

# Hungerford Herald

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## Letter from the Principal - Dr. Mary McInerney

**Dear Parents & Guardians:**

**We at The Hungerford School are gearing up for the second half of our school year. Our High School graduates of the class of 2010 are about to receive their class rings, and that begins a series of exciting events that are planned for our seniors as they prepare to move on to the adult community.**

**We are still encouraging parents to send us their email addresses. Please send to our Parent Coordinator Janet at [JManolakos@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:JManolakos@schools.nyc.gov) so we can keep you up to date on all of the happenings here at Hungerford.**

**Our middle school Parent Teacher Conferences will be held in February and as always we hope parents will make every effort to attend. Dates for all Spring conferences can be found at the back of this newsletter so please mark your calendars.**

**Along with this newsletter we are sending our families a “Parent/Guardian School Climate Survey”. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and return to the school. We will use the information to address any needs or concerns you may have as well as make improvements to your child’s learning experience. We look forward to hearing from you!!!**

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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**
- **Parents please be aware that when you file for Guardianship you must surrender your child’s original birth certificate. Duplicates can be obtained at the Office of Vital Records [www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov)**



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARENT COORDINATOR



Happy Mid-Winter! As we move along during the school year, I would like to invite parents to contact me if there are any specific workshops and/or topics that you would like to have addressed. It is very important to me that I provide you with information that may help you and your family continue to work through the challenges that having a family member with special needs often presents.

Terry Slavens, Transition Coordinator, and I have been working together to invite guest speakers and agency representatives to meet with families and provide resources that may be helpful to you.

Our PTA is also lining up guest speakers that will provide important information to families. Check your child's backpack, and your email for important updates on upcoming meetings and workshops.



### "BEE ON BOARD THE WAVE"



"Bee on Board the WAVE", is the mantra heard every morning over the loudspeaker. This is the new Hungerford behavior motto being talked about around the school. Our students have enlisted to "ride the WAVE" to good behavior and complete their work. The Hungerford Main Site was the first to "ride the WAVE", and now we have rolled out the program to I.S. 43 this month. This new PBIS (Positive Behaviors Interventions and Supports) program is a school wide system that encourages and promotes positive behavior by students. We, as the school staff, encourage students to Bee on Board the WAVE to good behavior to earn rewards. This acronym stands for:

- W - We are responsible
- A - Always Respectful
- V - Very Safe
- E - Excellent Attitude

When a student exhibits good behavior, they earn WAVE Bucks. Once a week, they can spend their WAVE Bucks at the WAVE Store. Instead of patchwork behavior plans, the entire staff uses the same language and encourage our students to succeed. Our goal is to make problem behaviors less effective and reward a student's more desirable and functional behaviors. For more information on PBIS, visit the national website at [www.PBIS.org](http://www.PBIS.org). Lastly, when cleaning out your closets this spring, remember one man's trash is another man's treasure! Donations to the store are accepted and appreciated.

The PBIS Committee

### SCHOOL CLOSINGS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL 2010

School will be closed for the mid-winter recess from Monday, February 15th through Friday, February 19th. Students return to school on Monday February 22nd. Spring recess is from Monday, March 29th through Tuesday April 6th. Students return to school on Wednesday, April 7th.

## **KUDOS TO OUR PUBLISHED AUTHORS AT NEW DORP**

Congratulations are in order for our Hungerford @ New Dorp students who, with the guidance of instructor Victoria Larimore, authored and illustrated “Teen Tales”. It is a story about what our students want to do with their lives. The book can be found on the shelves of the St. George branch of the NY Public Library and starting on Monday, March 1st, will be posted on-line at readers.org. The course was funded with a \$2,500 grant from the Council on the Arts & Humanities for Staten Island.

## **MEDICAID SERVICE COORDINATION (MSC) PARENT WORKSHOP**

Please join us at the Hungerford Main Site on Tuesday, February 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon for this very informative meeting. Chris Marchionne from Person Centered Care Services will provide all the facts and information parents need to know about Medicaid Service Coordination and why every family should apply for this service. Call Janet Manolakos at the Main Site if you are planning to attend.



## **AHRC GUARDIANSHIP PARENT WORKSHOP**



A representative from AHRC will be joining us on Thursday, March 4th at 10:30 at the Hungerford Main Site to host this workshop. She will demonstrate, page by page, how to complete all of the forms necessary in order to petition the Surrogate Court for legal guardianship of your child. Parents please note that when your child turns 18 years of age they are legally emancipated. You will need to have legal guardianship of your child in order to make decisions on his or her behalf. Please call Janet Manolakos at the Main Site to reserve a seat. Space is limited.

## **SIGN UP FOR SCHOOL UPDATES**

The City’s public notification program, Notify NYC, now sends updates for emergency situations at school and other events that have an impact on the school day, by phone, text message, or e-mail to parents and guardians who sign up for the service. This service updates parents about delayed school openings and early dismissals, student relocations and temporary school closures related to weather or other unexpected events. Parents and guardians can choose to receive alerts for up to five zip codes, and will receive notifications about schools within those zip codes. Please sign up by visiting [www.nyc.gov/notifynyc](http://www.nyc.gov/notifynyc) or by calling 311.

## **COMMUNITY RESOURCES RECREATION PROGRAM**

Community Resources is expanding their programs to include individuals ages 14 years and up. Opportunities are provided for socialization, involvement in the community and to learn new skills.

Please contact Raquel Mercado @718-447-5200 Ext. 217 or Liz Reeves @ 718-447-5200 Ext. 294 for further information.

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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 February  
Wednesday, February 24, 2010  
Queens High School of Teaching  
74-20 Commonwealth Blvd.  
Bellerose, NY 11426  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

## SPRING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE DATES

<b>I.S. 24</b>	<b>Thursday, Feb. 25th</b>	<b>12:00 to 2:00 P.M Afternoon 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. Evening</b>
<b>I.S. 43</b>	<b>Thursday, Feb. 25th</b>	<b>12:30 to 2:30 P.M. Afternoon 5:00 to 7:30 P.M. Evening</b>
<b>McKee H.S.</b>	<b>Thursday, March 18th Friday, March 19th</b>	<b>6:00 to 8:30 P.M. Evening 12:30 to 2:30 P.M. Afternoon</b>
<b>New Dorp. H.S.</b>	<b>Thursday, March 18th Friday, March 19th</b>	<b>6:30 to 9:00 P.M. Evening 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Afternoon</b>
<b>Tottenville H.S.</b>	<b>Thursday, March 18th Friday, March 19th</b>	<b>6:00 to 8:30 P.M. Evening 12:40 to 2:40 P.M. Afternoon</b>
<b>Main Site, Bayley Seton &amp; OPTs</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 23rd</b>	<b>1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Afternoon 5:00 to 7:30 P.M. Evening</b>