

# District9 Bulletin

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## *From the Desk of Superintendent Harry Sherman:*

Dear District 9 family,

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter! We will be producing a newsletter approximately once a month, to keep you up to date on our work as a district, and provide you with important news, opportunities, announcements, and reminders.

Greetings. I want to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself. For over fifteen years I have been serving as the principal of the Castle Hill Middle School in the Bronx. It is now my honor to serve as the superintendent of District 9. As an educator, I have always believed that adults must work together to pursue what is best for every child. We must all believe in the inherent genius of our children, and as a team make sure we remove barriers, and provide every opportunity our children deserve based on their needs. This may mean addressing the needs of an IEP, providing enrichment opportunities, supporting language access, providing advanced programming, or all of the above. I believe deeply in equity. We must focus on our most vulnerable students and intentionally fix our system, including our own practice, so that every student is successful.

I am myself the parent of a college student and a newborn. Looking back on my son's education and looking ahead to my daughter's, I am reminded of how powerful the partnership is between the school and family. No one believes in a child more than their own parents. You see the genius and the needs and the potential of your child more clearly than anyone, and you understand that if our schools are designed around them, they will reach their full height. Our partnership is essential. We need your voice to make our great schools exactly what they need to be. I am committed to supporting true partnership between families, schools, and the district in service of your children. We are working to increase access to the Community Education Council meetings, school family engagement activities, and family workshops across the district. We will be issuing a monthly district newsletter to keep you informed of family engagement activities, as well as to communicate key information and resources.

I hope you will join me for virtual coffee with the "Superintendent Sherman" on **May 10, 2021**. Spanish translation will be provided. This will be a monthly opportunity to meet and hear from you directly. All community members are welcome. I look forward to serving and working with all of you!

Harry Sherman

"No matter how dark the moment, love and hope are always possible."



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## School Shout Outs

**Congratulations PS 114** - The upcoming Bronx Arts Festival this year will exhibit 2 of our D9 students! Ashly Singh from Ms. Miller and Ms. Faulkner's class, and Gianna Pena from Mr. Baliaj's class. Congratulations to our students, teachers, and school community!

*The Virtual Art Exhibit date TBD...*

### Congratulations

Every Year the NYC DOE honors teachers across the city with the Big Apple Awards, which recognize and celebrate teachers who inspire students, model great teaching, and enrich their school communities. Congratulations to the Big Apple Award Finalists from District 9. Thank you for all that you do for the students and families of this community - we're so proud that you are part of our District 9 family.

**Tara Doherty 09x042 ✨ Denise Dyer 09x303 ✨ Elizabeth Martinez 09x361 ✨ Amanda Roman 09x218 ✨ Vanessa Veerasammy 09X55**



**Congratulations to Bronx's own Chancellor Meisha Ross Porter, the first Black woman to serve in the role! We were honored by two visits to District 9 in her first month!**

**PS 73 – Social Emotional Learning Day! Thank you, principal Bueno, for your leadership!**



**PS 55 – Community School Excellence! Thank you, principal Torres, for your advocacy!**



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## Save the Date!!



## JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> 2021

### District 9 Homecoming Event!!

**ARE YOU READY FOR: Music, DJ, Games, Student Performances, Parent Workshops, Face Popcorn, Ice Cream, Swag Bags, Staff Vs. Parents Baseball Game, Student Baseball Game, Fun Zone, Resources, Medic Vans, Students Tennis Game, Tik-Tok Photo/Video Booth, Scavenger Hunt and Parent Workshops??!!**

**You must pre-register for the events as seating is limited and social distancing will be required – registration information will be shared soon.**

### Family Workshops being offered during homecoming:

1. **CONSEJOS A LOS ABUELOS (COUNSEL TO THE GRANDPARENTS)** This workshop is targeted for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren, or who have foster children under their care. The conversation is meant to be a warm invitation, like a kitchen table chat with a good friend.
2. **KEEP IT MOVING! ENERGIZERS AND CALMING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!** In this workshop we will practice some fun, practical ways to move our bodies while at home, from energetic movement to deep breathing and relaxing yoga poses.
3. **SKILL BUILDING FOR CHILDREN** Are there any skills that you've wanted to teach your child(ren), but didn't have the time? In this workshop we will identify and plan for teaching your children new skills.
4. **PARENT COMMUNITY CIRCLES** Let's join together to share our experiences and challenges, to listen and feel heard, and to give each other support during this time.
5. **COPING WITH CONFLICT WHILE AT HOME** In this workshop we will discuss our triggers and challenges of being at home, and learn tools for managing overwhelming feelings.
6. **ADVOCACY FOR EQUITABLE EDUCATION THROUGH THE PARENT LENS** A workshop offering skills to support your children during their DOE tenure.

**Special Shout out to our partners below and everyone that is helping support this event!!**

**\*Principal V. Resto \*Principal Febus \*Principal Feijoo\* Principal Diaz\*Principal Torres \*Principal Webber\*Principal Caceres\*Principal Claudio**

**Sharzer Assoc. \*HealthFirst\*Luis Taveras\*Smooth Sportswear\*Learning Times\*Boricua College**

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## Upcoming Community Meetings

### *CEC Meetings:*

#### *May 18th:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85105777122?pwd=aEVsWDZsaVNacFVmNSt2b0JqWEpFQT09>

Webinar ID: 851 0577 7122 Passcode: 999999

#### *June 15th:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89738706940?pwd=eldpb2tjSHFMYzljSFIFVkJkNoWXZxZz09>

Webinar ID: 897 3870 6940 Passcode: 999999

**Interpretation Call-In Lines:** **Spanish Interpretation Line:** Telephone: (347) 966-4114 Access Code: 844 210 143#

### *Presidents Council:*

**May 19, 2021 04:00 PM - Jun 16, 2021 04:00 PM**

Monthly: [https://nycdoe.zoom.us/meeting/tZUkd-CorjggE9FzPYhP5Z8eHh8k5yXJf5Zb/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGppzsjGtSWsBCCRpwcHYigXfTziHZfj\\_p7hi\\_cCxAGWFvzHuaOedmKPLW](https://nycdoe.zoom.us/meeting/tZUkd-CorjggE9FzPYhP5Z8eHh8k5yXJf5Zb/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGppzsjGtSWsBCCRpwcHYigXfTziHZfj_p7hi_cCxAGWFvzHuaOedmKPLW)

### *DLT meetings:*

**April 15, 2021 11:00am – May 27, 2021 11:00am - June 24<sup>th</sup> 11:00am**

[Click here to join the meeting](#) Or call in (audio only)+1 347-966-4114,,333492258#

Open Meeting - If you wish to speak, please email [CSD9@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:CSD9@schools.nyc.gov) with your request.

*Coffee with the Superintendent Sherman- Monday May 10<sup>th</sup> Monday June 7<sup>th</sup>*

### *Join Zoom Meeting*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87130748419?pwd=Y1BnL0JMeDI2cHFTOU1HOWVCbTF0Zz09>

*Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) Meeting ID: 871 3074 8419 Passcode: 999999*

*Interpretation services provided*

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## Summer School

Please note that every student is eligible to enroll in NYC public school summer classes, please visit the following link for additional information.

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/summer>



## Parent Resources

### College Awareness

[College Access for All Middle School Curriculum | WeTeachNYC](#)

This library provides educators with instructional and professional development resources for improving teaching and learning.

### CUNY Family Guide

[CUNY Family guide | WeTeachNYC](#)

This library provides educators with instructional and professional development resources for improving teaching and learning.

### Family College Planning Guide

[Middle school family guide in all DOE languages | WeTeachNYC](#)

This library provides educators with instructional and professional development resources for improving teaching and learning.

### College Going Culture Toolkit

[College-going culture toolkit | WeTeachNYC](#)

This library provides educators with instructional and professional development resources for improving teaching and learning.

### Questions to Ask About Services

[Questions to ask on your college tour about services ...](#)

This library provides educators with instructional and professional development resources for improving teaching and learning.

### Guide for Transitioning to College with an IEP

[Guide for transitioning to college with an IEP | WeTeachNYC](#)

This library provides educators with instructional and professional development resources for improving teaching and learning.

### CUNY Disability Services

[CUNY disability service info sheet | WeTeachNYC](#)

This library provides educators with instructional and professional development resources for improving teaching and learning.

### DOE Adult Education Department

<http://schools.nyc.gov/community/AdultEd/default.htm>

### York College Continuing and Professional Education Center

<https://yorkcuny.augusoft.net/>

### York College Center for Students with Disabilities

<https://www.york.cuny.edu/student-development/csd>

### CUNY College Now

<http://collegenow.cuny.edu/>

### Big Future College Board

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

### Unigo NY State Scholarships

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/by-state/new-york-scholarships>

### Scholarships.com

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

### TheDream.US (Resources for Undocumented Students)

<http://www.thedream.us/>

### CUNY Social Work Programs

<http://www2.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/health-human-services/>

[http://www2.cuny.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/media-assets/HHS.Grid\\_2012.pdf](http://www2.cuny.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/media-assets/HHS.Grid_2012.pdf)



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## COVID 19 – Resources

<https://www.solvhealth.com/ny/c/bronx-ny-srv-covid-testing>

[https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page?utm\\_source=Microsoft&utm\\_medium=English&utm\\_campaign=Coronavirus](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page?utm_source=Microsoft&utm_medium=English&utm_campaign=Coronavirus)

Please read the Health Department's [What You Need to Know factsheet](#)(Open external link) for more information.

Visit [nyc.gov/coronavirus](https://nyc.gov/coronavirus)(Open external link) at any time for important updates, including ways to fight stigma and bias around this issue.

You can print the information on this page on the [one page overview](#)(Open external link), and print and hang this [graphic flyer](#)(Open external link) at your school, office, or building.



## Breaking News

## Our Parent Empowerment Learning Series has returned!!

**Promoting Positive Behaviors for Your Child** – Please click [here](#) to learn more and register.

- **Structuring a Home Learning Environment;** Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 4:00pm – 5:00pm EST
- **Managing Kids' Screen Time;** Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 10:00am – 11:00am EST
- **Motivating Your Child for Remote Learning – Part 1;** Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 4:00pm – 5:00pm EST
- **Motivating Your Child for Remote Learning – Part 2;** Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 10:00am – 11:00am EST
- **Improving Your Relationship with Your Child;** Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 4:00pm – 5:00pm EST
- **Parent Calming Techniques;** Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 10:00am – 11:00am EST

**Coping During COVID-19** – Please click [here](#) to learn more and register.

- **Managing Grief and Loss;** Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 12:00pm – 1:00pm EST
- **Fostering Resilience Within Your Family;** Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 4:00pm – 5:00pm EST
- **Will My Child be Okay?;** Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 6:00pm – 7:00pm EST
- **Managing Stress and Anxiety;** Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 5:00pm – 6:00pm EST
- **Managing Intense Emotions;** Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 5:30pm – 6:30pm EST

**Supporting Learning at Home** – Please click [here](#) to learn more and register.

- **Supporting Your Child in Virtual Learning;** Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 4:00pm – 5:00pm EST
- **Building a Foundation for Reading at Home;** Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 11:00am – 12:00pm EST
- **Building and Supporting Executive Functioning Skills;** Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 4:00pm – 5:00pm EST

For additional resources, please visit us at: <https://childmind.org/coping-during-covid-19-resources-for-parents/>.