



Parent Coordinator English/Spanish Newsletter February 2010
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Haiti



The POWER OF ONE. I believe the power of one can become the power of many. At this time our hopes and prayers go out to our friends, families, brothers, sisters and especially the children and elderly in Haiti.

One penny, one dollar, one quarter, one nickel, one prayer, one hope, one piece of clothing, one can of food, one person gives and that "one" becomes many. Let's reach out to Haiti, let's put our arms around her and help her to recover from this disaster.

Maria Ayala, Parent Coordinator

Like the rest of the world, staff and students at our school were deeply touched by the all lives lost in the earthquake in Haiti. Many thanks go to Ms. Harris and V07 and Ms. Marmolejo and V81 for the supplies collected. Also, many thanks to Ms. Lee, Ms. Cortes, Ms. Almanzar, all the students who are constructing a brand new bike to donate to Haiti, and all the other staff members who brought canned food and donated money to help.

Maggie Guignard and Willam Shepard

Message from Parent Coordinator Maria Ayala

Welcome to the Fall and Spring semester of the 2010 school year. During the first half of the school year we had several renovations made to our school which will improve the quality of life and education for all our students and staff. A major renovation was made to our auditorium. We now have a State of the Art auditorium with seating and lighting and a grand stage to perform activities. Several classrooms were also renovated with new floors and newly painted walls. A staff computer room was set up for teachers and students to work together in researching information and the internet. Our school yard received 11 new trees as part of the One Million Trees Mayor Bloomberg's project.

Our principal updated class room furniture and counseling room furniture to motivate students participate in group counseling sessions.

Mr. Weissman was also generous to parents and provided them with a Parent Computer Center which will enable parents to take free computer lessons, learn to surf the Internet for resources, use ARIS, Achieve 3000 and Access NYC for help. The Parent Computer Center is located in the Parent Coordinator's room. Parents should feel free to come in for computer lessons in English/Spanish and learn in an environment that is supportive and nonjudgmental. Thank you Mr. Weissman for your continuous support to parents.



Parent Computer Center



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Debate Team

Our school has started a debate team. It's run by Mr. Mallay, Mr. Shepard, and Mr. McGinness. The team debates with other district 75 school over the internet. They had their first debate last month and the next one is on Monday, February 8. The topic for the next debate is: *"Should the Penny be Abolished?"* Kendra Castillo, Wayne Colston, Jeffrey McNeil, Kenneth Gonzalez, Hassan Reyes and Joshua Colon.

Basketball Tournament

We are proud to announce that the school has started the 3 on 3 co-ed basketball tournament during lunch. Mr. Brathwaite, Mr. Ellison, and Mr. Miller came up with the idea a few weeks ago and so far, it has been a great success. Stop by the gym during lunch and support our students.

Prom 2010

After getting feedback from students, the PTA recommended a prom for this year's graduating class. The prom was approved by the SLT and will be funded by donations and fund raisers from the P.T.A. and community. Please see our PTA officers if you wish to make a donation. The very first donations came from members of our own staff. Thank You

Mr. William Shepard
 Mr. Larry Rolla

P.T.A.

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Mrs. Veronica Lewis, President
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 Mrs. Edna Diaz, Treasurer

Transition Office Reports Continued Success

Mr. Joseph Giacalone Assistant Principal
 Mr. Larry Rolla, Coordinator

The transition office of 75IM is very pleased to report a solid record of success in the first term of the current 2009-2010 school year. **Student enrollment at our worksites has increased by 50% over last year.** We have been able to open new worksites while simultaneously expanding the employment opportunities at our existing sites. In addition, we have had significant success in placing numerous students in full-time employment positions throughout the metropolitan area.

Theresa Sandberry "Ms.T" School Cook



We welcome Ms. Sandberry, Our new school Cook. Ms.T joined us in September and has connected with staff and students in many ways. She greets our students with a loving smile as she serves them breakfast. Lunch meals from central are not always the tastiest, so Ms. T takes the time to add her special spices, ingredients and a touch of love to each meal. She encourages our students to smile and will always ask them how they are feeling. Ms.T is an asset to our school and a person our students respect and they feel she is a caring person.

In December, Ms.T lost her husband Lawrence Winter and our condolences go out to her. No one can ever replace a most loving husband and champion but we are here for you Ms.T.

I was glad to hear Ms.T recently state "I am so happy to be working in this school with staff and students who make me feel so welcomed".

Celebrate Black History Month February 2010

