



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 12th. 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 2009 start 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 2009
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January 12
February 24
March 17
April 21
May 19

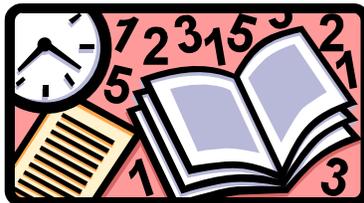
PBIS Team Meetings 2009
January 26
February 26
March 24
April 7
May 12.

Promotion in Doubt
Letters will be mailed to Parents by Feb. 6th, 2009. If you have any questions please, call our Guidance Counselor Keri @ (718) 794-7266

SCHOOL CLOSINGS
School will be closed on the following dates:
January 18
January 26–30 High Schools only (Regents Exams)
February 16–20
April 9-17
May 25

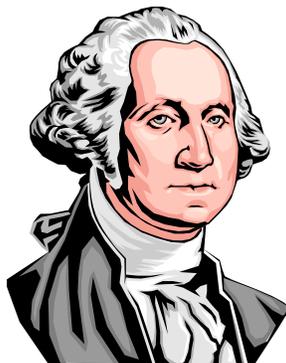
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New York Public Library www.nypl.org available 7 days a week 2 pm - 11pm You must have a library card to access this service.



PARENT WORKSHOPS presented by Resources for Children with Special Needs, Inc.

BRONX: The following workshops will be held at Jewish Child Care Association, 555 Bergen Ave. Bronx, 10455 10:00am – 1:00 pm

January 8, Getting Appropriate Educational Services

February 3, Turning 5: Transition to School Age

March 4, Transition from School to Adult Life

April 1, Community Resources

May 6, Early childhood Services Birth to 5

June 3, Getting Appropriate Educational Services

Bronx Family Center of the Children’s Aid Society, 1515 Southern Blvd., Bronx, 10460 will host the following workshops from 10:00– 1:00

January 23, Transition from School to Adult Life

March 13, Turning 5: Transition to School Age

May 8, Getting Appropriate Educational Services

June 12, Early Childhood: Birth to 5.

BROOKLYN: The following workshops will be held at Central Library Grand Army Plaza, Flatbush Ave. & Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn 11238 10:00am – 1:00pm

January 22, Turning 5: Transition to School Age

February 12, Getting Appropriate Educational Services

March 10 Transition from School to Adult Life.

April 22, Early Childhood Services’ Birth to 5

MANHATTAN: The following workshops will be held at West Harlem Head Start, 121 W. 128th Street 10027 10:00am – 1:00pm

March 12, Getting Appropriate Educational Services

March 19, Community Resources

March 26, Turning 5: Transition to School Age

The following workshops will be held at **Resources for Children with Special Needs offices located at**

116 East 16th St. 10003 5th fl. 10:00am – 1:00pm

January 28, Transition from School to Adult Life

February 26, Getting Appropriate Educational Services

March 31, Early Childhood Services” Birth to 5

April 6, Early childhood Services: Birth to 5

6:00pm – 8:00pm

April 28, Community Resources
6:00pm – 8:00pm

QUEENS: The following workshops will be held at Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning, 161-04 Jamaica Ave. Queens 11432
10:00am – 1:00pm

January 7, Community Resources

January 13, Transition from School to Adult Life

January 29, Getting Appropriate Educational Services

February 11, Early Childhood Services: Birth to 5

February 25, Advocacy Skills for Parents

STATEN ISLAND: The following workshops will be held The Jewish Community Center 1466 Manor Rd. Staten Island 10314 10:00am – 1:00pm

January 6, Early childhood Services: Birth to 5

February 5, Transition from School to Adult life

March 18, Advocacy Skills for parents

April 7, Community Resources

New York State Test Dates

Jan. 5 - Feb. 13

Early Childhood Language Assessment. Grade K

Jan. 13 & 14

New York State English Language Arts Grades 3, 5

Jan. 13 - 15

New York State English Language Arts Grade 4.

Jan. 21 & 22

New York State English Language Arts Grades 7, 8

Jan. 21 - 23

New York State English Language Arts Grade 6

Jan 27-30

New York State Regents Grades 9-12

March 3 - 5

New York State Mathematics Grades 3, 4, 5

March 10 & 11

New York State Mathematics Grades 6 - 8.

April 6 – May 20

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

April 8 - May 8

New York State Science Performance Test Grades 4 & 8

April 20 – May 29

Early Childhood Language Assessment ECLAS-2 Grades 1 - 3

April 20 – 29

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EL SOL Grades K - 3

April 30

New York State Science Written Section Grades 4, 8

May 4 - 15

New York State ESL Achievement Test (Reading, Writing, listening) Grades K - 12

May 11 – 29

E-PAL 2 & 3 Early Performance Assessment in Language Arts Grades 2, 3

May 19

Accelerated Art Grade 8

May 20

Accelerated Music Grade 8

May 18

Accelerated Social Studies Grade 8

May 26

Chinese Reading Grades 3 – 12

May 27

Spanish Reading Grades 3 – 12

June 2 & 3

Intermediate New York State Social Studies Grade 8

June 16 - 25

New York State Regents Grades 8 - 12

