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Highlights of Community School District 5 Harlem Schools

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Superintendent's Message

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all District 5 community members for "Making A Difference" in our schools. Not only do you have a positive impact on students, but you also inspire others and involve parents in the learning process.

As a leader in education, you are tasked with preparing your students for their economic future and the future of the community at large.

My hope is that all schools note improved student outcomes since our collective mission is to ensure all students achieve the foundation skills

necessary to be career and college ready.

I would like to extend my thanks to all schools who participated in our annual STEM Expo. This year's event was an over whelming success with approximately 1500 attendees!

Thanks for playing such a vital role in assisting our schools and our district as a whole.

Have a wonderful summer!



**Community
Superintendent
Gale Reeves**

National Dance Institute Partners With Three Harlem Elementary Schools

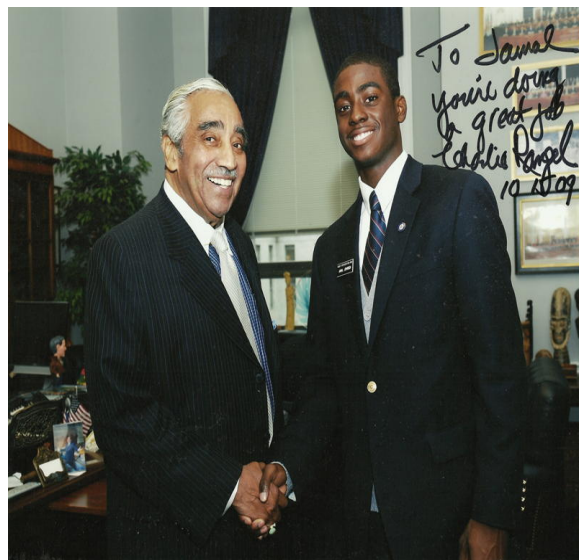
National Dance Institute (NDI) is thrilled to announce new partnerships with three public schools in Harlem bringing the organization's award-winning arts and learning programs to even more children in New York City.

These new partnerships, funded by a generous grant from Goldman Sachs Urban Investment Group, will commence in the fall of 2011, coinciding with the opening of NDI's new home, the National Dance Institute Center for Learning and the Arts, located at 217 West 147th Street. NDI will conduct two-week residencies in three District 5 Harlem elementary schools. With the help of Superintendent Gale Reeves, NDI distributed an RFP to the elementary schools in District Five.

Through a rigorous selection process, including an application review, interviews of key faculty, class observations at a current NDI partner school, and applicant school site visits, NDI has selected the following three extraordinary schools as residency awardees: *PS 123, PS 161 and PS 175*. Congratulations to the awardees and thanks to all schools that submitted applications,

FDA Senior Receives Gates Scholarship

Jamal Johnson, a graduating senior at Frederick Douglass Academy, also spent one year as a Congressional Page in Congressman Rangel's Office was notified that he was awarded the Gates Scholarship which covers undergraduate, graduate and professional studies.



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CS 200 HOSTS 106th Mayor of New York David N. Dinkins

The students of James McCune Smith School, CS 200, took an incredible march through history recently, when they were given the opportunity to hear the 106th Mayor of New York City David N. Dinkins speak at their school. The theme of the afternoon was "Upon Whose Shoulders We Stand," and its purpose was to remind students that we have living history among us everyday, with adults in their community who are living reminders of the paths that were paved for them to succeed.

The former Mayor addressed the packed auditorium of young male students, parents and upper grade high school boys visiting from nearby FDA, all there to hear the Mayor's many stories of his triumphs, trials, wisdom, and small anecdotes regarding what it means to succeed, why students must always follow their dreams, and why the importance of education can never be undermined.

The Mayor spoke for over 40 minutes with a question and answer period that followed afterwards. He spoke of his childhood aspirations, his time spent as Mayor of New York and his great friendship and inspiration that he receives from his good friend Nelson Mandela, the former president of South Africa. Parents, teachers and students then took pictures with the Mayor and applauded his rousing and inspirational message of hope and encouragement. Students also

presented the Mayor with a token of their appreciation for his taking time out of his schedule as a Professor in the Practice of Public Affairs at Columbia University's School of International & Public Affairs.

Everyone enjoyed the Mayor and it was a day that all agreed was a historical one for these many students, not yet born when David Dinkins was Mayor, but whom now would never forget this wise leader who paved the way for them and so many. The chance to see him in person was an awe inspiring afternoon for parents, students and teachers alike, not soon forgotten.



PS/MS 123's Students Supports PENCIL's 2011 Annual Spring Gala

PENCIL, the education nonprofit corporation facilitating relationships between business leaders and public schools, held its 2011 Annual Spring Gala: *Imagine What We Can Do*, on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at Cipriani.

The gala was emceed by Boubacar Bah, an eighth-grade student from PS/MS 123. Boubacar served as the evening's Master of Ceremonies for the entire event. Boubacar also participated in an onstage cooking demonstration and presentation with Truman High School's culinary arts students. During the cocktail hour, PS/MS 123's student journalists reported on the evening events and conducted interviews

from the red carpet. Ogilvy One and Grow Now Media are PS/MS 123's long standing Pencil's partners. Through Ogilvy One's partnership with Mr. Harvey Kipnis, (Ogilvy's Vice President), students gained marketing and advertising skills as demonstrated in this school year's IKEA project. Under the direction of Mr. Dan Blank, President of Grow Now Media, student journalists' publication skills are evidenced in our school's newspaper, the Harlem Tribune. Mr. George Campbell, Literacy Coach, is the student advisor for Ogilvy One and Ms. Jayal Campbell, Literacy Teacher is the student advisor for PS/MS 123's Harlem Tribune Newspaper.



NEWS from Don Pedro Albizu Campos PS/MS 161

April and May were quite exciting for the PS/MS161 community.

Notable experiences included visits from Beyonce, Yoyo Ma, a 2nd Place finish in the National Chess Championships, the receiving of a National Dance Institute residency grant and the Fruit and Vegetable initiative to provide healthy snacks during the 2011-2012 school year.

Once again we learned just how involved the private and corporate sectors of our great city look to get involved with the public schools. In four days, one-hundred-fifty students practiced a dance workout that was implemented by Michele Obama's project to get children healthy through activity and nutrition guidance. The students believed they were practic-

ing for a videotaping to compete with other schools, and to be judged by Beyonce after submission.

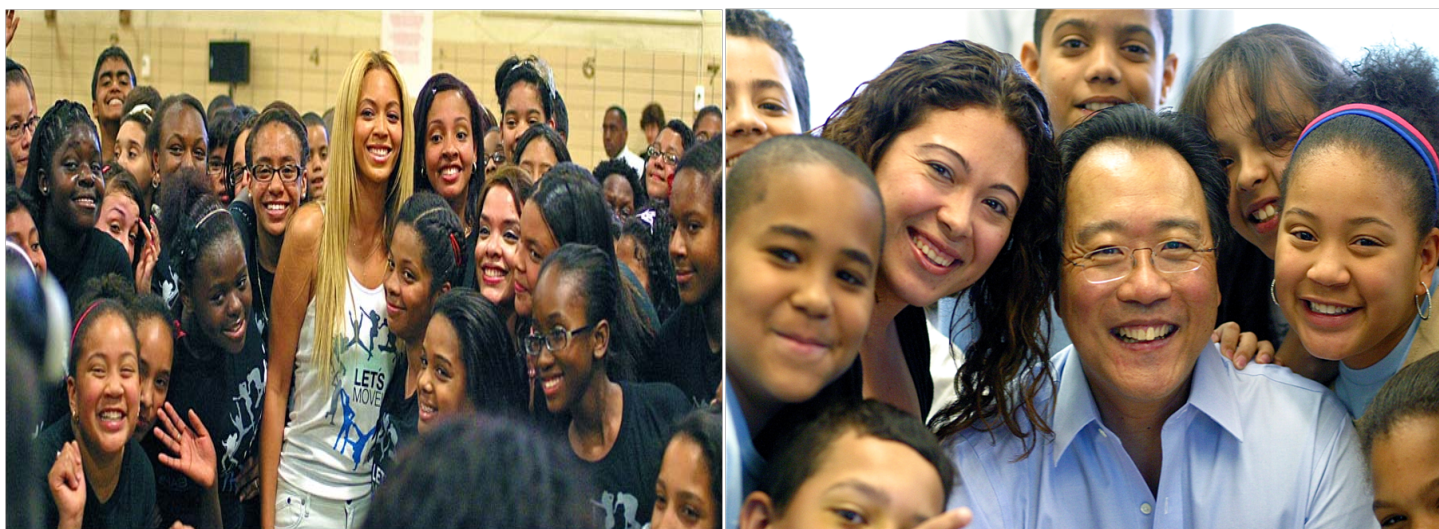
On the afternoon of May 2nd, while the filming of their routine was occurring, Beyonce surprised the entire community by bolting through a back door, into the gym and joining the overjoyed and shocked students in their routine. The film of the event made its way onto YouTube.com and within a week had garnered over 2,000,000 viewings!

Two days later we had our fifth visit in the last two years from the world renowned Cellist Yoyo Ma who is the driving force behind the Silk Road Initiative that exposes all our 6th graders to the cul-

tural and global contributions of the countries along the China to Africa trade route of the Silk Road. Mr. Ma visited with the students and teachers, and shared his insights as well as encouragements for the upcoming Central Park Summer Stage appearance in mid-June by the students.

And last, but not least, National Dance Institute (NDI) announced PSMS 161 as one of three schools selected for a fall grant program to bring their expertise and program to our school.

A huge shout out to Super Superintendent Gale Reeves for giving us a heads up to apply for the grant!



Chess Whiz Kids Bring Pride to District 5

We are delighted to announce the DPAC Attack Chess team representing the amazing Don Pedro Albizu School, PSMS 161, recently took 2nd place at the Elementary School National Championships in Dallas, Texas.

Through a generous grant from Chess in the Schools, and from the school community's largess, a team of eight students, two teachers and two parents, accompanied the team in the four day event. Competing against schools from across the entire country, the students battled through seven rounds of chess to emerge victorious. Congratulations to the team, the coaches and the entire 161 family, led by Principal B. Freeman.



PS 46 Happenings !

Many of the students of P.S. 46 have active schedules outside of regular school hours, participating in community programs and after school extracurricular activities. Our teachers participate or lead these activities with the belief that active children in constructive activities make great learners. One of the programs is a collaboration with a well know church called "The Little Church Around the Corner." Two of our students, Amir and Aaliyah, sing as sopranos after school in the choir from Tuesday through Saturday. They also get the opportunity to frequently perform for Nursing Homes in the area on Sundays. The residents of these homes are always really excited to see and hear them perform. The children are also very proud of their participation in these performances and remain afterwards to get to know the residents better. As Amir puts it, *"It makes me feel like I was the best person in the world because I get to visit elderly people that tell me what to do and make the right choices in my life"*.

Ms. Serafin, with the assistance of Ms. Sofo, leads 30 students between 3rd and 6th grade in the Young Runners program that is sponsored by the Road Runner organization as well as a program called CHAMPS from the Department of Education. The programs fos-

ter healthy and fit kids by providing running programs, resources and activities for our school and bring fitness into our school. Also, the children are entertained with stimulating activities and rewarded with prizes that range from water bottles, t-shirts and active wear.

P.S. 46 will be also continuing developmental basketball this year. The program has been internally developed to bring awareness to those students who are serious about learning proper basketball technique. Students are required to come to practice twice a week and will be exposed to various drills and basketball concepts to strengthen their core skills. All students who attend practice will have the opportunity to play on the team. Coaches will create teams and setup an intramural basketball league inside the school.

Opportunities to scrimmage with other schools will also be planned out during the course of the year. In addition, our own Ms Griesi will lead 33 students in 6th and 7th grade in a tennis program that meets Mondays to Wednesdays. Students will learn proper tennis technique from basics, such as proper

gripping and stance to more advanced skills such as serve and return.

Whoever said you need to go to Broadway to see a spectacular show? At P.S. 46 our 5th, 6th, and 7th graders (20 students total) partnered with Young Audiences New York (YANY) to put on a "Little Shop of Horrors" musical show. Students watched the original movie and they choreographed and created monologues and scenes. During the performance last month, the P.S. 46 auditorium was packed with more than 200 parents. Keep an eye out for next year's performance. Also, two of our very own teachers, Ms. Leopold and Ms. Thomas as well as our assistant principals, Ms. Figueroa and Ms. Bermudez were nominated for the award ceremony held on June 16th from Young Audiences of New York for outstanding work.

Congratulations are also in order to our P.S. 46 Track Team!. They recently competed at Icahn Stadium and made us proud! Breannndra Smith placed 1st in the 400 meter dash and 4th in the mile run while two of our boys' relay teams placed 3rd and 4th. Everyone came out and acted like champs and it was wonderful to see everyone rally together for our school!

IS 286—Rennaisance Leadership Academy Accomplishments

The young men's basketball team won the Manhattan Division and remain undefeated. They will now compete against the champions of the other boroughs to decide who will be the N.Y.C. CHAMPS Middle School Champions.

The Grade 7 and 8 Double Teams are New York State Champions. They are now training for the National Championships in South Carolina.

The baseball team is at the top of their division and still remain undefeated.

The young ladies basketball team represented RLA in CHAMPS as well as the NIKE tournament. They did not have the success of our other teams, but we are so proud of them. The team consist of mostly grade 6 young ladies and not one member of the team has ever played a day of basketball before we began our program. They are learning fast and we are positive with this year's experience and summer tournament play, they will be a force to be reckoned with during the Fall 2011 season.

District Five & MAA presents Super Saturday! STEM EXPO

Over thirty STEM organizations and 26 schools participated in this year's Expo. In addition to principals, assistant principals, parents/guardians, teachers, parent coordinators and many other staff members, we were thrilled to be joined by Chancellor Dennis Walcott, Congressman Charles Rangel and Assemblyman Keith Wright. They all toured the exhibits and interacted with student docents.

For the first time this year we had a successful Chess Competition and a Math Olympiad, in addition to ur annual Lego Robotics demonstrations. *Please see more pictures on page 6.*



MAHALIA JACKSON (PS123) ASTHMA CLASS GRADUATION 2011

The office of School Health, in collaboration with the American Lung Association, provides Asthma Education classes to school graders 3 – 5 through their Open Airways for Schools Program. This mandatory school based program is geared toward empowering and equipping children who are living with Asthma with the necessary skills to manage their condition. Asthma is the leading chronic condition in school age children and the number one cause of absenteeism in school. Therefore, teaching children and their parents how to manage their asthma is an integral part of this curriculum.

This Open Airways for schools (OAS) Program targets children who have been diagnosed with asthma. Once we identify students who are suffering from asthma and inform their families about the program, the School Nurse at Mahalia Jackson arranges weekly temporary classroom pull-outs and teaches asthma coping techniques to groups of 4-7 children. We keep teachers and families updated and send home worksheets for the adults and children to complete together. As stated by the American Lung Association, the program's goals are to:

- Improve asthma self-management skills;*
- Decrease asthma emergencies;*
- Raise asthma awareness among parents/*

guardians;
Promote broader asthma management coordination among physicians, parents and schools.

Nine children from Mahalia Jackson P.S. 123 successfully completed this 6 week session program and had their graduation ceremony on 4/14/2011. They all have become little experts on asthma management; and have shown much more confidence and independence in dealing with asthma. On behalf of the Office of School Health, and as the Health Educator, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to them on this important milestone.

At the end of this program, all of the children have demonstrated:

- Ability to better understand asthma;*
- Ability to detect asthma triggers;*
- Ability to determine when they may be approaching an asthma episode;*
- Knowledge of the four steps to Asthma management;*
- Ability to know when to seek emergency assistance;*
- Knowledge of how to effectively self-administer asthma medication;*
- Knowledge of controller and rescue medication usage;*
- Ability to communicate competently and confidently with an adult/MD about their*

condition;
Knowledge of exercise and vitamin D benefits in managing Asthma.

The 4th and 5th grade children who participated had shown great enthusiasm and interest in learning on how to defeat this disease. One of the children reported that her mom could not believe that she can actually take her medication by herself now and properly clean her pump. Another student reported that “ *I have not had any asthma symptoms for the past 4 weeks. I have discovered my triggers (dust, cigarette smoke) and know how to avoid them.*”

The main lesson learned from the OAS program is to Stop Asthma before it stops you! Take action! Always talk to your doctor or your school nurse if you are struggling with Asthma. You can be all you can be and lead a normal and productive life once you learn how to properly manage your asthma. Living free from asthma symptoms can become a reality and not just a dream.

Congratulations again to the Asthma class of 2011 and special thanks to the Principal of Mahalia Jackson, Dr. Lewis, the DSN, Jocelyn Janvier and Parent support, Ms. Scott and Ms. Cadlett for their contribution and support.

Frederick Douglass Academy Students Visits Congressman Rangel in Washington, DC

Frederick Douglass Academy (FDA) students was honored by having the opportunity to visit Congressman Rangel in Washington D.C. and also observe Congress in session.

On Thursday, April 14, 2011 FDA students stopped in Baltimore, Maryland on our way to Washington D.C.

We ate at the World Famous Ben's Chili Bowl and visited the Blacks in Wax Museum in Baltimore, MD.

On Friday, April 15, 2011 we visited Congressman Charles Rangel, where we spoke briefly with Congressman and we took a couple of photos that was around 10am. We then proceeded to the Capitol to observe Congress in session in the Congressional Gallery.



Emerging Technology Continues to Thrive at CS 200

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*Words from CEC Secretary
Elizabeth Porter*

To all the MOMS in District 5 we salute you. The *Community Education Council of District 5* would like to take the time to let every MOM know that you are someone special.

This has been a trying month of preparing and working with our children to be all that they can be. We are all looking for that same end result and that is to see our children succeed. It may not always seem like our children understand, but in the end it will be all worth it.

Be encouraged and remember it takes a **VILLAGE** to raise a child. Let's form a village that no one can penetrate in a negative way. Let's work together to get our children to where they need to be.

Young minds continue to be challenged at CS 200. Technology and preparedness continue to go hand in hand, as students learn the latest ways to search for information, prepare for assignments, and use free math and reading software on their IPADS. Students from kindergarten to fifth grade have been exploring their new computer applications with great skill, as their teachers help them navigate through the various benefits of this wireless technology while they continue to explore new ways for its many uses.

One of the applications that students are finding particularly fun as well as challenging is a math application. This application enables students to choose their level of comfort in solving various problems in multiplication, addition, division and subtraction. Students work against the clock to solve these problems. As student scores increase each round, so does the level of challenge, prompting a greater need for accuracy. In addition, English Language Learners (ELL) have found the language software a true benefit, enabling them to immerse themselves in the English language. They are able to choose words from categories such as food, clothing, or places, while the word is pro-

nounced for them displaying the picture of their choice. As they repeat the word given, they must then spell it out on the screen while matching it with a picture of the word. Students benefit greatly from not only seeing the word match its photo, but also gaining confidence as their repeated pronunciations begin to match that of the speaker's from the program.

As word of the various new applications begins to spread among students, an excitement has begun to take hold that is only increasing their desire for more knowledge, more challenges, and the fun that goes hand-in-hand with gaining both. Students agree that with a world of applications at both students' and teachers' disposal, the opportunities to enhance their own learning has just begun.



Super Saturday !! STEM EXPO—May 21, 2011

