

# PS 373R OCTOBER 2010 NEWSLETTER



## Message from the Principal:

### Dear Parents and Guardians,



I am so excited to begin the journey into another wonderful school year at P373R! It is with great pleasure that I welcome new students and families to the P373R organization. Our vision is ***Teamwork in the Best Interest of Children.***

#### UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS:

- ◆ Wednesday, October 13th - PTA Fundraiser - Envelopes are due!
- ◆ Thursday, October 14th at 10a.m. - PTA Meeting at the PS58 Site, 77 Marsh Avenue - Guest Speaker Ray Velez, D75 Office of Family Engagement
- ◆ Saturday, October 16th, 10-1p.m. Transition Fair at I.S. 43, 100 Essex Drive - If you need services DO NOT MISS THIS EVENT! - [www.siddc.org](http://www.siddc.org)
- ◆ Wednesday, October 20th at 10 a.m. - Access-A-Ride Parent Workshop - HOW TO APPLY FOR SERVICE - Hungerford School, 155 Tompkins Ave, 718-273-8622
- ◆ Thursday, October 21st, 7-9p.m. "Stand Together for Autism Services" Petrides Auditorium, Bldg. C, 715 Ocean Terrace, DOE Resource Guides, Free Give-Aways & Raffles
- ◆ Friday, October, 22nd, 9:30-11:30 p.m. BLOOD DRIVE at Main Site, 91 Henderson Avenue - The class with the most donations gets a PIZZA PARTY from Jimmy Max
- ◆ Saturday, October 23rd, 8-2p.m. - UFT Parent Conference FREE breakfast & Lunch at Hilton Garden Inn 1100 South Avenue

**This year we will be learning more about the new Common Core Standards and implementing a new reading program in our Main and Petrides sites. Academic emphasis on the core content areas of reading, language arts, science, social studies and math will remain a priority as well as instruction in the arts, technology, and physical education providing each student with the opportunity to develop skills in these areas.**

**We will also continue and expand the many initiatives we have been rolling out over the past two years such as the Get Ready to Learn Program, Move to Improve, SMILE, WeVille to MeVille, Joint Action Routine (JAR), Cookshop, use of assistive technology and increasing classrooms for structured teaching (TEACCH)**

**Our goals are to accelerate student achievement, differentiate instruction at each grade level to meet the needs of all students and to challenge them to reach their potential.**

**Our focus is always providing each child with new challenges that will result in a rewarding school experience. We will be collaborating more with our community schools and requesting parental participation to implement and create integrated opportunities within those schools. We are also so excited to implement an Emotional Literacy Program into our Main site for the 2010-2011 school year and will be expanding our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) Program throughout the organization aligned with the Power of Choice (POC) system and modify to meet individual needs.**

**As we begin this year, please remember that this is your school and we welcome your involvement. Since we recognize that parents are their children's first and most important teachers, we need your cooperation and involvement to provide your child with the best education possible. Maintain contact with your child's teachers and related service staff members to establish a successful home/school connection. Please join us for the next PTA meeting at our PS 58 Site, 77 Marsh Avenue on October 14, 2010 at 10 a.m.**

**If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our Parent Coordinator Kirsten Rorke (718-816-8897 Press "1" then "3") who can assist you. I look forward to working with you and your child throughout the school year to provide a productive and safe learning environment that supports student success.**

*-Hele Goldstein-Harnett*

## PS 373R Baby & Wedding Announcements ~ Welcome to the New Members of our PS 373R Family!

- ♦ Lauriann Puglisi-Stephano (Teacher, Mini Building) welcomed her little angel:  
**Peter Joseph Stephano** ~  
DOB: 7/16/10, 5 lbs 15 oz, 18.5 inches
- ♦ Congratulations to Nurse Sue Palladino (PS 58 Site) on the birth of her Granddaughter:  
**Katerina Ann**, 7 lbs 10 ounces, 21 inches
- ♦ Congratulations! Diane (Battaglia) Bartolomeo, (Teacher, Mini Building) was married to **Louis Bartolomeo** on July 4, 2010.
- ♦ All the best to **Theresa (Caputo) Esposito** (Teacher, Mini Building) who married **Mark Esposito** on August 29, 2010.
- ♦ Congratulations to **Vothvinick Jamilla** (Occupational Therapist, Mini Building) who married **Marjorie Dy Jamilla** on August 21, 2010.
- ♦ Best wishes to **Christina (Lombardo) Colosi** (Teacher, PS 65 Site) and **Joseph Colosi** who were married on July 3, 2010.
- ♦ Congratulations to **Nicole (Lanzisera) Lanza** (Para, PS65 Site) and **Thomas Lanza** who were married on July 8, 2010.
- ♦ All the best to **Heather (Maisto) Olivo** (Speech Therapist Main, Mini & PS 65 Site) and **Dominick Olivo** who were wed on August 21, 2010.



## ACCESS-A-RIDE PARENT WORKSHOP

**DATE & TIME: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010 at 10:00 A.M.**

**LOCATION: HUNGERFORD SCHOOL MAIN SITE, 155 TOMPKINS AVENUE, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10301 T. 718-273-8622**

**PLEASE COME TO THIS VERY INFORMATIVE MEETING ON HOW TO APPLY FOR ACCESS-A-RIDE SERVICES**

**RSVP – PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE TO THE ATTENTION OF**

**JANET MANOLAKOS AT**

**[JManolakos@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:JManolakos@schools.nyc.gov)**

**OR TERRY SLAVENS AT**

**[TSlaven@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:TSlaven@schools.nyc.gov)**

**OR BY CALLING 718-447-2956.**



# Letter from the PS373R PTA President

September 30, 2010

Parents & Teachers,

I would like to thank everyone who came out for our 1st PTA meeting and Potluck Dinner. We had representation from all but 1 site and a chance to meet some new parents. We had some wonderful food and plenty of information available.

I would also like to thank those who sent in their dues and teachers who responded to our "Teachers' Wish List". The response from parents as well as school personnel has been great. I have received a lot of feedback regarding different sites, programs and a whole bunch of stuff, and I really appreciate those who contribute their time and thoughts. Your support of the PTA is greatly appreciated!

We are about to begin our 1st fundraiser for the year. The packages have many nice items to purchase as well as incentives for the children. Hope you find something you like and are able to contribute to this event. Everyone benefits from this.

Happy shopping!

Finally, the PTA has many new and different events coming up. We are having our 1st Kindergarten Breakfast, Restaurant Night and our own PTA newsletter. Look through your calendar of events and in your child's backpack for notices and the newsletter. Don't miss out on some of the wonderful things planned in the future.

Thank you for a good start to a new school term and I look forward to the year ahead.

Sincerely, Dawn Port, PS 373 PTA President



## Parent/Teacher Conference Dates

Main/Mini	-November 4 <sup>th</sup> - Afternoon 1:00-3:00 Evening 5:30-8:00
Petrides	-November 16 <sup>th</sup> - Afternoon 12:40-2:50 Evening 6:00-8:00
P65	- November 9 <sup>th</sup> - Afternoon 12:40-2:50 Evening 6:00-8:30
P861	- November 9 <sup>th</sup> - Afternoon 1:00-3:00 Evening 6:00-8:30
P58	- November 9 <sup>th</sup> - Afternoon 1:00-3:00 Evening 6:00-8:30
P22	- November 9 <sup>th</sup> - Afternoon 1:00-3:00 Evening 6:00-8:30



Student Portfolios will be shared with Parent/Guardians during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

All parents will have access to ARIS. All sites will have computers available for parents to access ARIS as appropriate.



## Evolution Dance Company



Offering Classes for Special Needs Children ~ Small Classes!

Call Lisa @ 718-909-2542 ~ Enhances social skills ~ Physical Fitness ~ Love of Dance & Music

# Happy Birthday Johnny Appleseed!

Mrs. Barbara Larson's class at Petrides "J" building made & tasted applesauce & enjoyed apple pie & cider in celebration of Johnny Appleseed's birthday!

Johnny Appleseed was born in Leominster, Massachusetts on September 26, 1774. His real name was John Chapman, but he was called Johnny Appleseed because of his love for growing apple trees.

Johnny died at the age of 70; he is buried in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He had spent 50 years growing apple trees and traveling to spread his precious trees around his country so that people could enjoy apples. In 1966, the US Postal Service designed a 5 cent stamp honoring Johnny Appleseed. →



## Koicheff Healthcare Center

Do you need a doctor or dentist who takes Medicaid? Contact Koicheff Healthcare Center:

### **Koicheff Healthcare Center**

2324 Forest Avenue

Staten Island, NY 10305

Telephone: (718) 447-0200

Medicaid: Yes

Sliding Scale: Yes

Insurance Yes



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Do you use Google or Bing for a search engine? Why not go to [www.Goodsearch.com](http://www.Goodsearch.com) and enter **PS373R** when you do a search? Every time you click you EARN MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!!!

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## October 2010 Parent to Parent NY, Inc. Schedule

Monthly Information Session Workshop  
Special Education Issues  
The Plan for Special Education System Reform  
*Presented by Anne Marie Caminiti, Program Director, Parent to Parent NY, Inc.*

Specific changes to the delivery of Special Education Services have been implemented. This workshop will address the following:

- ◆ Phase One Reform
- ◆ New IEP Forms and Notices

The workshop will be held on Thursday, October 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Institute for Basic Research (IBR), 1050 Forest Hill Road, Staten Island.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Aspergers Support Groups**  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 20th

**Mothers Support Group**  
10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon  
Wed. October, 27th

**Fathers Support Group**  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 13th  
Page Plaza Diner

**Sibling Support Group**  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Friday, October 15th  
Friday, October 29th

**RSVP IS REQUIRED FOR THE SIBLING SUPPORT GROUP. PLEASE CALL (718) 494-4872**

**COUPLES PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Thursday, October 28th  
*COUPLES ONLY PLEASE!*  
Join Roy Simon and Judy Scher  
7-9P.M.  
THURSDAY, October 28th  
*COUPLES ONLY PLEASE*  
JOIN Roy Simon and Judy Scher (facilitators of the Mothers and Fathers Support Group)  
RSVP required by 10-22-10  
Please call 718-494-4872

- ◆ Support Groups are held at the Institute for Basic Research IBR located at 1050 Forest Hill Rd.
- ◆ The Fathers Support Group will be held at the Page Plaza Diner located at 75 Page Avenue.

## FREE Family Support & Transition Resource Fair

**Location:** 100 Essex Drive, Jerome Parker Campus, Off Richmond Hill Road (By the Mall)

**Date and Time:** Saturday, October 16, 2010 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Free Admission** - Continental Breakfast - All are welcome!

10a.m. Continental Breakfast and Coffee ~ 10a.m. - 1p.m. Resource Fair - Visit over 50 Vendor Tables~ 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Welcome and Keynote, Dr. Mary McInerney, Christine Cea, Ph.D, Chairperson SIDDC, Max E. Chmura, Acting Commissioner OPWDD ~ 11:15 - 1p.m. Information Sessions

FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE - FUN FOR ALL AGES, INCLUDES MOVIES IN THE AUDITORIUM, SNACKS, MUSIC, ARTS & CRAFTS, READING, GAMES AND GOODY BAGS. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. TO REGISTER CALL: 718-983-5276 OR [CONTACTSIDDC@AOL.COM](mailto:CONTACTSIDDC@AOL.COM)

WEBSITE for SIDDC: <http://www.siddc.org>

## Parents: FREE UFT Seminar, Breakfast & Lunch

Come join the UFT and receive TIPS and TOOLS to help students learn **and grow in SAFE and SUCCESSFUL Schools** ~ **Speakers:**

- ♦ **Bullying:** George Anthony is an award winning Educator and Conflict Resolution Specialist. He is the Director of the Institute for International Leadership, Nonviolence and Service
- ♦ **CyberBullying:** Guy Tardanico is an Assistant District Attorney for the Richmond County DA's Office specializing in the Criminal Court Bureau
- ♦ **Teen Dating Violence:** Bernadette Davenport is the Domestic Violence Coordinator for the Richmond County DA's Office
- ♦ **Gangs:** Jeanette Taveras is the Administrative Sergeant in the Gangs Intervention Unit of the Department of Education



**FREE Seminar Breakfast and Lunch Included Vendor Fair Raffles**

### Hilton Garden Inn

1100 South Avenue, Staten Island, NY

**Date: Saturday, October 23, 2010 Time: 8:00-2:00 PM**

Please RSVP to Joan McKeever-Thomas at 718-605-1400 or [jmckct@uft.org](mailto:jmckct@uft.org) ASAP as seating is limited