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PARENT NEWS LETTER

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From the Principal Desk:



Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we approach the holiday season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during the first four months of the 2011 – 2012 school year. I have enjoyed the opportunity to visit with your children, both in the classroom and during holiday celebrations. It has been my pleasure viewing the wonderful student work that is on display at each site. I am looking forward to the New Year and the new opportunities that will come with it. It has been a wonderful experience serving as the Principal of P723X!

On behalf of the entire P723X staff, I would like to wish you and your family a very happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.

Wishing you peace and happiness in the New Year!

Sincerely,
Christine Walsh
 Principal

From the Parent Coordinator Desk:



Dear Families,

It's holiday time... Hopefully you all enjoyed a warm Thanksgiving with your family and/or friends! Now we're moving on to Christmas, Kwanza, or Hanukkah – which for many means decorating, shopping, presents, parties, excitement, and anticipation. For others it holds a spiritual, religious meaning. For yet others, it's a sad, depressing time, for various reasons.

No matter what your religious and/or cultural background, or what traditions or customs you cherish, it is a time for all of us to be moderate in what we spend and eat, to share with those who are less fortunate, and to remember that peace begins with each individual. Reach out to those for whom this is an emotionally challenging time.

May you and your family and friends, experience warmth of sharing during this special holiday season. In addition, may the beauty of the season usher in a more harmonious, peaceful New Year!

Sincerely,
Jose A. Vazquez
 Parent Coordinator
 347-563-5166

From the PA Desk:

Dear Parents,

I want to wish you & your family "Happy Holiday" I am looking forward to seeing you after the New Year at our next Parent Associations meeting. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,
Lisa Colon
 P.A. President



For our Parent Handbook, Family Guide and

Parent Resources go to our Website at

<http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/11/X723>



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“THE AMAZING HAWKS” DEBATE TEAM

This year the debate team is off to a great start. After weeks of practice we went against a well known team from P17X. The debate topic was "parents should be held legally responsible for the actions of their child". The Amazing Hawks from P723X made excellent arguments to defend the con side. Although we did not win the overall debate, we won three major categories: use of arguments, team work and speaking clearly.

The members of the team include Tariq Stevenson, Lawrenze Boone, Joshua Francis, Izayah Lloyd, Tyrese Laing, and Marquis Dorn. Each member of the team is looking forward to winning the next debate.

P723X@Main

Transportation

The buses are provided by the Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT). The Office of Pupil Transportation will send you notices about the bus your child will be taking, important information and student rules.

***Parents should also inform the bus driver/matron of any particular problem your child may have while traveling to school. Remember, travel time is part of your child’s education.

- If busing issues arise, you may contact your child’s bus company or the OPT Hotline at (718) 392-8855.

Website for OPT:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/Transportation/OPTResources/default.htm>

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January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year	2	3 Back to School	4	5	6 <u>Workshop</u> How to find the right information about school bussing, at P723X@189 9:30 – 11:00 am	7
8	9	10	11 School Leadership Team and Parent Association Meet at 723X@338 9:30 am	12	13 <u>Workshop</u> How to find the right information about school bussing, at P723X@338 9:30 – 11:00 am	14
15	16 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (schools closed)	17	18 Parent Support Group at P723X@189 9:30 – 11:00 am	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Parent Support Group at P723X@338 9:30 – 11:00 am	27	28
29	30	31				

Emergency Blue Cards

Emergency blue cards are sent home with students during the first week of school. Parents **must** keep the school informed of any changes in the original information that was entered on the card. When a child becomes ill or injured, it is very important that the school have the current address and phone numbers in order to contact that parent or guardian.