



THE PARENT UPDATE for HOSPITAL SCHOOLS

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PC: Maureen Murphy

Welcome to Hospital Schools! A message from Principal Maher

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

The beginning of a new year is always a time for reflection and celebration. We look back at our accomplishments and establish new goals to move us forward. The Hospital Schools Program is committed to providing students with educational opportunities despite the medical challenges that they face. We are always looking for ways to strengthen our program.

Inquiry Team Action Research Project:

We are proud of our Action Research project. The team has been meeting to support the inquiry Team goal of 75% of students in the inquiry Team Pilot will demonstrate a 5% growth in reading and/or writing skills. The core members have created an **Assessment Tool Kit** which includes The WIAT, 3 minutes Assessments ECLAS, Scantron and the Informal Reading Assessment (IRI). In addition, the core members

have developed a writing assessment targeting grammar and mechanics to support The Teaching the Qualities of Writing Curriculum. The 11 pilot teachers have been trained on all of the above assessments. Team members have attended workshops focusing on use of assessments, generating learning objectives and the organization of data. Inquiry Team data collection will begin on January 14th. The work of the Inquiry Team will have a direct impact on all staff specifically related to the connection between assessments and learning objectives.

Mary Maher,
Principal
Hospital Schools

*"Everything and everyone
around you is your teacher".*
Ken Keyes Jr.

Message from PC:

Happy New Year!
Hope you had an enjoyable and restful Holiday.
Parents, please inform your child's school of any changes to your address, telephone number & emergency contacts. The school should have your home, work & cell numbers. When you visit your child's school ask to review the blue emergency card. A good time to do this is during Open School Week. State testing for 2010 starts this month. A list of testing dates will be included in this newsletter. If I can be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to call me. I can be reached at (718) 794-7288 or (347) 563-4422.

You can also e-mail me at
mmurphy1@schools.nyc.gov.
Yours truly,

Maureen Murphy,
Parent Coordinator

School Leadership Team

Meetings 2010

January 19

February 23

March 23

April 20

May 25

PBIS Team Meetings 2010

January 20

February 24

March 24

April 21

May 26

All SLT & PBIS meetings are held at our main building 3450 E. Tremont Ave.

Promotion in Doubt

Letters will be mailed to Parents by Feb. 5th, 2010. If you have any questions please, call our Guidance Counselor Keri or Lucy @ (718) 794-7266

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

School will be closed on the following dates:

January 18

Jan. 25 - Feb. 1 High Schools only (Regents Exams)

February 15–19

March 29 – April 6

May 31

Kindergarten Admissions for 2010 – 2011 School Year

The Kindergarten Application process begins Monday, February 1, 2010 at elementary schools throughout the city. Families should go directly to their zoned school. Children who were born January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005 are

eligible. Bring proof of birth date and proof of address. If you have any questions please, call me at (718) 794-7288.

Library Information

Brooklyn 718-230-2100

Manhattan 212-621-0626

Bronx 718-579-4200

Queens 718-990-0700

Staten Island
718-442-8562

Or on line at:

www.nypl.org or call 311 for the branch closest to you.

H1N1 Flu Shots

If you would like your child to be vaccinated Clinics are opened in all five boroughs. Information can be found on the DOE website or you can call 311 for the Clinic in your area. I can be reached at (718) 794-7288.

New York State Test Dates

Jan. 12 - 13

New York State English Language Arts Grades 3, 5

Jan. 12 - 14

New York State English Language Arts Grade 4.

Jan. 20 - 21

New York State English Language Arts Grades 7, 8

Jan. 20 - 22

New York State English Language Arts Grade 6

Jan 26 - 29

New York State Regents Grades 9-12

March 2 - 4

New York State Mathematics Grades 3, 4, 5

March 9 - 10

New York State Mathematics Grades 6, 7, 8.

April 12 – May 14

New York State ESL Achievement Test Speaking Portion Grades K – 12

April 7 - May 7

New York State Science Performance Test Grades 4, 8

April 26 – 28

ELA
Grades 3 through 8
Make up dates
April 27 through May 5.

May 5 – 7

MATH
Grades 3 through 8
Make up dates
May 6 through 14.

April 28

New York State Science Written Section Grades 4, 8

May 25

Chinese Reading
Grades 3 – 12

May 26

Spanish Reading
Grades 3 – 12

June 3 - 4

Intermediate New York State Social Studies Grade 8

June 15 - 24

New York State Regents Grades 8 - 12

