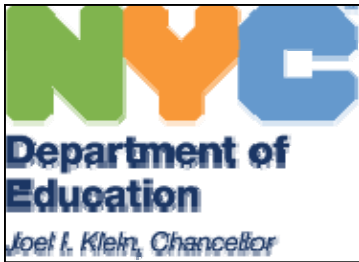


# PS 373R NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## Poetry from Mr. K's Class to Inspire You for the Great American Smokeout!

### Please Don't Smoke

We are the boys from X05  
We don't smoke cause we wanna stay alive  
So, Please don't smoke  
It ain't no joke  
And, If you want your lungs to turn black  
Then You must be truly wack  
So, Please don't smoke  
It ain't no joke  
You watch your money, fly in the breeze  
But smoking will make you cough and wheeze  
So, Please don't smoke  
It ain't no joke  
It can even give you a stroke  
So, Please don't smoke  
It ain't no joke  
And, If you don't want to die  
Or make your friends cry and cry  
Remember, Cigarettes are not a good buy



### Class X05 - Quamel M., Barry L., Kevin H., Justin M. Tyriek A., Adrian U.

- 2009 Great American Smoke Out **Thursday, November 19th** - The American Cancer Society 800-ACS-2345
- **Contest:** Staten Island Students are asked to write a song, poem or rap that talks about the dangers of smoking. This contest is open to students in all schools, grades K-12. Due 11/20/09. Mail to American Cancer Society, 173 Old Town Rd. S.I., NY 10305 Attn. Melissa Robson. (718) 987-8872



## Brothers Care, Inc. 2009 Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway

Brothers Care, Inc and Mama Teresa's Pizza House will be hosting their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Turkey Giveaway for needy families from Staten Island. They would like to give special thanks to Teddy Atlas Foundation, Health Plus, Team Tsunami, There To Care, Pink Diamond Steppers, PS 373 Staff and all others that helped and supported this event. For more info: Email: [Brotherswhocare@aol.com](mailto:Brotherswhocare@aol.com)  
Website: [www.brotherscareinc.com](http://www.brotherscareinc.com)



**DATE:** Tuesday November 24, 2009  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Mama Teresa's Pizza House at 1034 Castleton Avenue S.I. N.Y. 10310



*"Unity In The Community"*

## Blood Donations Reach a New High at PS 373R!

**From Maura Timmons, Blood Drive Recruiter at the Staten Island University Hospital:**

**I want to thank you for hosting another wonderful Blood Drive at PS 373R. We had 36 Potential donors walk in and we were able to collect 28 units of blood during a 4-hour period—which is wonderful. The winning class was out of Petrides. Jennifer Bond's Class X12 had the most adult donors. This class will receive a free Jimmy Max Pizza & Ice Cream Party.**

**I look forward to working on another Blood Drive in March or April of 2010!**





# PS 373R at PS 58 Halloween Celebration!



## Freezin' for a Reason - Take the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics - Staten Island's Great Kills Beach



December 5, 2009 & February 27, 2010

***Polar Plunge, Gateway National Recreational Center, Staten Island***

Immerse yourself in the cold waters of Gateway National Recreational beach in Staten Island to show your support for NYC Special Olympics athletes.

Opportunity for sponsorships and employee team building through fundraising team efforts.

**Make a Pledge to Take the Plunge for Special Olympics New York  
Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics New York**

**WHAT:** A Polar Plunge is a chance to be one of the thousands of brave souls with warm hearts across the state who will plunge into winter waters to show their support and raise money for the Special Olympics.

For more information contact Elizabeth Forest at  
212.661.3963, [eforest@nyso.org](mailto:eforest@nyso.org)

## Thank you Teddy Atlas Foundation for 100 Free Turkeys!

The Teddy Atlas Foundation has donated 100 free turkey dinners to our school. We had a raffle and the free turkeys are going out to about one quarter of the students at our school! The winners were notified by letter. If you have any questions about the pick up, please call the Parent Coordinator, Kirsten Rorke at 347-563-5281.

Thank you Teddy Atlas for helping our families in such a generous manner! The gift boxes include a large turkey, potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce and other side dishes. His crew works long and hard putting the boxes together and being on hand at the distribution site.





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**NEED HOMEWORK HELP? Dial-a-Teacher! Or Go to [www.HomeworkNYC.org](http://www.HomeworkNYC.org) for on-line help.**

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**Dial-A-Teacher**

Free telephone or chat help with Math, Reading, Writing and Science homework from a NYC teacher.

Call **Dial-A-Teacher** at **212-777-3380** from 4-7 pm Monday to Thursday when school is in session.

**NEW!** Try the new **Dial-A-Teacher** whiteboard from 4:30 to 6:30 Monday to Thursday when school is in session. .

Share a live whiteboard with a NYC teacher - chat, upload homework documents, draw geometry problems, view web resources together...

[Login to the Dial-A-Teacher Whiteboard](#) from 4:30-6:30 Monday-Thursday. Go to [www.vyew.com/partner/nypl/login/](http://www.vyew.com/partner/nypl/login/)



[www.HomeworkNYC.org](http://www.HomeworkNYC.org) will give you help with any subject in the school curriculum: Math, Science, History, Government, Language Arts,



Music & Art, Religion & Mythology, Geography and Health. [www.HomeworkNYC.org](http://www.HomeworkNYC.org) allows you to select the design for your own home page. GO TO [www.HomeworkNYC.org](http://www.HomeworkNYC.org) : Get one-on-one live help by phone or online from librarians, teachers, and professional tutors – and quick answers to question from encyclopedias and dictionaries. Use the password “homework” to get access to databases from NOVEL (New York Online Virtual Electronic Library), including The New York Times and other national newspapers and magazines With a library card from any of New York City’s public libraries: Get access to more databases and thousands of articles, pamphlets, and books online. [www.homeworkNYC.org](http://www.homeworkNYC.org) – powered by NYC’s public libraries.

**NYC Health Department Expands Weekend H1N1 Vaccination Clinics**

From Christine C. Quinn Speaker - New York City Council:



Every weekend from November 14 (this Saturday) through December 13, the City’s Health Department will be offering **FREE H1N1 vaccines at temporary clinics** located in schools throughout the city. Although these clinics were originally designed for middle and high school students, vaccines will be now available for anyone in the following groups:

- Pregnant women.
- Anyone 4 to 24 years of age. (Note: Children younger than 4 are not eligible to be vaccinated at these clinics. Please consult your child’s pediatrician, call 311 or go to [www.nyc.gov/flu](http://www.nyc.gov/flu) to find a location that provides vaccines to this age group.)
- Persons 25 to 64 years of age who have underlying health conditions that increases risk of severe illness or complications. Such conditions include asthma, diabetes, chronic heart and lung conditions, kidney failure, or a weakened immune system.
- Anyone who lives with or cares for children less than 6 months old

The vaccination clinics will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are limits on the number of people that the clinics can accommodate, so there may be lines. To prevent overcrowding, eligible New Yorkers are asked to attend the vaccination clinic nearest their home on the weekend that clinic is available. All of the sites are listed below.

In addition to the temporary vaccination clinics in schools, there are several other locations where folks can receive an H1N1 or seasonal flu vaccination. Please call 311 or log on to [www.nyc.gov/flu](http://www.nyc.gov/flu) to find the site nearest you.

You can also find other helpful information about preventing and treating both H1N1 and the seasonal flu at [www.nyc.gov/flu](http://www.nyc.gov/flu) .

**List of Staten Island H1N1 Free Vaccination Sites:**

Vaccine Site	Location	Dates and Hours of Operation	Priority Zip Codes
I.S. 51 Edwin Markham (R051)	20 Houston Street	Saturday, November 14, 9:00am-6:00pm Sunday, November 15, 9:00am-5:00pm	10302, 10303, 10311
P.S. 6 Corporal Allen Kivlehan (R006)	555 Page Avenue	Saturday, November 21, 9:00am-6:00pm Sunday, November 22, 9:00am-5:00pm	10307, 10309
P.S. 58 Space Shuttle Columbia School (R058)	77 Marsh Avenue	Saturday, December 5, 9:00am-6:00pm Sunday, December 6, 9:00am-5:00pm	10314
I.S. 24 Myra Barnes (R024)	225 Cleveland Avenue	Saturday, December 12, 9:00am-6:00pm Sunday, December 13, 9:00am-5:00pm	10306, 10308, 10312

**PS 373R @ PS 65 Wear Pink Day October 2009 -  
As Part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month**



**Cookie Dough Order Pick Up on Friday,  
December 4th at the Main Site**

If you ordered any of the delicious items from Joe Corbi's your order will be ready for pick up on Friday, December 4th. The items come frozen, and may be picked up at our Main Site, 91 Henderson Avenue. **Any questions? Call Laura Strohm @ (718) 431-4719!**



# October 23, 2009 Columbus Day Film Festival

We had a terrific Columbus Day Film Festival presentation by the classes at the Main Site on Friday, October 23rd in the Auditorium. If you would like to view some of the presentations, please go to [www.stufffromthelab.wordpress.com](http://www.stufffromthelab.wordpress.com) and look under the October Archive. Below is the script from the awesome film made by Ms. Christine Caputo's class. The title of the film is "Christopher Columbus - A Terrific Failure".

Christopher Columbus – A Terrific Failure  
: A terrific failure?

What do you mean a terrific Failure?

How can you be terrific, which means great?  
And A Failure, which definitely does not mean great?

Well that is what Chris was. A Terrific Failure!

He is terrific because he dares to think Different, when everyone is sailing east to get to Asia or The Indies as they were called then.

The trip east is lot of trouble because the trip just took to long, not to mention the stormy waters going around Africa

So Columbus is terrific because He sails west. He has courage, bravery and most of all thinks for him self. And another thing that is terrific is he never gives up. Talk about stubborn!

He starts asking for ships to make his trip to the east by sailing west in 1484. He asks again and again and again. But everyone thought he was crazy no one had ever sailed west, and no one would give him money for this trip. They were afraid they ships would just get lost in the big ocean and they would lose all their money.

So for 8 long years

He hears no no no no no no no no no, and finally Queen Isabella of Spain says yes. 8 years of no for 1 yes, now that is what I call persistence.

Ok he is terrific but how is a terrific failure.

Well what was his goal?

That is easy to find a short western route to Asia!

Well did he find it? NOooooo

He never did, of course not. He found and sort of discovered North and South America, but he never got to Asia! Which changed the whole world, as Europeans came to and colonized North & South America which they called the New World

Still he never got to Asia so in that,

his main goal to reach asia by sailing west! he failed!

And what is even more of a Failure , he never knew it!

What ? that's right he thought That San Salvador was an Island off Japan, and that Cuba was China.

He made four trips back and never learned the truth! He always thought he reached Asia, which is why he called the people there Indians, he thought he was in the Indies.

Talk about clueless.

The journey is the goal?

What does that mean?

well we could compare Columbus to a great basketball player in high school, I mean a kid that plays constantly, and wants to play in the NBA so he gets a scholarship to go college to play ball,

but he break his ankle and never makes it to the NBA, however while in college he studies medicine, becomes a scientist and finds a cure for cancer. Saves millions of lives and gets the Nobel Prize in Science!




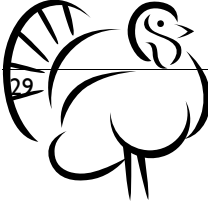


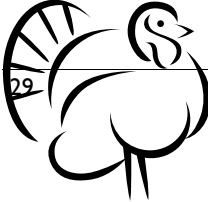
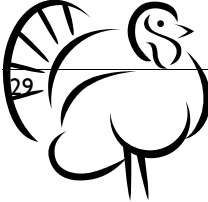
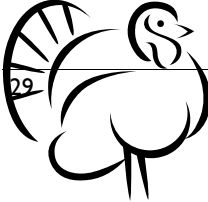
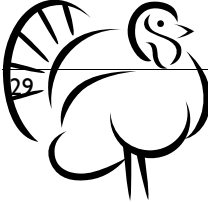
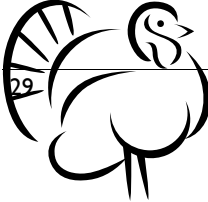
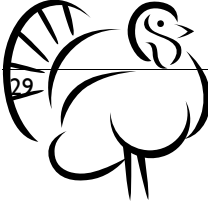
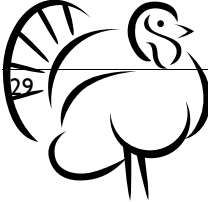
What a terrific failure, he never gets to play ball, but what he does is so awesome he is what you call a terrific failure just like Christopher Columbus a terrific failure!

Think about it the journey is the goal, maybe you to could be a terrific failure!





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 Election Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	4 Cookie Dough Orders are due!!	5 Main Site Parent Teacher Conference	6	7 
8	9 SIFPTA Petrides, Bld. C 9:30 a.m.  Cookie Dough Or-	10 PS 58, PS 861 & PS 65 Parent/Teacher Conference Day	11 Veterans Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	12	13 	14 SI Mall Parking Lot - Greenmarket 8-4p.m. Fresh Veggies Recycle Day!
15 Alice Austen Museum - Celebrate Hudson's 400th! 718-816-4506	16 School Photo Day at Petrides Site Send in your envelope!	17 Main & PS 65 Photo Day! Petrides Parent/Teacher Conferences Aft. & Eve.	18 PTA MEETING at 6 p.m. at Main Site	19 Parent Support Group at PS 58 Site 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	20	21 Blue Heron Park Learn about the Lenape Indians 917-751-0071
22 	23	24 Brother's Care, Inc. Free Turkey Giveaway 6-9p.m. at Mama Teresa's Pizza	25	26  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	27  <b>NO SCHOOL</b> December 4th Cookie Dough order arrives at Main Site	28 Historic Richmondtown 3:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Kitchen Tour
29 	30 	30 	30 	30 	30 	30 

## Schedule of Events

- **Wednesday, November 9th** PTA Fundraiser! Cookie dough orders are due—Question? Call Laura Strohm (718) 431-4719 (Cookie dough order *delivery* is at the Main Site on December 4th)
- **Thursday, November 19th** - The Great American Smokeout—The American Cancer Society 800-ACS-2345
- **Tuesday, November 16th** - Staten Island Project Homefront—care packages for the troops in Iraq, Afganistan and Kuwait - deadline for packages being packed. Go to [www.siprojecthomefront.org](http://www.siprojecthomefront.org) for more information.
- **Tuesday, November 10, 2009 - PS 58, PS 861 & PS 65 Parent Teacher Conference Day** - Afternoon and Evening- Half Day of School for these sites only. See sign up sheets for exact times. (Meet & Greet at PS 58, 77 Marsh Avenue at 10 a.m.)
- **Tuesday, November 17, 2009 Petrides Parent Teacher Conference Day** Afternoon and Evening- Half Day of School for this site only. See sign up sheet for exact times. (Meet & Greet at 1p.m.)
- **Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27, 2009 Thanksgiving Break** - NO SCHOOL!
- **Tuesday, November 24, 2009 6-9p.m.** - Brothers Care, Inc. & Mama Teresa's Pizza 1st Annual Turkey Giveaway Mama Teresa's Pizza House at 1034 Castleton Avenue S.I. N.Y. 10310

**P.S. 373R BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*Two little darlings were delivered to  
Andrew and Shannon Schron (Main Site) on October 6, 2009.  
Mackenzie Elizabeth Schron - 3 pounds 12 ounces at 2:44 a.m. &  
Courtney Paige Schron - 4 pounds 3 ounces at 2:46 a.m.*



*At our P.S. 58 Site our teacher Kim Russell had a little girl,  
Sierra Rose Russell. Speech Teacher Jennifer Hecht had a little boy. Dates and  
weights to follow in the next newsletter!*

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**Mini Building Halloween Trip to Green Side UP!**

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## WE'RE ON THE WEB: [WWW.373VIRTUALPTA.WORDPRESS.COM](http://WWW.373VIRTUALPTA.WORDPRESS.COM)

### Petrides October Update - Friday Paw's Club

Our New Behavior Plan has been introduced school wide. Wally and the Paw's Club Kids Puppets have visited each classroom and introduced all new school rules. Students are all engaged in learning in all area's of our curriculum. In addition our Friday Paw's Clubs have begun. Students are enjoying PopCorn & Movie Club, Computer Club, Cooking Club, and Arts & Crafts Club.



### The Good Shephard, Inc. Medicaid Service Coordination

The Good Shephard, Inc. is a not-for-profit nonsectarian agency regulated by the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD). They strongly stand for and believe in an individual's potential for growth and personal development, regardless of disability and circumstance.

The Good Shephard is currently seeking new referrals for the following services:

- **Medicaid Service Coordination**
- **In Home Residential Habilitation**
- **Respite**

You may contact The Good Shephard, Inc. at (718) 448-0442 or via email at [good-shephardsi@gmail.com](mailto:good-shephardsi@gmail.com) Address: 89 Arlington Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10303

