



PS 373R JUNE 2010 NEWSLETTER

Letter from the Principal

Wow! It is incredible how quickly this school year went. As we approach the end of another school year, teachers are working hard to keep students engaged in their academics while numerous activities are occurring and Spring fever is creeping in. It has been another wonderful journey in the P373R organization.

I believe P373R is a great place to grow and learn, and we have the potential to be even better. Our goal is to provide an excellent education for our special students and assist families in "becoming more involved with your child's education so that we continue to move forward in striving for excellence in all that we do.

Our school motto is "Teamwork in the Best Interest of Children" We also could not possibly operate without the support of our parents/guardians and family members who give with a generous loving heart; however, we need more of you in the upcoming school year.

I want to share some of this year highlights that include:

- Science Fair
- Tech Fair-Film fest
- Parent Training offered in Everyday Math
- Enhancing High Achiever Math groups/Partner with home depot
- Participate in D75 Achievement Fair
- Expansion of Get Ready to Learn Program
- Implement SMILE
- Implement Move to Improve Program,
- Participating World Math Day,
- Goal setting for all students
- ARIS Inquiry Spaces/Communities implemented by staff and accessed by Parents and student
- Acuity Access by teachers and students to be aware of goals and next steps/students given opportunity to share with parents.
- Implemented a student Council
- Piloted a new Alternate Assessment Program SANDI,
- Implementing ABLLS.....continuing Brigance Assessments
- Respect for All week Activities/collaboration with counselors
- PBIS Assemblies
- Reading Buddies- P58/ P861
- Student of the Month assemblies P65
- Implement Sensory Garden-scents and/ foods-grow plants & herbs
- Implement and expand Cook Shop Program at Mini and P58



- District & P373R Idol and Spelling Bees
- School wide and PTA Carnival
- Partner with community local food Banks

Arts Program

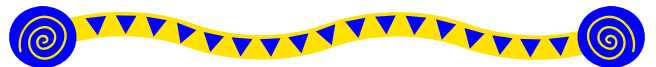
- Partner with (MOMA) Museum of Modern Art and,
- Marquis studio performing Arts collaboration
- Ms. Seminara's Giorgio Armani project
- Ms. McNamara's dance troop in the Mini building and receiving a \$5,000 grant to enhance ballet and Jazz from the North Shore Rotary Club,
- Acceptance for the Town Hall Educational Arts Outreach Program's Foundation Grant.
- Sample of student work featured in VSA Arts of NYC 2010 Murals Project-Month of February
- Cultural Fair- Petrides
- Holiday and performing Art (Drama) Assemblies

Participating in Community District 31 Performing Arts evening

and the list goes on and on and on and on!!!!

I want to thank everyone who has given their time to support and improve our school this year. I look forward to begin planning our journey into the new school year and I wish all who are moving on to middle school a wonderful experience and successful New Year!! Thank you for all you do!

- Ilene Goldstein-Harnett



Ms. Cunningham's Class at the Carnival!

Free Summer Fun & Activities for Kids - 2010

MUSEUMS WITH FREE HOURS

American Folk Art Museum- Free Friday nights from 5:30 to 7:30

Museum of Modern Art- Free admission Friday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Socrates Sculpture Park- local sculptors present various installations. Free **Manhattan Children's Museum** Free 5pm to 8pm on first Fri. each month

The New York Botanical Gardens- Free Wed: all day, and Sat: 10am-12

The Bronx Zoo- Free Admission on Wednesdays

All museums in NYC are free all year long to NYC Public HS students with an ID Card.

For addresses, call 411 or 311 or use computer internet

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS

Location: Various NYC Outdoor Public Swimming Pools

Ages: 1-14

When: Registration begins in July. More information will be available on locations in late June. Call 718-760-6969

To Find a Pool Near You Call 311 or Visit:

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/facilities/pools>

FREE TENNIS LESSONS FOR KIDS, by NY Junior Tennis League

When: July – August, 2010

Where: To find a tennis center call 718-786-7110 extension 8126

Or go to: http://www.nyjtl.org/community/locations_summer.htm

Ages: 6-18

To sign up: visit a Community Tennis Center nearest you.

FREE GOLF LESSONS, by City Parks Golf

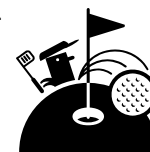
When: Two 4-week sessions run in July and August for beginner and intermediate level players. →

Ages: 6-17



Call 718.760.6999 for information on how to register and find a center

Or go to: <http://www.cityparksfoundation.org/sports/golf.html>



FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES FOR KIDS Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden Announces "Movies Under the Stars" A FREE Outdoor Summer Movie Series for the Whole Family!

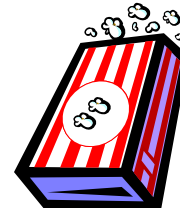
Fridays at 7:00pm on the NEPTUNE FOUNTAIN STAGE featuring performances by a local band each night

- **MAMMA MIA!** Based on the award-winning ABBA musical June 25
- **JAWS** Steven Spielberg summer thriller July 9, 2010
- **CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND** Steven Spielberg science fiction film July 16, 2010
- **MADAGASCAR** DreamWorks animated children's favorite July 23, 2010

Bring a beach chair and blanket, bring some food and camp out with your family and friends to enjoy a **FREE** night out on the **East Meadow of Snug Harbor**. Popcorn and water will be on sale.

For more information visit

www.snug-harbor.org www.facebook.com/SnugHarborSI or call 718-425-3516



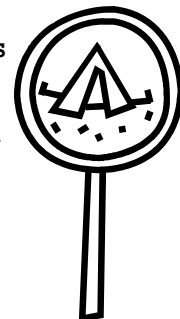
OUTDOOR CAMPING FOR KIDS, by the Urban Park Rangers

When: Friday and Saturday nights in July and August

Where: Parks Are Available in All Five Boroughs

To find a campsite near you Call 311 and ask for Urban Park Rangers

Or go to: http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_about/



PS 373R PTA Meeting Minutes June 11, 2010

Location: PS373R, Room 208, 91 Henderson Avenue, S.I., NY 10301

Start Time: 9:00 a.m.



Officers Present: John Scarso - President, Laura Strohm – Vice-President, Perian Wise – Secretary, Dawn Port – Vice-President, Jennifer Walsh - Treasurer

Independent Observers: Joan McKeever-Thomas- UFT Parent Liaison, Jeanne Johnson – President of the S.I. Federation of PTAs, Cathy Carlson – Treasurer of the S.I. Federation of PTAs.

Meeting is called to order.

Minutes were approved.

President reminded PTA of Autism Walk - June 13, 2010

Treasurer report approved.

PTA is submitting a survey letter to be distributed to parents for future reference.

There were no additional nominations for the election from the floor.

PTA Election commenced.

PTA Election results for the 2010-2011 school year were:

President -	Dawn Port
Vice-President –	Jennifer Walsh
Secretary -	Peggy Lindsey
Treasurer -	John Scarso

SLT Election commenced.

SLT Election results for the next term starting Fall of 2010:

Maria Cuffaro, John Scarso, Maritza Sabato, Perian Wise, Jennifer Walsh

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 a.m.



Bring your family to the 9th Annual West Brighton HARMONY DAY!

Date and Time: Saturday, July 17th from 8a.m. to 6p.m.

Location: Corporal Thompson Park on Broadway between Wayne St. and Richmond Terrace

FREE for the entire family!

* Free Food * Face Painting * Steppers *
FDNY Smoke House * Giveaways * Entertainment * Free Health Screenings * Community Recognition Award



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Message From the PS 373R PTA President

To All in the PS 373R Family,

June, 2010

As we end another school year, I would like to thank all those parents who volunteered their time this year. Since this was my second year as your PTA president, there will be a new one elected soon who will take over on July 1st. Looking back over the past two years, we have done many worthwhile activities with the school. In the fall we have our cookie dough fundraiser and holiday fair. We donated money to the garden program behind the mini building which is proving to be even a bigger success than last year. Food drives and turkey giveaways aided needy families and the backpack program in 2008 gave backpacks to students who could not afford them. We sponsored teams in the AutismWalk in Manhattan every June and this year will be our third walk.

The spring brought our Mother's Day plant sale as well as the Spring Carnival which over the past two years had stellar weather and the children had a great time. I established positive contacts with our local elected officials and brought positive media attention to the school.

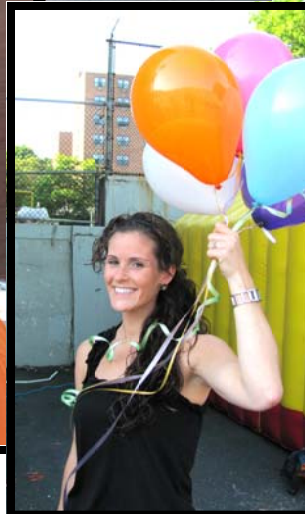
Of course I was not alone. I wish to thank my vice-presidents Laura Strohm and Dawn Port, who coordinated our two major fundraisers, Jennifer Walsh who was our treasurer and Perian Wise who was our secretary. I wish to thank all the other parents who came out over the past 2 years when they were needed. As with all good things, we will have a change in leadership and the prospects of new members are encouraging. We have reached out to our teaching staff and many have signed up to get involved in the upcoming school year and we welcome them.

I wish to also thank all the staff at PS 373 for their help. Principal Harnett, her APs and support staff has been invaluable to the PTA. A special thank you to Kirsten Rorke, our parent coordinator, for putting up with me on a daily basis. She was our guardian angel. Finally I wish to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your president. I am confident that our best days lay ahead.

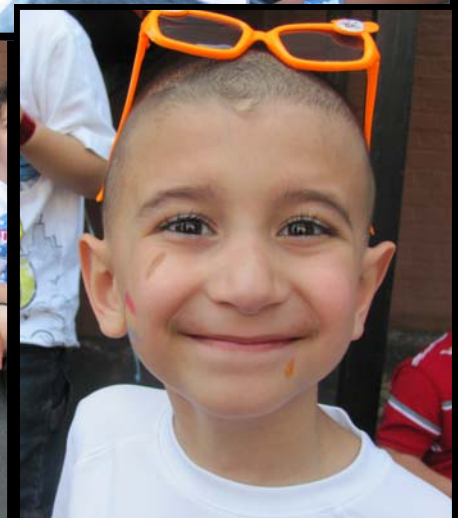
Thank you, John Scarso PTA President PS 373R 2008-2010.

Friday, May 21, 2010 PS 373R Spring Carnival

Everyone came together to make the Carnival a special day. We had Bouncy Rides, a gigantic blow up Titanic Slide, Face Painting, Barbecue and plenty of fun and prizes for our kids. NY1 came and covered the event. A special thank you to Frank Sullivan and Paul Young for volunteering to barbecue the food. ↓ Many thanks to our PTA members for also volunteering to help out! →



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PS373R Students *Go Around the World* for the Cultural Day Fair at our Petrides Site!



We had a magnificent event at our **Cultural Fair Day** at our Petrides Site! The students had a wonderful time and we had about 25 parents attend the 2 shows.

The students presented 2 songs and an iMovie which we made in computer lab. Our Cultural Day Fair is a Celebration of our K-2nd grade student's work throughout the school year. We have visited six different countries: Russia, Mexico, Italy, China, Australia, and Kenya. Our students have learned cultures and traditions, language, geography and mapping skills, architecture, famous artists, and have even sampled authentic cuisine from our journey around the world. They have completed web quests and research projects during computer lab and have also created beautiful art work to represent each county.

After the show the students took their parents around to view the many beautiful projects which they completed throughout the school year. A great time was had by all. Thank you to Ms. Jacci Carocchia & Ms. Christine Curran for putting together such an amazing fair!

You may see more photo's on our Paw's Club Blog which you can visit at :

<http://sunnysidepaws.wordpress.com/>

Museum of Modern Art Comes to Petrides “J” Building

P.S.373R is once again fortunate to take part in a partnership with the **Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)** in NYC. This year the two classes selected for participation were X-11 with Mrs. Aronovich and V-02 with Mrs. Ruggiero.

This MoMA partnership matches a museum educator with our school. This year we had **Ms. Kirstin Broussard**. This is the 4th year we have participated and have been lucky enough to have “Ms K” all four of the years.

As in the past, we had eight on-site visits where the students discussed works of art as a catalyst for their own creative expression through various art projects. We traveled to NYC to visit the museum and interacted with original works of art by various artists. The theme for this year was “**Animals**”. The children made Sun-prints, murals, masks and Thaumatrope. A Thaumatrope is a card with pictures on both sides, which appear to combine when the card is twirled rapidly. Go to www.373rartaccess.wordpress.com for more information! Thanks to Art Instructor **Christine Curran** for such an incredible job!!!



North Shore Rotary Club Gives \$5,000 Dance Grant to our Mini Building Dance Troupe

Thanks go to **Brianne McNamara** who created the P373R Dance Troupe at the Main site with students on the Autism spectrum and aligned the program with the DOE Blueprint for the Arts. Thanks also go to **Meredith Broderick** who saw Brianne's vision and reached out to the community to fund this wonderful program.

Ballet shoes, free standing mirrors and ballet bars will be purchased as well as supporting funds to allow students the opportunity to attend various dance performances throughout the city.



We had a wonderful dinner to thank and discuss the dance program with our North Shore Rotary Club friends. We look forward to their visit on June 14th to see the Dance Troupe in action!

The JCC was also a grant recipient for a music program they are implementing. We look forward to have relationships with these community organizations in the future to enhance our Arts program.

Congratulations to the Students of the Month at our PS 373R at PS 58 Site!

Three Inclusion Students received "**Student of the Month**" Awards in the PS 373R @ PS 58R Inclusion Program. They are:

- ♦ **Vincent Smith** - Class 1-211 (Maria Cacace - Inclusion Teacher and Dorina Alonzo - Para)
- ♦ **Joseph Arellano** - Class 3-307 (Maria Cacace - Inclusion Teacher and Jessica Wilkens - Para)
- ♦ **Louis Cossean** - Class 4 (Maria Cacace - Inclusion Teacher)



PS 373R Shines in the District 75 Spelling Bee!



Congratulations to our amazing kids who participated in the District 75 Spelling Bee on Friday, May 28, 2010 at P79M in Manhattan.

Free Public Golf Courses, Pools and Tennis Courts in Staten Island, NY

Golf Courses

LaTourette Golf Course

1001 Richmond Hill Road, Greenbelt • 718-351-1889
There are 455 acres of wooded park land, an 18 hole golf course, driving range, clubhouse with pro shop, restaurant, ski and sleigh hills and lockers. Free parking available.

South Shore Golf Course

200 Huguenot Avenue, Huguenot • 718-984-0101
A beautiful 18-hole public golf course equipped with driving range, lockers, restaurant and lounge.

Silver Lake Golf Course

915 Victory Blvd • 718-447-5686
A well manicured 18 hole golf course located within a tight wooded area that includes several sloping, tight fairways and two water hazards that come into play.



Pools (Note - West Brighton Pool is CLOSED)

Faber Park Pool

2175 Richmond Terrace, Port Richmond • 718-442-9613 *Located here is a pool for swimming with a minimum depth of 3 feet.

Joseph L. Lyons Pool

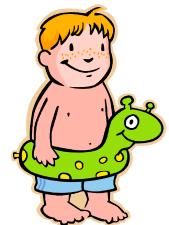
20 Victory Blvd., St. George • 718-816-9571
Both swimming and wading pools at this location.

Tottenville Pool

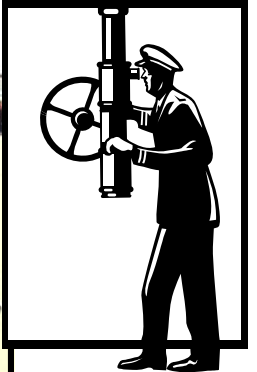
6960 Hylan Blvd. & Joline Ave., Tottenville • 718-356-8242

Tennis Courts

Silver Lake Park • 718-816-9723
Walker Park • 718-442-9696
50 Bard Ave., West Brighton
Willowbrook Park • 718-698-2186
Richmond Ave. & Eaton Pl.
Wolfe's Pond Park • 718-984-8266
Cornelia Ave. off Hylan Blvd.



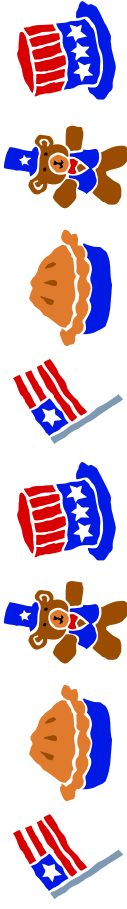
PS 373R Field Trip for Fleet Week






PS 373R Participates in the Spring 2010 Special Olympics at Tottenville High School!



JULY 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	JUNE 28th LAST DAY OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR- HALF DAY!	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 Wolfe's Pond Park Concert featuring U.S. Army Band 7-9p.m. FIREWORKS AT 9P.M.
Fourth of July!! 	5 NO SCHOOL	6.) FIRST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL (NOTE: LAST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL IS AUG. 13)	7	8 Autism Awareness Concert at Silver Lake Park featuring "The Bronx Wanderers" 8-10 p.m.	9	10 Mid-Summer Swing: South Beach Boardwalk Dance under the stars, 7-9PM FREE
11 Salt Water Fishing 10a.m. to Noon at the Fishing Pier in Lemon Creek Park (Hylan & Sharrot) FREE Pole & Bait - 8 years and UP	12	13 1ST DAY OF PARENT WORK-SHOP - YAL/PROJECT GROW 9:30 - NOON	14	15 	16	17 West Brighton Harmony Day 8a.m.-6p.m. Corporal Thompson Park (Broadway btwn. Wayne & Richmond Terrace) FREE FOOD & FUN!!!!
18	19	20 YAL/PROJECT GROW 9:30 - NOON	21	22 Westerleigh Park Concert featuring Blue Meanies & Head Over Heels 8-10p.m.	23	24 FRESHKILLS PARK TOURS 10A.M. 7 18-967-3542 Witness the transformation!
25 Conference - House Museum - Volunteering! Assist in Forest Restoration (718) 390-8021	26	27 YAL/PROJECT GROW 9:30 - NOON	28 	29 Conference House Park Concert featuring Alive 'n' Kickin' 8-10p.m.	30	31 'Til the Cows Come Home Family Barbecue at Greenbelt Recreation 4-8PM Adults \$7, Kids \$3 (718) 667-2165