

PS 373R JULY 2011 NEWSLETTER



Message from the Principal:

It is with GREAT excitement that I am celebrating the completion of my THIRD year as the Principal of this wonderful organization P373. I am so lucky to be working with such dedicated staff and wonderful families but most of all our children!

Congratulations to all our new PTA Executive Board members and welcome back to the existing members. I had a great year getting to know each Board member and you are fortunate to know that they are great advocates for all the students. P373R is a large organization with students of multiple disabilities in two testing categories of standardized and Alternate Assessment spread out in five sites not including inclusion sites. I urge you to become more involved in the school and your child's education and to PLEASE get involved with the PTA. There is so many events being planned and it cannot be done without you.

I want to thank all the parents that completed the Learning Surveys this year. This helps us to set goals for the new school year to provide more collaboration in home to school connection.

This summer theme is Math and literacy through Project Based Learning. You will read about what the students are doing this summer about their class projects in a future newsletter. Talk to your child about what they are learning and what type of projects they are working on. The children are always eager and excited to talk about the process of working on their projects and I am always thrilled to see the end results.

I also want to share with excitement that P373 will be getting our play yard repaved and designed through the Out2play (out-too-play) foundation. Out2play is a dynamic nonprofit organization devoted to keeping NYC schoolchildren healthy by transforming asphalt lots into customized play spaces.

OUT2PLAY provides new - and much needed - play spaces for public schoolchildren all over New York City. Their public/private partnerships bring government, business, foundation and individual funders together for a single shared goal:

To keep Children active and healthy by providing safe, welcoming play spaces.

I will be meeting with the organization sometime in September to discuss the planning calendar. The committee will be represented by parents, students and staff. When I am informed with all the particulars I will keep you posted. The completion of the play spaces will be sometime in the spring or summer of 2012.

Have a wonderful, happy and healthy summer!

Fondly,

Ilene Goldstein-Harnett, Principal

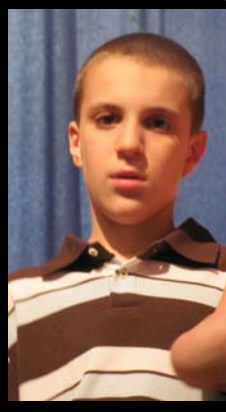
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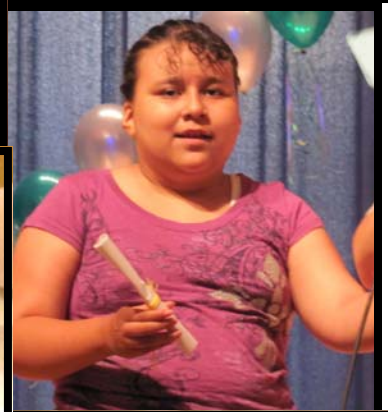
- ◆ **Summer School:** July 6th to Monday, August 15th
- ◆ **First Day of School in Fall:** Wednesday, Sept. 8th
- ◆ **Summer Reading at New York Libraries** is an annual program that brings children and families into local public libraries for reading and activities. To learn more or find your local library: www.summerreadingnys.org



Senior Class Trip June 20, 2011 at Nansen's Park

PS 58 Site & Mini Building Moving On Ceremony - June 22, 2011





Main Site Moving On Ceremony - July 6, 2011

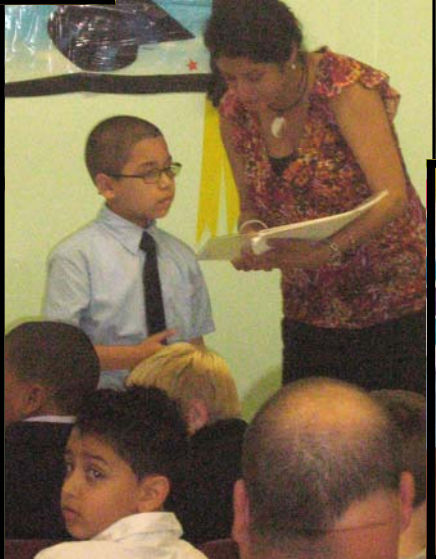
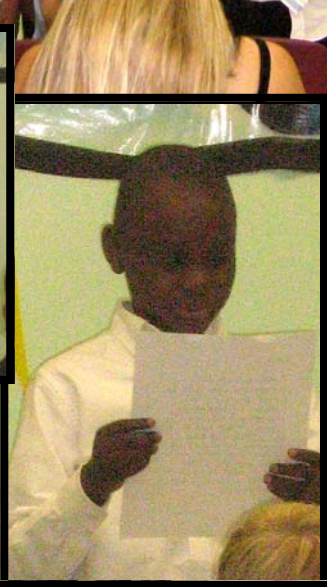






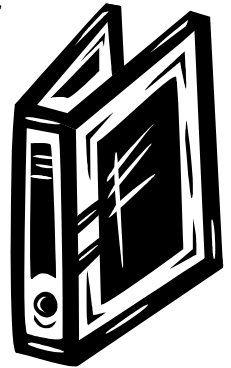


Petrides Site - Moving On Ceremony 6/24/11



FREE Health Care Notebook Training - July 21, 2011

Have you ever gone to the emergency room with your child and had a hard time remembering his/her health history or medication dosages? Would you like to organize all of your child's medical information into one binder? Come to this training and receive a free health-care notebook!



When: July 21, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where: Parent to Parent of NYS/Institute for Basic Research – 1050 Forest Hill Road, Staten Island, NY 10314

Registration is required! **Please call 718-494-3462** to reserve a FREE NOTEBOOK!

“People First Grassroots Effort” - July 26th

On Tuesday, **July 26, 2011**, the Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Council will be hosting a “**People First Grassroots Effort**” Information Session.

The service system for individuals with Autism and developmental disabilities receiving programs and services will be drastically impacted.

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to attend this vitally important Information Session.

DON'T ALLOW FORTY YEARS OF PROGRESS TO BE DISMANTLED AND IMPACT THE QUALITY OF LIFE TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND ON JULY 26TH.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact 718-983-3800.

YAI Network - Family Support Series - Summer '11

- Friday, July 22nd, 10-12:30 p.m. **Fostering Friendships between Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Typically Developing Peers** Pre-Register by calling 212-273-6182 Location: 460 West 34th Street, 11th Floor, NY, NY 10001 Free for parents & Caregivers only – no children please.
- Wednesday, July 27th, 10 - 12:30 p.m. **Discussing Diagnosis with your Child** Pre-Register by calling 212-273-6182 Location: 460 West 34th Street, 11th Floor, NY, NY 10001 Free for parents & Caregivers only – no children please.
- Wednesday, August 3rd, 10-12:30 p.m. **Autism and Allergies: Is there a Link?** Pre-Register by calling 212-273-6182 Location: 460 West 34th Street, 11th Floor, NY, NY 10001 Free for parents & Caregivers only – no children please.
- Monday, August 8th, 10-12:30 p.m. **Stand, Stretch, Breathe: A Yoga Class for Parents with Take Home Tips for Your Child** Pre-Register by calling 212-273-6182 Location: 460 West 34th Street, 11th Floor, NY, NY 10001 Free for parents & Caregivers only – no children please.
- Monday, August 15th, 10 – 12:30 p.m. **Behavior Management 101: How to Use Prompting and Fading** Pre-Register by calling 212-273-6182 Location: 460 West 34th Street, 11th Floor, NY, NY 10001 Free for parents & Caregivers only – no children please.