



# PS 373R APRIL 2010 NEWSLETTER



## Message from Principal Goldstein-Harnett

### PS 373R

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### **Looking Ahead: Graduation/ Moving On Ceremonies**

- P21-Inclusion - Friday, June 18 AM Time TBA
- P58 Pre-K - Friday, June 18 1:00 PM
- P58 Moving On - Monday, June 21 9:00 AM
- Petrides Moving On - Tuesday, June 22 10:30 AM
- Mini @Main Moving On - Thursday, June 24, AM Time TBA
- Main Building Graduation - Friday, June 25, AM

Happy Spring!

What an eventful year! I am still so thrilled to be part of this wonderful organization. We had so many wonderful events in the month of March such as parent World Math day competition, Pajama Day, Respect for All Week, Special Guests from Latvia, Music Man song writing presentation, Art and Puppetry and the always outstanding Spring dance performance by the students in the Mini Building choreographed by Barianne McNamara.

I am so glad the cold weather in the Month of March is behind us and looking forward to a sunny remainder of the year. April will bring more exciting events such as the Net Game night sponsored by the Teddy Atlas Foundation for our Power of Choice Level 3 students. We will be hosting our very own P373R Idol in the middle of April, Picture day at P861, Participation in D75 Dance festival, Science fair and much more exciting events to be announced.

I am thrilled with all we have accomplished so far in the organization over the past year and a half. We successfully opened a new site at P861 this year, implemented the *SMILE* reading program to some of our Alternate Assessment Early Childhood classes, piloted a new Alternate Assessment program by Lakeshore in the Mini building called the *SANDI*, implemented a *Move to Improve* Program and continuing with the *Get ready to Learn program*. We are moving more and more toward a push in related service model as appropriate to help support instruction in the classroom for individual students. We are also beginning to implement more Standardized curriculum programs into our Alternate Assessment classes such as the Everyday Math and Wilson Foundations reading program as appropriate. We continue to strive to have high expectation for every student and provide differentiated instruction and assist students to achieve to the best of their abilities.

Our standardized students are aware of their learning goals and will able to access their strengths and weaknesses through Acuity and ARIS. Look out for a letter from your child inviting you to school to share these goals and results with you.

Many of you have and will receive a green envelope which contains a Parent survey for you to complete. By completing the NYC School Survey will help us understand the school's strengths and areas for targeted improvement for the next school year. The survey questions assess the school community's opinions on academic expectations, communication, engagement, and safety and respect.

I cannot express enough how important your input is in getting involved with the school and PTA. *Teamwork in the Best Interest of Children* is what we strive for. As a multi-sited organization it is essential to have participants from all sites to assist in making the organization seamless in our vision. I hope you had a wonderful Spring Holiday and look forward to the many events ahead.

Best Regards

*Ilene*



## Parent to Parent New York, Inc. Workshop & Support Groups

### WORKSHOP

#### **Using Negotiating Skills to Improve Your Child's School Program**

A 2-hour workshop featuring attorneys from **New York Lawyers for the Public Interest &**

**David Ramsey, Coordinator  
Special Education Mediation  
Progress for Staten Island**

#### Topics to be discussed:

\*Special Education Rights and Service

\*How to use effective negotiation skills for:

\*IEP and School Meetings

\*Mediation and Resolution

The workshop will be held on **Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 am to 12:30 noon at the Institute for Basic Research (IBR), 1050 Forest Hill Road, Staten Island.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

#### **Aspergers Support Groups**

10:00-12:00 noon

Wed., April 7th

Wed., April 21st

#### **Mothers Support Group**

10:00 – 12:00 noon

Wed., April 14<sup>th</sup>

Wed., April 28th

#### **Fathers Support Group**

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Wed., April 14<sup>th</sup> (diner)

#### **Sibling Support Group**

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Fri., April 9th

Fri., April 23rd

### INFORMATION

- Support Groups are held at the Institute for Basic Research (IBR), located at 1050 Forest Hill Road unless otherwise noted.
- The Fathers Support Group will be held at the Page Plaza Diner located at 75 Page Avenue in Totentville.
- RSVP is required for the Sibling Support Group. Please call (718) 494-4872.
- During inclement weather please call the office to confirm if the scheduled meeting will take place.



Thanks to everyone who participated in our Parent/Teacher Conference Day! Studies have found that parent engagement is one of the BIGGEST factors involved for boosting student achievement!

Pictured at left is Angad Singh with his Mom & Dad at our PS 373 @ PS 65 P/T Conference day.

## Please Join Us this Saturday, April 10th for the Third Annual D75 Agency Resource Fair!!!



**I.S. 43**

**(Behind the Mall)  
100 Essex Drive  
Staten Island, NY 10314**

**Date: Saturday, April 10, 2010**

**Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

NEED HELP? Come join us for the Third Annual Staten Island AGENCY RESOURCE FAIR. This fair is open to ALL families of children with Special Needs.

**FREE Admission!**

**FREE RAFFLES!**



### List of Participating Agencies

1. A Very Special Place Inc.
2. Beacon Center for Family Services
3. City Access
4. COSTCO
5. Crossroads Unlimited Inc.
6. CSI
7. Discovery Educational Toys
8. Eden
9. Extended Homecare
10. Extraordinary Minds Inc.
11. Filmmaker – Peter Barton
12. GRACE Foundation
13. Greenbelt Recreation Center
14. Heartshare
15. Health Plus
16. Jewish Board
17. JCC Special Needs Summer Camp
18. Law – Danny Ajello, Attorney
19. Mercydrive, Inc.
20. Metlife – Tony Calabrese
21. Modest
22. NAMI
23. National Autism Association
24. New York State Institute on Disability Inc.
25. NY Center for Interpersonal Development
26. Parent to Parent of NYS
27. Parent to Parent, Inc.
28. Path Family Center
29. Person Centered Care Services (PCCS)
30. Seamen's Society Food Card
31. SIMH Pouch Center
32. SIMH-Safety Net
33. SI Community Health Insurance – Programs of the JCC
34. Social Security Administration
35. Special Needs Life Planning
36. The Speech Arc
37. Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Council
38. United Cerebral Palsy
39. United Federation of Teachers - Dial-a-Teacher
40. YMCA Counseling Service

**Congratulations to 2nd Place Winner Johnny Gilman for his Science Fair Entry "The Ultimate Popcorn Battle" at our PS 373R @ PS 58 Site!**



**Mrs. Larson's 2nd Grade Class at PS 373R @ Petrides is Studying Balance and Motion in Mrs. Albano's Science Class.**



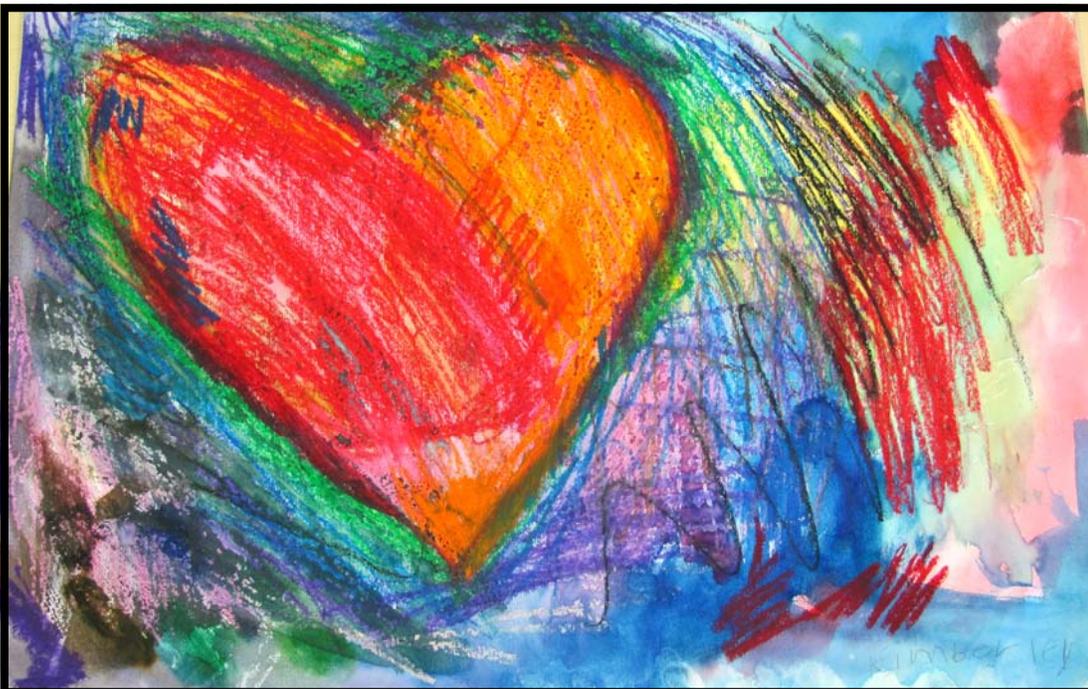
The children were experimenting with marbles and runways. The object of the experiment was to figure out how to get the marble from one end of the runway to the other. Our little scientists had a wonderful time while learning!

**Young Artists from Ms. Seminara's Art Class  
are in Semi-Finals for P.S. Art 2010 Awards**



**"Happy Houses"** by Isaiah Robinson (Ms. Panteli's Class) ↑

**"Untitled (Heart)"** by Kimberly Bushey (Ms. Caputo's Class) ↓



**"Happy Houses"**  
by artist Isaiah Robinson of Ms. Panteli's class and **"Untitled (Heart)"** by artist Kimberly Bushey of Ms. Teresa Caputo's class are in the semi-finalist round of judging in the P.S. Art 2010 competition.

Student artwork from across the city, all districts and grades, is submitted. Those who make the final cut are featured in a museum exhibition (last year it was held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art) and then the PS Art Catalog, which comes out later in the year and is distributed throughout the city. Congratulations to our semi-finalists!

Honorable mention goes out, as well, to Allen Lloyd, of Ms. Panteli's class, for "Flying Heart" and Nathanael Cameron, of Ms. Roche's class, for "Animated City". **Job well done!**

**Superstar Group** of SI Family Resource Center/JBFCs -  
Every Thursday 4-6 p.m. Ages 9-12

Trips, Food, Bowling Life Skills, Movies, Music, Video Games,  
Community Events, Respite Trips -Youth/Parent Advocate

PROGRAM FREE ~ METRO CARD PROVIDED

Grupo Superstar - Todos los jueves de 4-6 p.m. edades 9-12

Paseos, Musica Bowling, Comidas Juegos de Video, Habilidades  
de Vida acontecimiento en la Comunidad Rep-  
resentante de Jovenes



Family Resource Center

2795 Richmond Ave.



**Parenting Classes! Families on the Move of NYC, Inc.**

**358 St. Marks Place, Suite 203, Staten Island, NY, 10301**  
**Telephone (347) 682-4870 Fax (718) 447-6539**

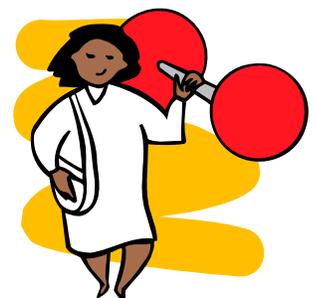
**Who:** Families on the Move of NYC, Inc. Family Resource Center/  
Jewish Board of Children and Family Services

**What:** Parenting Classes (English)  
Strengthening Multi-Ethnic Families and Communities  
Parenting Intervention Training

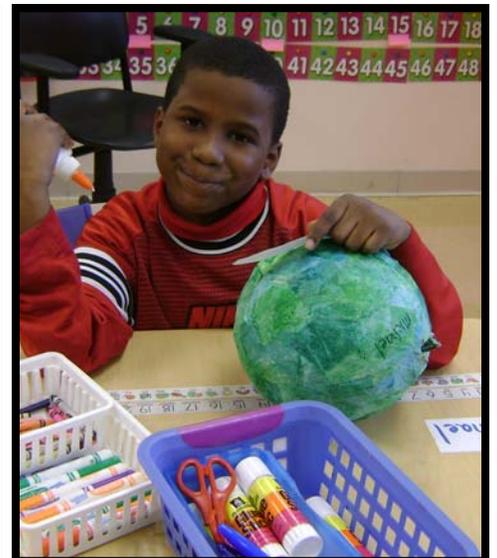
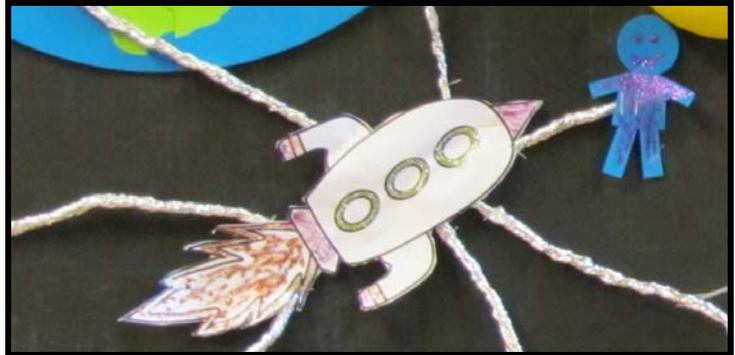
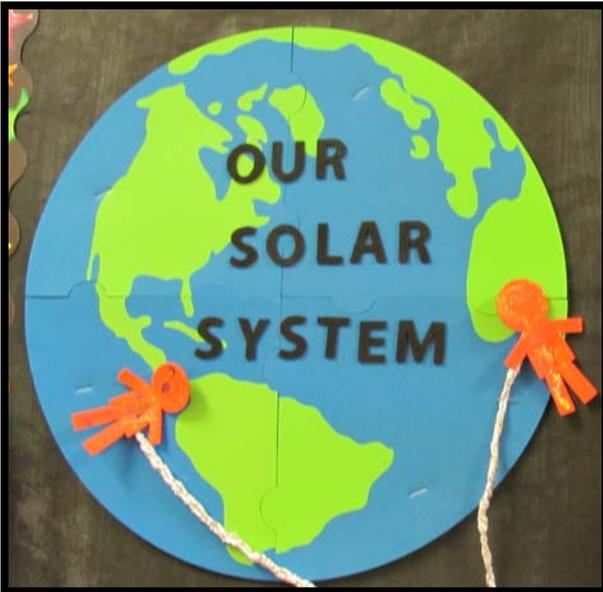
**When:** Call for Starting Date for 2010

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Classes run for 13 weeks - certificate issued upon  
completion



**Ms. Christina Lombardo's Class  
at our PS 65 Site Working on  
"Our Solar System" Project**



# Ms. Kim Denora's Bulletin Board - "It's Spring!"



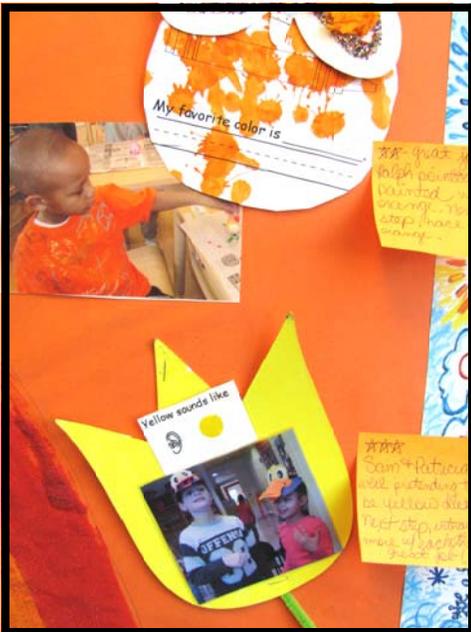
I'm a little robin  
Flying around  
I build my nest  
with twigs I've found  
You can watch me pull  
worms  
from the ground  
and listen for my  
Sweet spring sound



## Creating Giraffes in Nicole Lasky's Class at our P861 Site!



# Ms. Marie Cornicelli's Class Knows Their Colors!



Orange smells like....

Blue looks like....

Green feels like....

Red tastes like....

Purple looks like.....

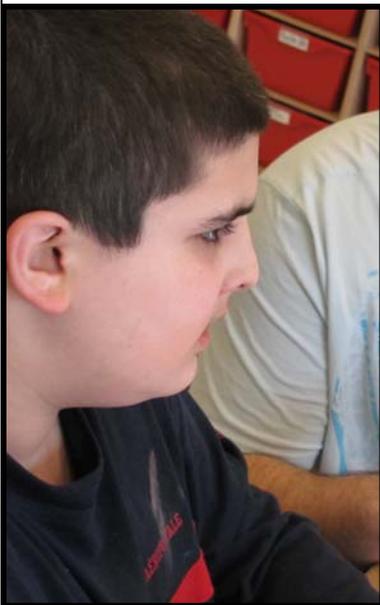
←Yellow sounds like....



# Pajama Day at our PS 373 @ PS 861 Site!



# June Cantor's Class Studies "How the Human Body Moves" in Science Class at our P373 @ P861 Site!





## PS 373R Elections for 2010-2011 School Year

The PTA of P373R is in the process of our PTA elections for the term of July 1, 2010 thru June 20, 2011. Nominees and election date must be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup> to the school Principal to insure accommodations for the voting process.

Any parent whose child is in a P373R school or site is eligible to run for office. If anyone is interested, please contact the current PTA by April 27<sup>th</sup>. We need PTA officers, and for the vote process we need a neutral parent to oversee and count the votes.

The PTA of P373R will only be as effective as the parents involved.

If you cannot be a PTA officer at least be involved in providing the type of leadership your child and school need. Come out and vote and be involved in the PTA in the coming year.

Thanks to all those parents who have supported and contributed throughout this past year. You are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dawn Port

Vice President

**Contacts:**

Current President John Scarso @ 718-986-8856

Or Vice President Dawn Port 917-293-6397 or  
DMP118@aol.com



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### In Case of Emergency - Send Us Your New Phone #'s!

**PLEASE** SEND US YOUR *MOST CURRENT* CONTACT INFORMATION IN YOUR CHILD'S BOOKBAG!!!

**STUDENT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY**

**CONTACT #(s):** \_\_\_\_\_





# APRIL 2010 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Learning Environment Surveys are DUE April 23rd!!- Let Your Voice Be Heard! You will be eligible for a Raffle basket drawing!</b></p>	<p><b>5 NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p><b>6 NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p><b>7 BACK to SCHOOL!!</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>12 POWER OF CHOICE -Nets Game!!</b></p>	<p><b>13 SIDDC Willowbrook Property Planning Committee 9:30 a.m. - A Very Special Place 634 New Dorp Lane 718-983-5276</b></p>	<p><b>14 American Idol Assembly - Main Site</b></p>	<p><b>15 American Idol Assembly - @Main Site (Mini &amp; Petrides)</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17 S.I. Zoo! Learn about Hibernating Animals 2:00 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20 Science Fair</b></p>	<p><b>21 Science Fair</b></p> <p>SIDDC Education Committee Mtg. 9:30a.m. Connelly Center 718-983-5276</p>	<p><b>22 EARTH DAY</b> Tree Planting at Mini Building</p>	<p><b>23 Surveys Due!</b> <b>SLT Meeting</b> at P861 Site at 8:30 a.m. <b>PTA MEETING</b> at P861 at 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>24 Go Buggy! Paint rocks to look like your favorite insects at the S.I. Children's Museum 1,2 &amp; 3p.m.</b> 718-273-2060</p>
<p><b>25 Go Buggy! Paint rocks to look like your favorite insects at the S.I. Children's Museum 1,2 &amp; 3p.m.</b> 718-273-2060</p>	<p><b>26 Parent Workshop with Speaker Joan McKeever-Thomas, the UFT Parent &amp; Community Outreach Liaison - Parent's Rights, Q &amp; A, Dial-A-Teacher Info</b> <b>10 a.m. MAIN SITE</b></p>	<p><b>27 PTA NOMINEES for 2010-2011 School year - Contact the current PTA by today!</b> Call Dawn Port 917-293-6397</p>	<p><b>28 SIDDC Seminar 7-9p.m. "Assessing Supports &amp; Services Throughout a Lifetime" at IBR - 1050 Forest Hill Road (718) 228-6670</b></p>	<p><b>29 Officer McGruff comes to our Main Site!</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> Questions? Concerns? Call the Parent Coordinator: Kirsten Rorke T. 718-816-8897 Press "1" then</p>	<p><b>24 Go Buggy! Paint rocks to look like your favorite insects at the S.I. Children's Museum 1,2 &amp; 3p.m.</b> 718-273-2060</p>