



# Adolph S. Ochs School & Academy

## Principals Message



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

*Principal Medina's Last Message to our School*

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Dear Families,

As we enter the final weeks of school, I would like to thank each and every one for their support and cooperation throughout the school year. It is a bittersweet moment since it is my last message for the PS/IS 111 newsletter. As you have been informed, I will be retiring after 31 years of service with the Department of Education. The past 15 years at PS/IS 111 have given me an extended family. I will treasure the experiences we shared and hold the memories we created very close to the heart. I take solace in knowing that retirement is not an end but a new beginning

Starting June 8th, families will have a new way to access key information about their child's progress. NYC Schools gives families easy access to key information about their child's school records in one of ten languages from any computer or internet connected device from <http://schools.nyc.gov./myaccount>. NYC Schools displays up-to-date information on attendance, grades, and general student information to help track student progress throughout the school year. Student test scores will be added in the next release, currently scheduled for August 2015. A flyer will be sent home providing information on what you need to do to create an account. Please follow the instructions

and contact Zaida Cosme, Parent Coordinator, at [zcosme@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:zcosme@schools.nyc.gov) or (212) 582-7420 x1093.

On Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm, we will have a ribbon cutting ceremony for our newly renovated school yard. Funders from the Trust for Public Land and invited guests will be in attendance.

School programs will continue to have priority over the use of the yard. When the yard is not in use by the school, it will be open to the public. The yard will be opened and closed by the school custodians in the morning and closed each night at sunset.

We celebrated the Middle School Arts Elective Program. Children and teaching artists from a variety of programs displayed their work and talents. Ms. Galvin has created an Arts Gallery which displays the creative and imaginative works of art created by our children. Please be sure to view the display on the first floor.

Summer school will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup> for mandated children in grades 3-8. Letters will be mailed home during the next two weeks informing you if your child will need to attend the summer program. We are still waiting for the preliminary results of the NYS ELA and Math exams.

Parents of children in grade 8 who need to attend the summer program for ELA, Math, Social Studies or Science class will be informed next week.

Please contact Zaida Cosme if you have any questions.

The supply list for the new school year will be distributed with the final report card. Remember to visit the public library for fun reading throughout the summer months. A recommended summer reading list of books will be sent home with your child's report card. Also, throughout the summer vacation, we encourage you to review concepts and strategies that your child learned this year.

Our Middle School Truncation will continue and in September we will not accept incoming seventh graders. It will be the last year of the Middle School with only eighth grade. In September 2016, we will have only PreK - Grade 5.

If your child is moving on to another school, we wish them continued success in their education and new school.

Above all, we wish you and your family a healthy, safe and fun summer vacation.

Sincerely yours,  
Ms. Medina

## FAREWELL FROM OUR OFFICE STAFF



*A warm and heartfelt goodbye to our families, little people and middle school students! We will miss you over the summer!*

## FREE IN NYC

CHECK OUT THE NYC FREE TO DO WEBSITE:

<http://www.nycgo.com/free/>

You will be able to see free weekly events, free summer concerts, free summer movies, free N.Y.C. museums & attractions, and free things to do for children. You may also see the best beach spots.



## REOPENING OF THE PS 111 COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND



# YOU'RE INVITED

Wednesday, June 10, 2015, 12:30 p.m.  
PS 111 Community Playground, New York

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### 8TH GRADE GRADUATION

June 22, 2015 @ 10:00am

### 5TH GRADE GRADUATION

June 23, 2015 @ 10:00am

5th grade celebration 1:00pm-2:30pm in the school cafeteria

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

JUNE 26, 2015

Dismissal at 12:00pm for all students

### Kindergarten Stepping Up Celebration

June 24, 2015 @ 9:00am

### PRE-K Stepping-Up Celebration

June 24 @ 10:00am



### Summer School Schedule for Selected Students in grades 3-5 & Grade 8

July 1 - July 30

Arrival: 8:30am

Dismissal: 12:30pm

Wrap Around Summer Camp / Sports and Arts

12:30pm-3:30pm

(Parents must sign up for the afterschool summer camp program)



We would like to thank all the parents and family members who worked diligently this year to build school community and for their participation in workshops and family events. Thank you for saying yes to the bake sales, the book fair, your time and being an advocate of your child's and class needs.

Special thanks:

To Abby, our PTA President, who worked effortlessly and long hours to make school events special and fun for the children and family members.

To Sarah, our K-124 parent, who created another venue for families to communicate and stay informed with the shutterfly website: <https://ps111pta.shutterfly.com>

To Diana, our 2-211 parent, who organized the garden project.

To Tristan, our 1-211 parent, for persevering and finalizing our PTA's 501c3.

Every year we get stronger and as one parent states "We are a diamond in the rough". We look forward to a new school year with a stronger commitment to academic success and parent involvement.

PS/IS 111 STAFF

**STAY INFORMED AND SIGN UP TO THE PTA SHUTTERFLY ACCOUNT AT:**

<https://ps111pta.shutterfly.com/>

PTA 2014-2015

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Lydia Pomales—President

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NEW PTA EMAIL:  
[PS111PTAINC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PS111PTAINC@GMAIL.COM)

*EXPEDITED NOMINATION & ELECTIONS MEETING  
FRIDAY-JUNE 19, 2015*