at www.nypl.org



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.



ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!