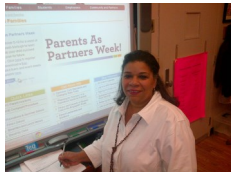


Adolph S. Ochs School & Academy



Principals Message

Dear Families,

We would like to welcome all new parents as well as extending a heartfelt welcome back to our continuing parent community.

As we enter the second month of the school year, we continue to transition our children and ourselves in to the new school hours and routines. As autumn signs appear, I think of the many changes in store for our school community this coming year. We have adjusted to the earlier bedtime hours, homework, quizzes, upcoming projects, new authors and genres to visit, and new mathematical and scientific thinking.

Our school yard renovations began in September and will continue until Spring 2015. We have reached out to Community Board 4 and the Department of Transportation about closing 53rd Street during the lunch periods (10:35am - 1:30pm) so that our children are able to have outdoor recess during good weather. We have been added to the CB4 agenda on October 15th. The meeting begins at 6:30pm. Please inform Zaida if you are able to join us. If you would like to send a letter outlining the benefits to the street closure during recess, please send the letter to Zaida before October 15th. We will present the letters as part of our request.

The Palmolive/Colgate Dental van was at the school on September 30th. Children with parental consent were screened. If you received a letter, please schedule a visit to your dentist and bring the letter with you. Most dental problems can be avoided with proper daily care.

During October 1st-3rd, the NY Fire Department gave classroom presentations on fire safety. Most classrooms had the opportunity to visit the Smoke House, where they practiced moving through a room filled with fog and a warm wall. Please remember that on Sunday, November 2nd, at **2:00:00 AM** we turn our clocks **backward** 1 hour as we end Daylight Savings Time. The NYFD recommends checking all the smoke detectors and carbon monoxide units you may have in your home.

On October 7th, we will host **The Ned Show**. The NED Show is a character education program that centers around three important messages that have lifelong relevance:

Never Give Up
Encourage Others
Do Your Best

During the assembly, children will learn about NED's messages while also enjoying storytelling, magic tricks, humor and yo-yo tricks. The NED Show visits 2.5 million students every year across the United States, Canada, the UK, Australia and New Zealand. They have performed at the White House eleven times and will visit 6,000 schools this year. Aligned with our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) that the school began last year, this 45-minute character education assembly promotes positive attitudes and encourages students and staff to do their best every day.

The assembly's fee came with options and we chose the Pay-It-Forward Option. We will receive all of the online resources without paying a fee. In return, the school runs a Pay-It-Forward sale. We will sell NED gear, specifically yo-yos, from October 7th - October 14th. Please refer to the parent flyer that will be sent out for prices.

- Please check the October calendar for other school wide events.
- If you have not updated your child's Blue Emergency Card, please see an Office Staff Member in the Main Office or send a note to your child's teacher.
- Remember to carry a current photo ID card with you when visiting the school.
- We encourage parents with strollers to use the 52nd street entrance from 8:05 - 8:35am and 2:35-2:50pm.

If you have any concerns or questions, you may call or visit the school to schedule an appointment. Ms. Harvey, Mr. Miller and I are always available to address any concerns throughout the day. You may also contact Zaida Cosme, Parent Coordinator, at 347.563.5213 or zcosme@schools.nyc.gov. Thank you for sharing your children with us. We look forward to another successful school year.

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Middle School Choice Process- 5th Graders



This year, the students will work closely with advisory teachers to discuss their options for middle school. In addition, we will be having parent information meetings regarding the application process, tours and to explore the opportunities students have. If you any questions you can contact Zaida @ 347-563-5213. You can get more information on the middle school Choice process at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/middle/default.htm>

School Based Counseling Program at PS 111

Is your child ...

- Having behavioral problems at home or school?
- Fighting with other children?
- Unable to sit still or pay attention?
- Having trouble sleeping or being separated from you?
- Having trouble making friends?
- Having difficulty learning?
- Dealing with a difficult situation at home?

The JBFC School Based Program is designed to support the students of PS 111. Our services are private and confidential. Services include individual, group, parent, and family counseling, as well as evaluation and assessment. We work on-site at PS 111 so that services are most convenient for you. Most insurances are accepted!

If you are interested please see Noora Niskanen, LMSW Wednesdays & Fridays in room B2 or call 646-601-9370

The Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services

FREE EARLY CHILDHOOD



The Hudson Guild Early Childhood Program is please to announce FREE programming for Head Start and Universal Pre-K at various locations along the Westside!

Contact: 917-272-6688
Hours: 8:30am-3pm
Location: 410 W. 40th St.



High School Admissions Process –8th Graders



The High School Admissions process has begun. All 8th grade families should begin to register for High School Tours and Open Houses. Parents and Students should be looking at High Schools that are of interest, looking at the location and having realistic choices

when choosing a High School. Families should get familiar with the requirements of High Schools of interest by looking at all factors such as , grades, attendance and student test scores.

We will be informing parents when the High School Applications are handed to the students. For more information and to get weekly updates go to: <http://schools.nyc/ChoicesEnrollment/High/default.htm>

Community Resources

Advocates for Children
Helpline number: 866-427-6033 or email in-fo@afcnyc.org

New York Coalition Against Hunger "Fighting for Nutritious, Affordable food for all" www.nyccah.org

Housing Conservation Coordinators www.hcc-nyc.org
Or 212-541-5996

Free Legal help for

Immigration Issues at HCC

Consejo y Apoyo legal gratuito sobre problemas de inmigracion

October 14 & October 28

Time: 5-8pm

777 10th avenue between 52nd Street and 53 streets

Affordable Housing Event -Councilmember Corey Johnson

Dear Friend,

Next week I'll be hosting a conversation with experts about affordable housing. It's on October 9, 2014 at 6:30pm. The details of the event are below. Please RSVP to my office by calling 212-564-7757 or by sending an email to district3@council.nyc.gov

Thanks,

Corey Johnson

Council Member

Mailing Address:

Office of Council Member Corey Johnson

224 West 30th Street, Suite 1206

New York, N.Y. 10001

Big Brother Big Sister After-School Program at PS 111

Middle school students can still apply for the Big Brother Big Sister after-school program.

The program runs from Monday - Friday

2:40pm-6pm

If you are interested please contact Luisana Victorica at 212-686-2042 or email her at Ivictoria@bigsnyc.org



Is your child apply to a NYC Public Middle School or High School this year?

Does your child have special educational or behavioral needs?

Do you want to know more about how to help your child succeed in school and in life?

BEINGSPECIALNYC.COM presents

FREE CTIYWIDE BACK-TO-SCHOOL PARENT

BOOT CAMP

When: Saturday, October 18, 2014

Time: 10am-12pm

Doors open at 9:30am

Where: Faculty Dining Room-Music Bldg Lehman College

250 Bedford park Boulevard West

Bronx New York 10468

Register Now at **BeingSpecialNYC.com**

(no child care, presentation in English only)

Take the #4 subway to Bedford Park Boulevard

Free in NYC

CHECK OUT THE NYC FREE TO DO WEBSITE:

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

mommy@mommypoppins.com

Nyhistory.org/children's-museum

<http://www.citizensnyc.org/>

<http://www.moma.org>

Parent Training-

Advocates for Children of NY

Free Workshop on:

Bullying

October 16, 2014 @ 6pm register online:

jbuccellato@advocatesforchildren.org

Location: 151 W. 30th St. 4th floor.

Call 212.947.9779 ext. 505

PS/IS 111
440 West 53street
New York City, N.Y. 10019

Phone: 212-582-7420
Fax: 212-245-7236

Parents can have access to their child's Academic information and test scores. Please visit the Aris Parent Link: www.ARISParentLink.org

You will need your child's student ID # and the temporary password. If you have not received this please contact Zaida at 347.563.5213 or pass by her office in room 109. (Pre-k students do not have ARIS)



PS/IS 111 is an intimate community school. Three important groups comprise the soul of PS/IS 111. They are: an extremely diverse student body, a highly skilled and committed teaching staff, and caring parents. Each group works cooperatively to create a learning environment for all. The administration adds support and guidance to the overall operations by providing long-term vision, by creating an opportunity for staff development, and by coordinating the efforts of teachers, parents and students. PS/IS 111 has high academic expectations for all students. Our community works diligently to teach the whole child so that he/she develops a strong sense of self, an ability to work within any community, and the critical thinking skills that are required to make good choices in the academic and nonacademic world.

PTA 2014-15

There is a new PTA executive board.
We welcome the following members:

- Lydia Pomales -President
- Mildred Gonzalez -Vice-President
- Tristan Loanzon—Secretary
- Sandra Hyatt—Treasurer

Please visit **the Parent Room** located on the first floor room 111b. You have access to computers and printer or sign up to volunteer with the PTA activities.



PTA BAKE SALE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 & 24
BAKED DONATIONS
(Please bring donated items to room 111b)

