



P.S./I.S. 25
South Richmond High School

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and drive...**



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Parent-Teacher Association

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Happy Valentine's
Day!

Message From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Let's congratulate the New Orleans team (Saints) for winning their first Super bowl. It's a perfect example for our students and families to visualize how perseverance, determination and team support can make a big difference throughout our lives. Though we are faced with many challenges and changes, we continue to encourage our students to strive for success. It's important for our families to support and encourage their child's learning experiences.

Last month, we had 113 high school students receiving and passing the RCT/Regents Exams. Also, 76% of our students who took the English Regents passed. Congratulations to all our high school students.

We will have a "Mardi Gras" dance for our Intermediate and High School students. The dance is FREE and will be held on **Friday, on February 26th, 2010 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm** in our school auditorium at 6581 Hylan Blvd. There will be food, beverages, dessert, dancing to our DJ music and treats for all who participate. We encourage our students to attend this dance and socialize with their peers in a safe environment. Please ask your child's teacher for a permission slip.

Sincerely,
James McKeon, Principal

Message From the Parent Coordinator

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is the time of year we look forward to spring! It's also time to think about the upcoming parent elections. Parent-Teacher Associations will be looking for new officers to lead their PTA. Our parent leaders are critical partners in ensuring the success of our schools. As parents, we need to support our school and their effort. It's important to work collaboratively in order to achieve student success. During next month, parents and guardians will have an opportunity to meet and speak to their child's teacher during parent-teacher conferences.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held next month (March 22nd – Evening & March 23rd – Afternoon). It's very important to keep communicating in a structured and effective manner with your child's teacher. You should start preparing a list of questions and concerns to bring to the conference. The conference is a great opportunity to meet and speak to the professional involved with your child.

The Learning Environment Surveys will kick-off on February 24th-April 23rd. These surveys will be used to create positive change with the collaboration of parents and the school community. Please mail them or go online.

Reminder... Visit our school website at www.p25southrichmondhs.org for school information. The Department of Education has a website called www.ARISParentLink.org which will give you access to academic information regarding your child (standardized students only). You can also see Progress Reports, Quality Reviews, Survey results and State Report Cards. Please contact me if you need a password to access ARIS. Please send in your child's lunch forms or visit www.nyc.gov/accessnyc. Sign up for school updates with the City's public notification program by visiting www.nyc.gov/notifnyc or by calling 311.

Zenaida Martinez
Parent Coordinator

Congratulations.....

KUDOS TO ALL..

- ❖ IS25R Debate Team is the winner for District 75.
- ❖ Jade Stone from New Dorp Inclusion Program made 3rd place in the Mayor's cup girls division for wrestling.
- ❖ Inclusion student Billy Pinkava recently won the Paolo IS 75 Geography Bee.
- ❖ Inclusion student Arun Cherian is undefeated in the chess club at IS 75.
- ❖ Inclusion student Thomas Zdanowicz who won the IS 75 school spelling Bee as a sixth grader two years ago won first place in his class and is a runner up in the school wide competition.
- ❖ SIMH-North Shore; Mrs. Kloth's class celebrated 99% attendance (January) with a pizza party!

Reminders!

- **Food Drive** – Bread for Life Food Drive until March 26th at the Main Site and North Shore Site – Please help us support our Staten Island families (cans of soup, rice, macaroni, beans, etc). Thank you for your support.
- **No School**
*Mid-Winter Recess – Monday, February 15-Friday, February 19th (students return Monday, February 22nd)
- **Parent-Teacher Conference-Spring 2010 - District 75**
*Monday, March 22nd (evening) 6:00pm-8:00pm
*Tuesday, March 23rd (afternoon) 12:30pm-3:00 pm
This will be a ½ day for students
- **MARDI GRAS Dance Intermediate/High School Students** – Friday, February 26th from 5:30 pm-9:30 pm



Helpful Websites:

www.disability.gov
Homeworknyc.org
www.NICHCY.org
www.theARC.org
www.NPND.org
www.SensoryResources.com
www.CEC.SpEd.org
www.PACER.org
www.ResourcesNYC.org
www.NCLD.org
www.AllKindsOfMinds.org
www.IRSC.org
www.FCSN.org
www.theNADD.org

PTA & School Meetings/Events

PTA Meeting – Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at the Main Site 10:30 am
School Leadership Team – Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at the Main Site 9:00 am

Community Events, Seminars & Conferences

District 75 – Guardianship Workshop
– Friday, March 5th at 10:30 am – PS25R South Richmond High School - 6581 Hylan Blvd – Presented by Honorable Judge Gigante and team of lawyers – FREE-ALL parents/guardians of children with special needs, professionals, agencies are welcome – RSVP Zenaida Martinez, Parent Coordinator – (718)984-1526 or email zmartinez@schools.nyc.gov

District 75 – Agency Resource Fair – Saturday, April 10th from 9:30 am-11:30 am – Hosted by D75 SI Parent Coordinators at The Hungerford School @ IS 43 – 100 Essex Drive (across from the Mall) RSVP Zenaida Martinez, Parent Coordinator at (718)984-1526 or email zmartinez@schools.nyc.gov. Agencies will be available to assist you.

Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Education Committee Meeting SAVE THE DATE!!
Please join the SIDDC Education Committee in learning about OMRDD services through a panel of administrators from our local SIDDCS. The panel will describe eligibility, the process of receiving services and the variety of programs & supports throughout a lifetime.

Wednesday – April 28th, 2010
7:00 – 9:00 PM
@ IBR 1050 Forest Hill Road
For more information or to RSVP contact the Early Childhood Direction Center @ 718-226-6670 contactssidc@aol.com

NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children and Parent to Parent of NYS
"Advocacy Training for Parents" workshop for parents of children who are medically fragile. The workshop will be held on **Saturday, March 27, 2010**, from 10AM until 3PM (breakfast and lunch provided) at the Institute for Basic Research 1050 Forest Hill Road Staten Island, NY 10314. Registration is required. To register, or for more information, please call 718-281-8666.

AHRC – NYC – FAMILY EDUCATION SERIES- FREE Workshops for people caring for individuals with developmental disabilities. Contact Donna Gilford at 212-780-2713 for an updated listing.

Panel for Educational Policy (PEP)
52 Chambers Street New York NY 10007 212-374-5038 (Phone)
panel@schools.nyc.gov Meet on 3/22/10

Staten Island at Petrides - 715 Ocean Terrace

YAI-National Institute for People with Disabilities - Health Education Workshop Series – visit www.YAI.org/news or 718-212-273-6188

Special Olympics – PEE WEE Sports Program – ages 6–9 years old Contact: Joanne Certo 718-347-623-3003

Parent to Parent of NYS – IBR Main Bldg. #108 1050 Forest Hill Rd. SI, NY 10314 - Regional Coordinator (718)494-3469 for information and resources for families with individual with special needs.

The GRACE Foundation of NY (Getting Resources for Autistic Children's Equality) offer services for families and children with Autism (email GRACEOFNY@aol.com or 718-983-3800 for more info)

New York Branch of the International Dyslexia Association – For more information contact New York Branch of the International Dyslexia Association 71 West 23rd Street | Suite 1527 New York | NY | 10010 Website: NYBIDA.org

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, INC.

*** **Staten Island**
Joan and Alan Bernikow Jewish Community Center of Staten Island - 1466 Manor Road, Staten Island NY 10314 (Call for directions 718-475-5225)
3/11/10 "Preparing for High School" Mariko Sakita 10AM-1PM
3/23/10 "HELPI! Support Services" Gary Shulman 10AM-12Noon
4/20/10 "Life After High School" Helene Craner 10AM-1PM
Resources for Children with Special Needs, Inc. (212)677-4650
gshulman@resourcesnyc.org
www.resourcesnyc.org

Staten Island Developmental Disabilities – Jackie Tripodi, Outreach Coordinator (718)983-5354 email: contactssidc@aol.com Website www.SIDDC.org

Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Council Committee Meetings Scheduled for October, 2009. All are welcome to attend and join a committee:
Health and Clinical Services Committee Wednesday, February 17th, 2010 @ 9:15 am - The meeting will be held at A Very Special Place at 55 Quintard St. RSVP – Dorothy Clark @ dorothyack10@aol.com

Residential Quality Of Life Committee
Friday, February 19, 2010 @ 9:30 am
The meeting will be held at IBR – 1050 Forest Hill Road RSVP - Christine Cea @ ccea@si.rr.com

Adult Services Committee Wednesday, February 24, 2010 @ 9:30 am
The meeting will be held at IBR – 1050 Forest Hill Road RSVP – Susan Cheung @ scheung@lfdsi.org

Service Coordination Committee
Thursday February 25th, 2010 @ 10:00 am at the Elizabeth Connelly Center 930 Willowbrook Road building 41A

Health Resources:
The Child/Teen Health Program (888)692-8662 can help you find: a doctor, transportation arrangement for your medical appointment, find family planning and prenatal care providers, medical specialists, special programs for Medicaid eligible teenagers; Referrals to WIC and City programs that promote wellness care, physical activity and healthy eating for children

Child Health Plus: (800)698-4543

Family Health Plus: (718)840-4492 Josephine Marino, Coordinator; email jmarino@healthplus.ny.org

Medicaid: (518)486-9057

Hearing Impaired: If you need or know of anyone who needs TTY phone service or equipment please contact Verizon's Center for Customer's with Disabilities at 1-800-974-6006

Need Help? If you are in Staten Island, New York, and you need help, please contact the following programs as appropriate:

Need food?
Please contact Project Hospitality's Community Services Center, which is located at 514 Bay Street, at (718) 815-0800.

Need a place to spend the night?
Please contact the Drop-In Center, located at 25 Central Avenue, at (718) 720-0079, ext. 10.

Need help managing HIV/AIDS?
Please contact the SHINE Center at (718) 876-7716.

Need HIV/AIDS housing?
Please contact Gina Cambria at (718) 448-1544.

Need help with recovery from alcohol or drug addiction?
Please contact our Recovery Center at (718) 273-0850.

Services are free and confidential
N.Y.C. Youthline
(800) 246-4646

Jewish Board of Family & Children's Services - (718)761-9800