



*Celebrating our schools,
staff, students and families*

October 2017



The Comfort Dog program in P.S. 90

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Thanksgiving
Recess students
do not attend
school

There are many ways to read in their 5th grade 12:1 class. One is to place one hand on the laptop and the other on Jed who listens intently to your fluency and intonation. Jed, PS 90's Comfort Dog, has his own Twitter feed. Follow him at @PS90JED.



The Comfort Dog program's innovative approach to social-emotional learning provides students with life skills critical to their success in the classroom and beyond. Social-emotional supports can be integrated into classroom teaching and guidance counseling to help students develop effective communication and teamwork, conflict-resolution and problem-solving tactics, and relationship building.

In the summer of 2010 a quarter-acre of asphalt parking lot behind PS 216, was dug up to start building an Edible School Yard. Teachers use the garden which has a chicken coop, a composting system and a rain water collection system to teach lessons in art, math and science. The new building also has communal tables where children share meals from the food they grow together. District 21's Principals joined PS 216 in their garden on September 26, 2017 for a day of professional learning.



Superintendent Isabel DiMola and PLF Neal Opromalla join District 21's Parent Coordinators, Assistant Principals and Principals collaborating for successful family engagement, to build capacity and create tools to foster partnerships among families, schools and communities that result in shared responsibilities for student, school and community success.



Good News!

We are pleased to announce that District 21 received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Arts in Education Program in the amount of \$1,098,886. This funding will allow schools to develop programs to address the language needs of our English learners through the arts. Each program will be customized to the needs of each school. The schools involved are P.S./I.S. 95, 225, 226, I.S. 96, 228, 281 and 303. The name of the program is "Digital DELLTA" and will be supported by Arts-Connection – Linking Learning to the Arts. The first day of professional development is scheduled for November 7, 2017, and will be held at I.S. 228. We want to thank Carol Morgan, Deputy Director for Education for Arts Connection and all of our Principals for their work in securing this grant. A special thank you to our Superintendent Isabel DiMola for pursuing this opportunity and supporting our schools for the benefit of our English Language Learners and to Neal Opromalla, Principal Leadership Director for taking the lead on this project and managing the grant to ensure every cent is spent to expand opportunities for our students.

Dad's Take Your Child to School Day is an annual event that promotes father involvement by encouraging fathers and significant male caregivers to take their child to school. P.S. 100 and P.S. 216 had over 300 male role models take their children to school this year.





DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE TEACHER?



One of the five pillars of the National Junior Honor Society is service to our community. The NJHS students of Joseph B. Cavallaro IS 281 take part in a **Big Brother/Big Sister Teaching Assistant Program** with the students and staff of PS 101 as one of the ways to achieve this goal. Students work hand-in-hand with the kindergarten and first grade teachers in small-group reading instruction, individual tutoring, and assist in classroom projects and activities for forty-five minute sessions. Principal Bender of IS 281 and Principal Korrol of PS 101 are in their third year of this very meaningful partnership. The benefits of this program are recognized in both schools, as elementary and middle school students each have the opportunity to develop their social skills and extend their learning.



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NYC School's Account

With an [NYC Schools Account](#) you will be able to access key information about your child's progress in school, including attendance, report card grades, assessments, general student information, and academic schedule in one of ten languages on a computer, phone or tablet.

High School News

High School Admissions! Get ready to apply to high school for the 2018-2019 school year by taking these next steps:

- Learn more about high schools and their programs in [NYC School Finder](#) and the [NYC High School Directory](#).
- Learn about [Specialized High Schools](#) and prepare for the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) or the LaGuardia High School audition with the [Specialized High Schools Student Handbook](#).

Borough High School Fairs

Edward R. Murrow High School 1600 Avenue L, 11230	Saturday, October 14 Sunday, October 15 11am–3pm
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Citywide Career and Technical Education (CTE) High School Fair

George Westinghouse High School 105 Johnson Street (Entrance on Tillary Street) Brooklyn, NY 11201	Saturday, October 28 9am-2pm Workshop Time: 11:
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Middle School News

Each fall, every fifth grade student attending a New York City public elementary school receives a middle school application. Students must apply to middle school, including those who want to stay at their K-8 school.

Students with disabilities may apply through the Middle School Admissions along with their general education peers. Special Education students with an Individual Education Program (IEP) that recommends a specialized District 75 program are not required to participate in the Middle School Admissions if they wish to remain in a District 75 program.

Kindergarten News

In New York City, children are eligible to apply to kindergarten in the year they turn five. Each winter, kindergarten applications are accepted for the coming school year and every child is guaranteed a kindergarten placement.

All schools are expected to serve the majority of special education students in their community, and all schools are required to provide, at minimum, English as a New Language (ENL) programs to their English Language Learners.

Gifted & Talented

All students who will be entering kindergarten through third grade for the 2018-2019 school year can sign up to test for G&T programs. Get ready by taking these next steps:

- **Read the 2018 Gifted & Talented Handbook:** Learn about G&T Admissions, find programs that interest you, and prepare for the G&T test with practice problems.

- **Attend an Elementary Admissions Event in October:** Come to an event in your district to learn about G&T and Elementary Admissions.

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- **Sign up to take the G&T test by Monday, November 13.**

Families who have a student entering kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year should also know about **Kindergarten Admissions** and those school options.

Learn about Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Gifted & Talented Admissions in one night and make one plan for how to apply. District 21's Elementary Admission Night is October 19, 2017 in P.S. 215 (415 Avenue S) 5:30-7:30PM.

Coordinator Spot Parent light

Parent Coordinators are an important part of the school community. At your school they can help you with many questions and issues while creating a welcoming school environment. This month District 21 would like to highlight the Parent Coordinator in IS.228 Gina Poggi, Ashley Frankel P.S. / I.S. 226



Gina Poggi, Parent Coordinator I.S. 228 David A. Boody is starting her 11th year with our awesome David A. Boody family.



I am truly honored to be part of this wonderful group and have the opportunity daily to interact with the parents and families of our school community. It is so rewarding to be part of our family engagement center where as a collaborative team, we have worked to create a supportive welcoming environment for parents, students and staff. Under the guidance of our amazing administration, I have gained the knowledge and support needed to be an effective liaison between our school and our wonderful parents and families.



Ashley Frankel, Parent Coordinator P.S. / I.S. 226 feels fortunate to be the Parent Coordinator of P.S. / I.S. 226 for the past four years.

Through wonderful leadership and a truly dedicated team, my job can only be described as incredible. My goal as Parent Coordinator is to create a safe and welcoming environment for all of our students and families. I look forward to each and every morning when I get to see our beautiful families from all over the world. Parents and children are greeted with a smile, a song, and a warm welcome. I strive to make an impact on each and every family I come into contact with. I have an open door policy to all of P.S./I.S. 226 families to lend a listening ear, advocate on their behalf, reassure, support, and provide assistance in any way I can. I am extremely lucky to have 1,027 families at P.S./I.S. 226 whom I consider to be my own.

District 21 Elementary Admissions Event

Thursday,
5:30–
P.S. 215
415 Avenue
Brooklyn,
District
Tuesday,
5:30–
Herbert S.
501 West
Brooklyn,

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<https://district21nyc.wordpress.com/>

October 19
7:30pm
Morris H. Weiss
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NY 11223

21 Middle School Fair
October 17
7:30pm
Eisenberg (I.S. 303)
Avenue
NY 11224



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Elementary and Middle School

Superintendent:

Isabel DiMola (718) 648-0209

**Elementary and Middle School Family
Support Coordinator:**

Mary Montemarano
(718) 648-0436

**Elementary and Middle School Family
Leadership Coordinator:**

Georgette Pezzolanti
(718) 648-0209

District 21 Middle School Fair

Tuesday October 17, 2017

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

I.S. 303

501 West Avenue

Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224

District 21 Middle School Open Houses

<i>School</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>I.S. 96</i>	<i>99 Avenue P Brooklyn, N.Y. 11204</i>	<i>Thursday, November 2nd 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Thursday, November 9th 9:00AM – 11:00 AM Wednesday, November 15th 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM</i>
<i>I.S. 98</i>	<i>1401 Emmons Avenue Brooklyn, N.Y. 11235</i>	<i>Monday, November 20th 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM</i>
<i>I.S. 228</i>	<i>228 Avenue S Brooklyn, N.Y. 11223</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 25th 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM</i>
<i>I.S. 239</i>	<i>2401 Neptune Avenue Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224</i>	<i>District 21 Families</i> <i>Tuesday, October 10th 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM</i>
<i>I.S. 239</i>	<i>2401 Neptune Avenue Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224</i>	<i>Non-District 21 Families</i> <i>Thursday, October 5th 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM</i>
<i>I.S. 281</i>	<i>8787 24th Avenue Brooklyn, N.Y. 11214</i>	<i>Thursday, October 26th 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM</i>
<i>I.S. 303</i>	<i>501 West Avenue Brooklyn, N.Y. 11214</i>	<i>Saturday, October 21st 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Wednesday, October 25th 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM</i>
<i>Kingsborough Early College Secondary School 21K468</i>	<i>2630 Benson Avenue Brooklyn, N.Y. 11214</i>	<i>Tuesday, October 24th 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM</i>
<i>Brooklyn Studio Secondary School 21K690</i>	<i>8310 21st Avenue Brooklyn, N.Y. 11214</i>	<i>Thursday, October 12th 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Thursday, October 19th 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Saturday, November 4th 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM</i>

Save the Date

October 2017

8th Grade Parents District 21 High School Showcase

Join us on
October 23, 2017
From: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Location: David A. Boody
228 Avenue S
Brooklyn, NY 11223

District 21 will be hosting a High School Showcase for our current 8th graders to highlight the many wonderful academic and CTE programs our District has to offer

- Kingsborough Early College Secondary School
- Brooklyn Studio Secondary School
- International High School at Lafayette
- Rachel Carlson High School for Coastal Studies
- High School of Sports Management
- Abraham Lincoln High School
- Edward R. Murrow High School
- John Dewey High School
- Life Academy High School for Film and Music
- William E. Grady Career and Technical High School
- Expeditionary Learning School for Community Leaders



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228 AVENUE S, BROOKLYN, NY 11223

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER'S OFFICE AT (718) 373-9673 OR (718) 307-7151

Community Education Council 21

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Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2017

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Time: 6:00 pm Business Meeting 7:00 pm Calendar Meeting

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**Location: P.S. 253
601 Ocean View Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11235**

Meeting Agenda

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Business Meeting – 6:00pm

This meeting is for Council Business

Calendar Meeting – 7pm

Superintendent Presentation- Contracts For Excellence

Public comment is encouraged at this meeting.

For interpretation services, please contact the Council.

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При необходимости переводческих услуг обращайтесь в Совет.

Para obtener servicios de interpretación, por favor comuníquese con el Consejo.

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Dennis M. Walcott, Chancellor

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High School Articulation Breakfast

At

October 2017

Abraham Lincoln High School

Mark Twain's Parent Coordinator Neslyn Le Brun and Family Leadership Coordinator Georgette Pezzolanti enjoyed a morning touring Abraham Lincoln High School.

For nearly a century Abraham Lincoln High School has been a leader in New York City education. Lincoln alumni have distinguished themselves in every imaginable field, including music, sports, and science. Among their notable graduates is music legend Neil Diamond, who generously funds a college scholarship for ten graduating seniors every year. Other distinguished alumni include countless professional athletes and three Nobel laureates in science, Arthur Kornberg, Paul Berg and Jerome Karle. Their school is a community where all members help one another pursue their potential. They offer Small Learning Communities and Specialized Programs in Veterinary Science, Professional Photography, Law & US History, Science Professions and Business. Students receive the individualized attention of Small Learning Communities and the resources of a large comprehensive high school. They offer a state-of-the-art photo studio, animal science labs, a vast library, multiple computer labs, three gyms and a pool. Their extensive electives, including Advanced Placement and College Classes in partnership with CUNY KCC, Syracuse University, Brooklyn College, and LIU, empower their academic achievers to complete up to a year of college credit. Lincoln is the school where students have every opportunity to pursue their potential. <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/21/K410/default.htm>



P.S. 215's Pre-K Breakfast with the Principal was a great hit!

Pre-kindergarten parents were invited to a Breakfast with the Principal to welcome them into their school community. They had a wonderful turnout of motivated parents. Each parent received a photo album to begin their memorable journey through their child's school experience at P.S. 215. October 2017

The Pre-K support team, consisting of parent coordinator, PTA president, family worker, social worker, teachers, mental health consultant and principal were proud to welcome the new members of the PS 215 Family.



Congratulations Principal Fran Locurcio on being named a Grand Marshall for the Brooklyn Columbus Day parade 2017.



Congratulations Principal Ditolla on receiving NIA Educational Leadership.



Abraham Lincoln High School

Arl Hoogenboom, Principal

Join Us for Our

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 26th

6:00PM–8:00PM

Welcome
Parents and
Prospective
Students!

2800 Ocean Parkway

Brooklyn, NY 11235

(718) 333-2100

www.alhs.nyc

RSVP to mkeaney@schools.nyc.gov by
Wednesday, October 18th

Come see what life at Lincoln
is all about!

Tour the Facility!

Meet with students!

Learn about our specialized
programs:

- Broadcast Media
- Computer Science
- Gilder Lehrman
Institute in Law and
Humanities
- Photography
- Veterinary Science
- Virtual Enterprise

