

Hungerford Herald

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Letter from the Principal - Dr. Mary McInerney

Dear Parents & Guardians:

The winter months will soon be upon us and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Once again the South Shore Rotary Club has been very generous to our students and their families. Each year they visit with our students at the main site and also donate holiday food baskets to our families in need. As always we thank them for their kindness.

The Hungerford PTA is hosting its first Holiday Fair in partnership with the Gaynor McCown Expeditionary Learning School PTA on December 5th and 6th at the Jerome Parker Complex, 100 Essex Drive, S.I., N.Y. 10314. Please make every effort to attend and support both PTAs. All profits will be used for the benefit of students at both schools.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend Parent Teacher Conferences during the months of October and November. Teachers and related service providers were excited to share their student's progress and class work with parents.

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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 learning disability. Call for details.**



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARENT COORDINATOR



Dear Parents & Guardians:

The 2008-2009 School Progress Reports are now available on line. Please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/default.htm> and look under the “Spotlight” section for 2008-2009 Reports. Click on the “Find yours here” link. For The Hungerford School Report enter 75R721 in the search section. Copies of our school report will be made available upon request.

This report contains information that was provided through the surveys that parents, students and staff completed last spring. You remember those bright GREEN envelopes that were sent to parents last year.

Surveys for this school year will be distributed during citywide Parent Teacher Conferences, beginning on February 24th and closing on April 23rd.

If you view the current report you will understand why it is so important to respond to this annual survey.

“ARIS” PARENT LINK

We still have many families that have not accessed their children’s school information on the “ARIS” Parent Link. In the ARIS Parent Link you will be able to view detailed information about your child - including contact information that the Department of Education has on file for your child, etc. Some of our parents have found incorrect or outdated information in the system. 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.



KIDS CAN HELP WEEK - CITY HARVEST



For the past nine years, City Harvest, The Daily News, and the New York City Department of Education have partnered on Kids Can Help Week - an annual food drive that last year resulted in more than 323 schools raising over 228,000 pounds of non-perishable food for the hungry during the holiday season. This year Kids Can Help Week will be held from Monday, December 7th through Friday, December 11th. We are asking students to bring in non-perishable foods for City Harvest to deliver to community food programs throughout the five boroughs. Please send all donations to the attention of Janet Manolakos, Parent Coordinator, c/o the Hungerford Main Site.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS FOR DECEMBER 2009 AND JANUARY 2010

School will be closed from Thursday, December 24th through Friday, January 1st for Winter Recess. Students return to school on Monday, January 4th. In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. school will be closed on Monday, January 18th.

GRACE FOUNDATION PARTNERING WITH THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Grace Foundation is exploring the possibility of collaborating with The Boy Scouts of America to create a program with our students. The program would be opened to boys aged 6 through 10 for a Cub Scout Den and for boys aged 11-18 for a Boy Scout Troop. At this time they are considering a Wednesday afternoon program. Location to be determined upon the number of responses received. If you are interested please contact Dawn Beacher directly at the Grace Foundation, telephone number 718-983-3800.



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.

A MESSAGE FROM S.I. PARENT MAGAZINE

In an effort to exercise social responsibility S.I. Parent is discontinuing bulk mailings. Although the print issue of S.I. Parent will continue to be available through their many distribution points, as well as by subscription. You can view S.I. Parent online each month. Simply log on to www.siparent.com and click on the magazine cover to view the current issue.

“SSI” REMINDER FROM OUR TRANSITION COORDINATOR

Terry Slavens wants to remind parents that one month prior to your child’s 18th birthday, you should begin the application process for SSI (Supplemental Security Income). The SSI application is also the Medicaid application. Medicaid eligibility usually starts the same month as SSI eligibility. If you have access to a computer you can go to the following website, www.SSDisabilityapplication. It will help you gain a better understanding of SSI and its benefits.

If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to call Terry Slavens at 718-273-8622.



WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS



Our budget is tight and we are attempting to cut the costs of postage and envelopes and we are also trying to protect our environment. If you have not received any emails from JManolakos@schools.nyc.gov it means that you have not provided the school with your contact information. Attached to this newsletter is a form that we are providing for your convenience. Please complete and return to the attention of Janet Manolakos, Parent Coordinator at the Main Site. Help us “GO GREEN”.

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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 December

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

K811 - Connie Lekas School

2525 Haring Street

Brooklyn, NY 11235

718-769-6984

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Topic: Transition - High School to Adulthood

"The Witch of the Black Forest" By Jose "Maury" Michel - Hungerford @ I.S. 24

In the heart of the Black Forest lived a creature so cold that even ice shivered when it was near her. The witch of the Black Forest hated people. She used a wicked song to enchant them. She would wait until the middle of the night to play her song. She even made a cursed album. The haunting sound filled the night. All the town grew to fear her, except for one boy.

The boy had a magic star. The boy went off into a car. He went off to kill the witch. The boy gave the witch a poisoned drink. The witch died.

Everyone thanked the boy. The whole town had a party for him. The boy turned out to be a ghost. He was 140 years old. This all happened yesterday. Today he disappeared from town. Everyone had a Happy Halloween.

The End!