THE PARENT UPDATE for HOSPITAL SCHOOLS

October, 2008 ***M.401*** ***PC: Maureen Murphy***

Welcome to Hospital Schools!

MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to providing educational services for all school aged public, private, and parochial students who are hospitalized for chronic/acute medical, orthopedic or psychiatric conditions.
Our program adheres to all New York State and New York City Performance Standards and establishes a close liaison with the students' home schools to provide a continuum of educational services. This enables hospitalized students to return to school with individual academic gains and continuation of their educational standings.

A message from Principal Mary Maher:

Dear Parents/Guardians,
Welcome to hospital Schools! Our special program provides for your child's educational needs while hospitalized. Our teachers will help your child develop and progress in their educational goals. Our mission is to enable your child to return to school with academic gains. Our competent teachers will provide your child with textbooks, up to date curriculum, instructional materials & technology. We wish your child a speedy recovery and a quick return to his/her home school.

Cordially,
Mary Maher, *Principal*

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 available from your hospital teacher.
** Keep your child's immunization records updated.
** Know the educational goals that have been set for your child for the school year. Speak to your child's teacher or guidance counselor about these goals.

Message from PC:
I hope the 2008-2009 school year is going smoothly for everyone. Parents will receive three newsletters during this school year. Parents who wish to contribute articles for these newsletters may do so by calling me at (718) 794-7288 or e-mail mmurphy1@schools.nyc.gov. I look forward to hearing from you and I hope to be of assistance to you during this school year.
Yours truly
Maureen Murphy
Parent Coordinator
Cell. (347) 563-4422

School Telephone Numbers

Guidance Counselor
(718) 794-7266
Attendance Teacher
(718) 794-7262
Assistant Principal
Manhattan & Queens
(718) 794-7276
Assistant Principal
Bronx, Brooklyn & Staten Island (718) 794-7275

Helpful websites for Parents

www.insideschools.org
www.greatschools.org
www.resourcesnyc.org
www.learningleaders.org
www.asthmamoms.org
www.classsizematters.org
www.cleweb.org
www.nycenet.org
www.nysed.gov

SAVE THE DATE!
Resources for Children with Special Needs, Inc, Presents:

Special Camp Fair
January 26, 2009

School Leadership Team Meetings 2008
October 21, 2008
November 20, 2008
December 18, 2008

Big Apple College Fairs:
College Fairs will be held In all boroughs from October 15 - 19th. This is a great opportunity to meet representatives from the various colleges and to attend financial aid workshops. For time and locations please call Maureen at (718) 794-7288 or (347) 563-4422

October 6 – Feb 13.
New York State Alternate Assessment

October 15, PSAT
Grades 10, 11.

October 25 & 26
Specialized High School Admission Test
For 8th graders

November 8
Specialized High School Admission Test
For 9th graders IEP & 504 students.

November 23.
Specialized High School Admission Test
Make-ups (with special permission & documentation)

Holiday Events:

Bronx Zoo Wild Winterland
Daily 11:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
December 22 - January 9th.
Week-ends Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21. For more info.
Call (718) 376-1010

The N.Y. Botanical Garden Holiday Train Show
November 23 – January 11.
Call (718) 817-8700

SCHOOL CLOSINGS:
Schools will be closed on the following dates; therefore, instruction will not take place at our 40 hospital sites.
October 9 & 13
November 4, 11, 27 & 28
December 24 – January 2.

Immunization and Health Requirements for Student Registration – 2008-2009
The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene have issued the Medical Requirements for New School Entrants for the 2008-2009 school year. The law requires that all new students – children entering day care, nursery school, pre-school or pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten through grade 12 in New York City for the first time – must show proof of having received a complete medical evaluation. Parents can keep track of their child's immunization record's by referring to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR), by calling (212) 676-2323.

Health Insurance
Children's health insurance is available to most uninsured children under the age of 19 in New York City. Your child 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 Program's 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.

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 meets on the first and second Wednesdays of every month. All meeting are opened to the public. Flyers are sent home If you need further information please, Call (718) 794-7288 or (347) 563-4422.