



Upcoming DOE Dates:

- ◆ **Summer School: July 5, 2012 to August 14, 2012**
- ◆ **First Day of School in Fall: Thursday, September 6, 2012**

Workshops/Programs:

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Greenbelt Environmental Education Center** 200 Nevada Avenue, SI, NY 10306. Offers Summer programs to help young campers discover the wonders of the forest. For information call 718-667-7475 or go to www.sigreenbelt.org.
- ◆ **Free Breakfast and Lunch** available to all children 18 years old and under every weekday. Sandwiches, Salads, Fruit, Cold Milk. **Call 311** to find an open public school, pool, or park near you.
Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. -9:15 a.m.
Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
- ◆ **Free Healthcare Notebook Training at Parent to Parent NYS:** Tuesday, July 24th at Institute for Basic Research, 1050 Forest Hill Road, Staten Island. Call 718-494-3462. Learn to keep your child's health and education records organized in one notebook (free with workshop!).
- ◆ **Reel Abilities, Disability Film Festival** at Elizabeth Connelly Center Bld. 41A, 91 Willowbrook Rd. August 2nd at 7p.m. FREE. *Shooting Beauty*- a documentary about a fashion photographer taking photos of people with disabilities. (718) 983-5357



Message from the Principal:

It is difficult to comprehend that it is already the third week of the summer program and what a great summer we are having at The Robert Randall School!

I want to welcome the new students and staff that are assigned to us this summer. Chapter 683 is an instructional program where students receive academic instructional services throughout the summer.

We always like to make instructional activities more fun in the summer by working on project based activities with a culminating presentation at the end of the summer program. This year the summer theme is *America the Beautiful*. Your child may discuss specific topics, bring home artifacts, write pieces and challenge you on facts about the topic they are researching in class that is aligned to the summer theme.

The staff has also come up with innovative and exciting activities aligned to the theme for students to participate in this summer program.

Some of these include a poster contest, Wacky Wednesday's, where students and staff are encouraged to wear red, white and blue clothing, and Girls Club. In lieu of Friday's Power of Choice clubs there will be Olympic events held at the Main site.

In celebration of our new beautiful play yard area, we are also providing a Sprinkler Program for our early childhood classes at the Main site this summer. You should have received a notice with a permission slip if your child is participating in the Sprinkler Program. Water shoes are mandated for all students participating. If your child requires sun block you must apply it on your child before school as staff is not allowed to apply lotion on students without medical authorization from a physician.

Standardized testing will be the week of August 6th. The ELA exam is August 6th. The Math Exam is August 7th, and the make-up on August 8th. If your child is promotion-in-doubt, they **MUST** be present in school to take the exam. Please look out for reminder notices.

I want to wish everyone a safe and wonderful remainder of the summer. Good luck to all our students articulating to middle school. We wish the students who were assigned to us in the summer a wonderful school year when they go back to their community schools.

1st Annual Chess Tournament at PS 373R @ PS 861



Congratulations to our winner, Anthony Marino, and the other participants in our 1st Annual Chess Tournament: Ahmad Balogun, Christopher Urciuoli, Tyler Benitez, Anthony Sciddurlo, and Michael Yarbrough. Our wonderful counselor, Amy Ryan, coordinated an afternoon of fun and good sportsmanship for our students in Inclusion and the ASD program.



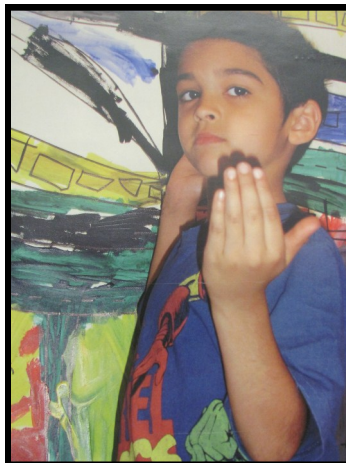
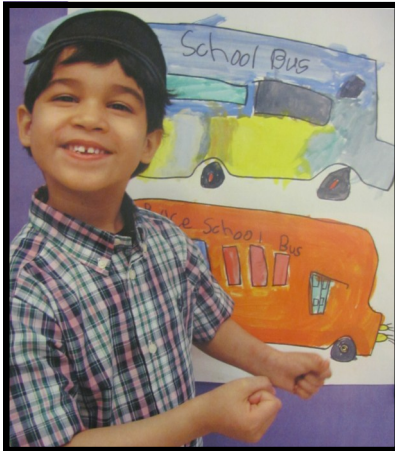
PS 373R Parents as Arts Partners Mural Project

The next time you are at the Main Site, please visit the schoolyard in the back and see the new Mural. One of two new paint projects for the Main, our Art Teacher, Elena Seminara, has made a wonderful impact on the colorful new area! Parents, teachers and students worked to make this happen through funding from the Center for Arts Education. Visit: www.373muralart.wordpress.com





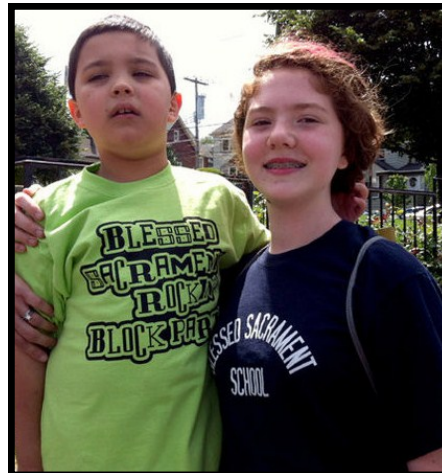
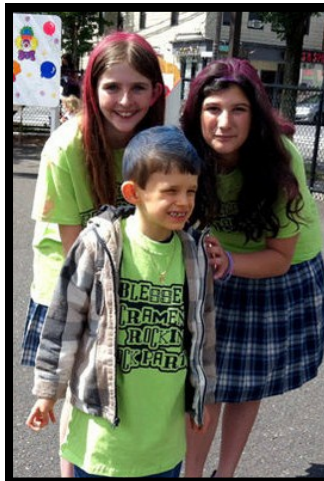
PS373R @ Petrides Museum of Modern Art Project



Many thanks to art teacher Christine Curran and M.O.M.A for a fabulous show of art at our Petrides Site. Our students explored Book Making, Drawing, Painting and Photography.

S.I. Advance Features PS 373R at Blessed Sacrament Block Party

SPECIAL GUESTS I: Special-needs students from PS 373 were special guests at Blessed Sacrament School's Second annual Block Party designed like a carnival, where students were treated to games, treats, a bounce house, tattoos, face painting and more. The event was led by BSS mom, Kerry Falcone, and the Blessed Sacrament Mothers' Guild. Volunteers and countless hours of time brought the two groups of students together. From left: Sarah Sweeney, BSS student; James Walsh, Jr., PS 373 student; and Stephanie Trimarchi, BSS student, pause for a photo.

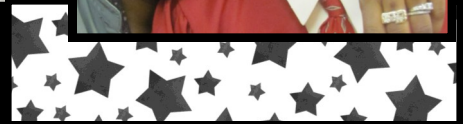


SPECIAL GUESTS II: From left, PS 373 student Frank Viggiano, left, and BSS student Katarina Rikic get to know one another.

Main Site Graduation Ceremony 6/22/12



Congratulations!



PS 373R Performs at District 31 & 75's 3rd Annual Performing Arts Night



From the Staten Island Advance, May 10, 2012:

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - **ALL SHORES** - Remember the old TV game show, "Let's Make a Deal"? The one where Monty Hall asked contestants whether they wanted to see what was in the box, in his pocket or behind the curtain?

If you'd been among the hundreds who attended District 31 & 75's 3rd Annual Performing Arts Night at the Petrides School in Sunnyside on May 10, there was a clear answer: "I want what's behind the curtain."

The students from 17 schools who took the stage couldn't have presented a better mix for a most appreciative audience of family members, officials and friends. The older students were more accomplished; the younger ones, more free-spirited. The dancers stepped higher; the musicians riffed longer.

It was an evening that would convince any doubting Thomas that the performing arts are essential to a well-rounded education.

"The arts are extremely important," said District 31 Superintendent Erminia Claudio, who was seated front and center. "It makes the whole child. If you ask any of these children what they remember later (in life), these are the things they will remember.

PS 373, representing District 75, fielded a chorus that sang a medley of patriotic songs, plus a 10-member dance team outfitted in black suits and white fedoras that performed with great verve to Lou Bega's "Mambo No. 5."

The choral director is Peggy Currelley; the dance troupe is choreographed and directed by Barrianna McNamara.

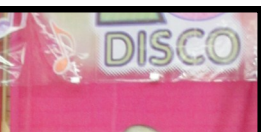


PS 373R Main Site Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony

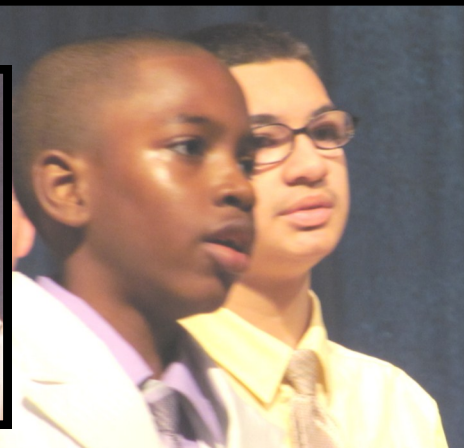


June, 2012 Mini Building Dance Show: *Disco Inferno!*

A big thank you to Ken Decker of the Rotary Club whose donations help fund our Dance Program. Thanks also go to Diane McNamara, mother of Connor, who donated the white suits for "You Should Be Dancing". As always, thanks to Mary Ellen Fontana for an amazing slide show! If you would like to buy a DVD with the slide show and a movie of the performance, send \$8.00 in an envelope attention: Bariantte McNamara (choreographer and dance instructor extraordinaire!).



**PS 373R Graduation for Mini Building, PS 58 Site
& PS 65 Site on Monday, June 18, 2012**



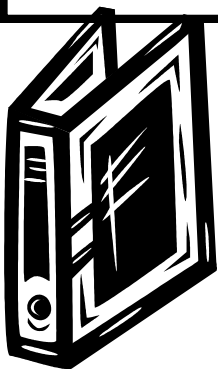
Congratulations!



Graduation at our Petrides Site, June, 2012



Summer Reading Program at the NY Public Library



VISIT www.summerreading.org to discover lots of exciting online summer reading activities. Rate the books you read this summer, win badges, and more!

Call Kirsten Rorke at (718) 816-8897 Press "1" then "3" to get a new card and an activation form to take to the library nearest you!

"The Ultimate Fairy Tale: A Story About Overcoming Bullying"

From The Staten Island Advance -- Exceeding expectations while conveying a powerful anti-bullying message is exactly what a group of special needs students did yesterday at the Staten Island School for Civic Leadership in Graniteville. (PS 373R @ PS 861 Site)

The children, grades kindergarten through eighth, have learning disabilities or a form of autism, but they overcame those challenges to put on a play they wrote mostly themselves on the school's stage in front of about 250 parents, students and teachers.

The play, "The Ultimate Fairy Tale: A Story About Overcoming Bullying," featured 57 students and teachers, and the anti-bullying theme came largely from teachings the students received from their instructors in the classroom. But some students had the unfortunate experience of being bullied first hand, so it had a more personal tone to them.

"The (message) of the play is we're trying to stop bullying because bullying is really serious and should be stopped," said Tyler Benitez of Pleasant Plains, who played "Evil Scientist Tyler," one of the main bullies in the production. "My brother has been bullied, and I've been bullied before."

Six different classes wrote scenes, and Mark Corallo, speech pathologist at the school, directed everyone and brought the production together. He worked with the children and assistant directors Carol Conroy, Randi Termo and GG Kahil since January to put on three separate productions this week culminating with a show for the many proud parents yesterday morning.

This is the second year special needs students are putting on a play, but it has grown from just two classes last year to include all special needs students in the school.

"What we decided to do this year is make it a much larger scale to teach them language and social skills," Corallo said. "So we included every child from every classroom."

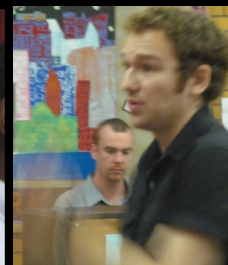
In the play "Evil Scientist Tyler" kidnaps "Princess Anastasia," played by Anastasia Martinez of New Brighton, and tries to force her to be his friend. Eventually "Prince Anthony," played by Anthony Sciddurlo of West Brighton, frees the princess with the help of a group of wizards, "Mini Me Dancers," and a whole host of colorful characters.

In the end the prince marries the princess and "Evil Scientist Tyler" is at the nuptials as a friend, conveying a message of forgiveness and acceptance through a heartwarming story that brought many parents in the audience to tears.

"It was beautiful," said parent Nicole Gambaro of Tottenville. "I cried the entire play. The teachers, the staff everybody did a wonderful job."



Urban Voices - Music Grant from the Metropolitan Opera!



This year our Art Teacher Elena Seminara wrote a grant for Urban Voices: a Choral Music Initiative to come to our Main Site and teach our students about music. This year long choral instruction program built music literacy, text comprehension, and listening skills. The students sang and created their own songs for a final performance! Thanks to Joel Escher from the Metropolitan Opera for teaching our students.

Free Autism Workshops at YAI, 460 West 34th St. - Call 212-273-6182

- **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8TH**
6:00 – 8:00 PM
How Sensory Processing Impacts Social Skills
Becky Lewin, MS, OTR/L, The Parkside School
- **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH**
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
What To Do If You're Just Getting Started – Accessing Services in the Developmental Disability Service System
- **TUESDAY OCTOBER 16TH**
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
DSM-5: An Update on the Changing Definition of Autism and its Implications Peter DellaBella, MD
- **THURSDAY AUGUST 30TH**
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Yoga and Relaxation
Laura Mitchell, LMSW, LMT, Supervisor, YAI LINK, Certified Kripalu Yoga Instructor
- **MONDAY OCTOBER 1ST** **10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**
Upcoming Changes in Funding and Program Design for People with Developmental Disabilities
- **TUESDAY OCTOBER 23RD**
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Understanding Psychological Evaluations Glenn Ellenbogen, PhD