

District 21 Celebrates

Celebrating our schools, staff, students and families



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PS 97 values emotional intelligence as much as they do academics. The tone of the their day is set first thing in the morning as students are greeted in a variety of languages and reminded to "be brave, bright and kind." PS 97 has developed a school wide character education curriculum, Project Citizen, which promotes positive social skills and helps prevent harassment/bullying behavior. Every month there is a school wide focus on a different character trait. PS 97 believes in the value of developing positive character traits and shaping future responsible citizens. The Respect for all Committee ensures that all stakeholders are involved including students, staff, parents and community. The PTA supports Project Citizen by purchasing the book of the month. As a result, each classroom is building their own lending library filled with character education books, which they keep on display. Students that display outstanding citizenship earn Project Citizen Dollars that may be used in their monthly student run store.



On Friday November 18, 2016, the Public School 177 community came together in the evening for its first annual Multicultural Thanksgiving Feast and Celebration. It was an opportunity to share foods representing the many cultures that comprise the beautiful mosaic that is the P.S. 177 community! From baked ziti to dumplings to empanadas, our families proudly made and shared delicious homemade dishes. Additionally, their Girl Scout troop dressed in clothing that represented their heritage and sang a "Hello All the Children in the World" after dinner. It was a wonderful evening of food, song and community.





Social Studies teachers Anthony Abbate and Shraf Abdelrahim held their third annual Multicultural Thanksgiving Celebration at P.S. 225. Middle School students, families and teachers prepared traditional family dishes and displayed the recipes and explained what the dishes represented in their culture. This was a great way to start the holiday season and celebrate the diversity that makes our school so special.





"When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more." (Anne Henderson & Karen Mapp)

I.S. 303 and the 60th precinct partnered up this Thanksgiving to spread the joy of this very special holiday. They visited community families Elder Share and distributed turkeys and non-perishable food items that their IS 303 families donated.





David A. Boody 8th grade students along with teachers Ms. Nuzzo and Ms. Frange, have been working with Council for Unity to develop a community service project. Their students have decided to start a "Treats for Troops" letter writing and care package drive for the holiday season.

Students and teachers are writing letters to our troops and bringing in treats such as candies and useful items such as socks and toiletries to send to our troops. The letters wish the soldiers a happy holiday and thank them for their service. Council for Unity members will be creating the packages and helping to get them sent to our military serving abroad via a collaboration with Fort Hamilton Army Base.



PS/IS 95's Middle School students Advisory Team along with Mr. Walsh and Mrs. Snell ran a canned food drive to give back to the community. The students created signs and distributed flyers for donations. Within a few weeks the students received many donations. The students created boxes to fill and distribute. PS /IS 95 partnered with local house of worship Trinity Tabernacle of Gravesend who donated 15 turkeys and many canned goods. Due to the wonderful community partnership and hard work of PS /IS 95 students and staff many families were able to receive canned goods to enjoy over the holiday break.





PS/IS 288's Kindergarten scholars were visited by Professor Bread who took them through a hands-on bread making class. Scholars had the wonderful opportunity to learn all about making bread and then make their own bread.



Showcase Schools PS 253 and PS 216 Sharing Promising Practice

The Showcase Schools Program is designed to promote collaborative learning by inviting teachers and administrators across the city to visit schools that highlight promising practices.



Principals' Conference December 1, 2016 increasing coherence, building a strong culture of learning across the district.



Parent Coordinators enjoying a morning of Microsoft Office 365 training with instructor Makayla Moto from Microsoft.









With an NYC Schools Account you will be able to access key information about your child's progress in school, including attendance, report card grades, assessments, general student information, and academic schedules in one of ten languages on a computer, phone or tablet.

High School News

The Office of Student Enrollment welcomes all rising eighth grade students and first-time ninth graders applying to high school for the 2017-2018 school year!

- Get ready to apply to high school this fall by taking these next steps:
- Learn more about schools and their programs in the <u>2017 NYC High School Directory</u>.
- Prepare for the Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT) or the LaGuardia High School audition
 with the 2016-2017 Specialized High Schools Student Handbook, if you plan to apply to Specialized High
 Schools.
- Attend a <u>High School Family Workshop</u> in July to learn about the process from High School Admissions staff.
- Visit Specialized High Schools to learn how to participate in that admissions process.

Middle School News

Get ready to apply to middle school this fall! Families can prepare by taking these next steps:

Read the 2017 NYC Middle School Directory: Research middle school programs, see the admissions timeline, and use the activities to learn about the admissions process.

- Attend a Middle School District Fair: Get to know the middle schools in your district, meet middle school staff, and ask questions about specific programs.
- **Get to Know Your School Counselor**: Ask your counselor about the admissions process and schools of interest.

Printed directories for families are now being distributed to public middle schools and <u>Family Welcome</u> <u>Centers</u>; English and translated versions will be available at all of these locations by early October.

Visit <u>Middle School Admissions</u>, contact your school counselor, or call 718-935-2398 with questions.

G&T News

All students who will be entering kindergarten through third grade for the 2017-2018 school year can participate in G&T Admissions. Start by signing up to test by Monday, November 14!

How to sign up for the test:

- Online: Visit our online application site. (https://prod.semsnycdoe.com/parentsite/)
- In-Person: At a Family Welcome Center or at your child's current public school.
 Read the 2017 Gifted & Talented Handbook to learn how G&T Admissions works, get to know the types of G&T programs, and take a practice test.

Families who have a student entering kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year should also know about Kindergarten Admissions and those school options.

Kindergarten News

NYC families with children born in 2012 who are applying to Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year can apply beginning Wednesday, November 30. Get ready to apply to Kindergarten by taking these next steps:

- Attend an It's Elementary! event: Come learn how to apply to Kindergarten and Gifted & Talented Admissions.
- Sign up to test for Gifted & Talented: You can participate in Gifted & Talented Admissions in addition to applying to Kindergarten.



Your voice matters. Consider running for an NYC Education Council.

Who Can Serve on a Community Education Council (CEC)?

If you have a child in grades K = 8 in a public, noncharter school... then you can run for the CEC in the district where your child's school is located.

Who Can Serve on the Citywide Council for High Schools (CCHS)?

If you have a child in a public, non-charter high school... then you can run for the CCHS representing the borough in which your child's high school is located.

Who Can Serve on the Citywide Council for Special Education (CCSE)?

If you have a child with an IEP who currently receives special education services provided by or paid for by the Department of Education... then you can run for the CCSE.

Who Can Serve on the Citywide Council for English Language Learners (CCELL)?

If you have a child who is or was at any point in the past two years an English Language Learner... then you can run for the CCELL:

Who Can Serve on the Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)?

If you have a child who is currently enrolled in a District 75 school or program... then you can run for the CCD75.

Who Cannot Serve on an Education Council?

You cannot serve on any Education Council if you are a public official, DOE employee, member of the Panel for Education Policy, or have been removed from any Education Council, PA/PTA, SLT, Presidents' Council or have been convicted of certain crimes.

When is Eligibility Determined?

Eligibility is determined as of the date you submit your application to run for a position on an Education Council.

Key Dates for the 2017-2019 Term Elections:

February 9 to March 5 Apply to an Education Council

March 20 to April 21 Candidate Forums

April 23 to May 9 Selector Voting

May 15

Results Announced

TO LEARN MORE VISIT schools.nyc.gov/Offices/CEC





INTREPID SEA, AIR & SPACE MUSEUM PRESENTS GOALS for Girls Summer Intensive 2017

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The GOALS (Greater Opportunities Advancing Leadership and Science) for Girls Summer Intensive is a free, applicationbased summer program for eighth and ninth grade girls from New York City schools.

Through dynamic mentorship opportunities, field trips and experiential workshops, 50 accepted students will build proficiency in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math [STEM].

IMPORTANT 2017 DATES*

March 20 Student applications due [including teacher recommendation April 3-10 Applicants are notified whether they are invited for an interview Interview sessions at the Intrepid Museum for April 16 & 23 invited applicants May TBD Decisions are made and parents/students are contacted June 14 Mandatory orientation at the Intrepid Museum July 10 First day of program at the Intrepid Museum. Overnight aboard Intrepid and last day Aug. 18 & 19

* Dates subject to change



Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Transportation: Each participant will be given a combination of unlimited monthly and weekly MetroCards to be used during program dates only. Lost or stolen MetroCards will not be replaced.

Lunch: Free, healthy lunches provided during on-ship workshops, Lunches not provided on field trip days,

To Apply: Applications and additional information will be available online in January 2017. Visit www.intrepidmuseum.org/GOALSforGirls.







For more information, contact Shay Saleem at goalsforgiris@intrepidmuseum.org.



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On November 18, 2016 David A. Boody's awesome school secretaries, Fran Favaloro and Susan Bellon received the "Outstanding School Secretary" award from the UFT. Congratulates on this outstanding

accomplishment!



Superintendent DiMola congratulates P.S. 100's newly appointed Principal, Ms. Spagnolo.



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