

Hungerford Herald

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Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents & Guardians:

As we move along with the new school year I would like to remind families of all of the resources that are available to follow your child's progress. You may log on to the ARIS Parent Link, visit our school website, visit during open school week (November 15th through November 21st) and be sure to take the time to attend Parent Teacher Conferences.

Information about all of the above can be found in this Newsletter.

Please make sure you let us know if your personal contact information has changed. Emergency Blue Cards must be up to date. This is imperative in case of any emergency and is all for the well being of your child.

If you have not given our Parent Coordinator your email address please contact her so she can add you to our Parent Contact List. We are continuing to make every effort to "GO GREEN" and protect our environment.

Enjoy all of the upcoming Fall holidays!

Dr. Mary McInerney

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Special points of interest:

- **PTA Executive Board**
Jean Dileone - President
- **Michael Pollutri - Vice President**
- **Karen Malone - Treasurer**
- **Susan Perel - Recording Secretary**
- **Allan Perel - Corresponding Secretary**
- **All male US citizens must register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday even if they have a disability. Call for details.**



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARENT COORDINATOR



Dear Parents & Guardians:

The 2009 - 2010 school year has gotten off to a great start for our students. We welcome all of our new families and are delighted that your child/children are a member of the Hungerford community.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns and I will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

On Wednesday, October 21st the Citywide Council on Special Education will be holding their monthly meeting at our Hungerford at I.S. 43 site. This is a wonderful opportunity to show your support for the council members who work tirelessly to make sure the voices of all District 75 parents are heard. Details can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

“ARIS’ PARENT LINK

Please make sure that the next time you are on your home computer that you take a moment to log on to <https://arisparentlink.org>. In ARIS Parent Link you will be able to view detailed formation about your child - including attendance and in-class assessments. You will also be able to learn how your child’s school compares with other NYC schools. Please contact Janet Manolakos at the Hungerford Main Site for your child’s school ID number as well as his or her temporary password.

If you need assistance with obtaining an email address or need access to a computer we will be happy to help you.



HUNGERFORD’S 2009 ANNUAL TRANSITION FAIR



As family members it is very important to begin planning for the time when you child will leave the NYC Public School system and transition into adult programs. Our Annual Transition Fair is the perfect opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet with representatives from many of the state agencies that provide services to adults with disabilities. If your child is of high school age, now is the time to begin planning for his or her future. Please join us on Saturday, October 17th at 10:00 a.m. The Fair will take place at our Main Site at 155 Tompkins Avenue. If you are interested in attending please contact Janet Manolakos, Parent Coordinator, at 718-447-2956. We look forward to seeing you on the 17th.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2009

School will be closed on Monday, October 12th for Columbus Day; Tuesday, November 3rd for Election Day and Wednesday, November 11th for Veteran’s Day and Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th for Thanksgiving Recess.

N.Y. LAWYERS FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST - PARENT WORKSHOP

Paola Martinez Boone, Community Organizer for Disability Rights, will be coming to our Hungerford Main Site, on Friday, October 23, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Topics of discussion will include Guardianship, Special Needs Trusts, Health Care Proxies, Wills, Letters of Intent, Power of Attorney questions and more.....

If you would like to participate please contact Janet Manolakos or Terry Slavens.



HUNGERFORD SCHOOL.ORG



Please take a moment to visit our updated website. Not only does it provide an overview of our school and our many sites, but it also provides information about upcoming meetings and other events that may be of interest to our families.

COMMUNITY MAYORS, INC. SUMMER CAMP APPLICATION

It is never too early to begin thinking about summer camp opportunities for our special needs children.

With that in mind, along with this newsletter you will find “The Dominick Della Rocca Summer Camp Scholarship Fund 2010” Participant Application. This opportunity is for our students aged nine (9) through sixteen (16) years of age. It is for sleep away camp only. All applications submitted will be considered but only a select number of students from each borough will be awarded the scholarship.

If you are planning on sending your child to summer camp in 2010 please complete the application and return it to the school so the teacher portion can be completed. We will then forward applications to the District Office.



SCHOOL LUNCH FORMS



Along with this month’s newsletter you will find a letter from the NYC Department of Education regarding the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). It explains the guidelines for eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals. Families are urged to complete the School Meals Application so that children are charged meal prices consistent with their economic situation. The deadline for submission in order to qualify is October 16, 2009. If you have misplaced the lunch form that was sent home at the beginning of the school year please contact Pat McIntyre at our Main Site at 718-273-8622. She will be happy to supply you with a replacement form.

UFT DIAL-A-TEACHER 12TH ANNUAL CITWIDE PARENT CONFERENCE

The Grandparent of one of our students attends this conference annually and highly recommends that others make an effort to attend. She explained that it is a very informative way to spend a Saturday. All of the workshops are free of charge. Participants are provided a free lunch and for a fee of \$10.00 childcare is provided for the day. A copy of the brochure and registration form are attached to this newsletter.

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Staff Core Values:
Respect,
Professionalism,
Sensitivity,
Excellence



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

At The Hungerford School, we believe our Mission is:

To help students develop to their maximum potential and functional levels by providing them with essential social, emotional, language, technological and academic skills.

Our Program seeks to accomplish this goal by creating a nurturing environment that is physically and emotionally receptive to the needs of our students and their families. We use a cooperative, multi-sensory approach involving age appropriate, individualized instruction. We also believe in shared decision making that involves integrating the families and community of children in our school in the development of harmonious, cooperative and respectful policies that directly affect them.

The Citywide Council on Special Education

Calendar Meeting for October

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Hungerford @ I.S. 43

100 Essex Drive

Staten Island, NY 10314

6:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Guest Speakers:

Laura Rodriguez & Dov Rokeach

FALL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE DATES

SITE	DATE	TIME
McKee H. S.	10/29/09 10/30/09	6:00 to 8:30 P.M. - Evening 12:30 to 2:30 P.M. - Afternoon
New Dorp H. S.	10/29/09 10/30/09	6:30 to 9:00 P.M. - Evening 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. - Afternoon
Tottenville H. S.	10/29/09 10/30/09	6:00 to 8:30 P.M. - Evening 12:40 to 2:40 P.M. - Afternoon
Main Site, Bayley Seton & OPTs	11/05/09	1:00 to 3:00 P.M. - Afternoon 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. - Evening
I.S. 24	11/17/09	12:00 to 2:00 P.M. - Afternoon 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. - Evening
I.S. 43	11/17/09	12:30 to 2:30 P.M. - Afternoon 5:00 to 7:30 P.M. - Evening