

The Wonders of the Icahn Charter Schools...

There are many ways to determine if a school is successful. The most common measure of success is the achievement level on both the New York State ELA & New York State mathematics test. In the seventeen years since the opening of the 1st Icahn Charter School, we have all grown to expect high achievement and have never been disappointed. We were all very pleased, yet not surprised when three Icahn Charter Schools gained recognition as **United States Department of Education National Blue Ribbon Schools**. The fact that almost every Icahn graduate passes the admissions test for a specialized high school, parochial or private school is what every parent expected when they first entered our lottery for admission.

Our annual lottery is absolutely incredible. The Icahn Charter Schools had a total number of **24,531** for next year. As a newspaper reported years ago, "It is easier to get in to Harvard than an Icahn school." Without question, Icahn parents and students have clearly demonstrated how grateful they are and how fortunate they feel for being admitted to an Icahn Charter School.

We often read of unfortunate situations that occur in the New York City school system. Once again, our students never disappoint us and make certain to do their best and make their parents and teachers proud every day.

Certainly, the main ingredient to having an effective school is the quality of the teaching and administrative staff. Our teachers are the best that I would have wanted for my children when they were younger. Their intelligence, professionalism, dedication, love of children and intense knowledge of their areas of instruction are unmatched anywhere. I have traveled the country providing workshops at hundreds of schools and can say that without any hesitation. We should always make that extra effort to thank our teachers at every opportunity.

Every ship needs a captain. Even the best crew needs that very special person to guide them, get them where they need to be by having their hand on the pulse of the mission. Our captains are our principals.



The Wonders of the Icahn Charter Schools... cont'd

There is an old expression, "the proof is in the pudding." Most recently, the Icahn Charter Schools participated in **The American Debate League Spring Classic Debate Tournament**. As reported in a *press release*, "*Icahn Debate League dominates at the American Debate League hosted the 2018 Spring Classic at Hyde Leadership Charter School.*" The tournament hosted schools from all over the Bronx. The Icahn Debate League consists of all seven Icahn Middle Schools. All three of the prestigious sweepstakes awards went to the Icahn schools.

Parents who have been with us for a number of years will recall my statement on WNET TV.... "Yes we can & yes we did."

As always, thank you for your wonderful children.

Jeff Litt
Superintendent

Icahn Charter Schools Around the World... Today, New York City, Tomorrow the World!!!

I am very proud to announce that the Ambassador of the Czech Republic, Maria Chatardova will visit Icahn Charter School #3 as part of their participation in the New York City Junior Ambassador Program.

Icahn Charter School #4 will be visited by the Ambassador of Australia, Gillian Bird as part of their participation.

I congratulate both Ms. Glattstein, Principal of Icahn Charter School #3 and Ms. Allen, Principal of Icahn Charter School #4 for going beyond our curriculum for this extremely worthwhile program.

The teachers and children should be commended for all their successful efforts to make this program a success. ***They have placed the Icahn Charter Schools on the Map of the World!!!***



**The American Debate League hosted the 2018 Spring Classic
at Hyde Leadership Charter School on April 21st**

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On Saturday, April 21st, the American Debate League hosted its Spring Classic Debate Tournament. The tournament was held at Hyde Leadership Charter School located in the Bronx.

The tournament hosted schools from all over the Bronx. The schools participating in the American Debate League are some of the "Best Debaters in the Bronx".

The Icahn Debate League, which started this year, consists of all 7 Icahn middle schools.

The Icahn Debate League has truly left their mark in the Debate World, in their inaugural season, by winning most of the top awards at both Bronx tournaments.

All 3 of the prestigious sweepstakes awards went to Icahn schools.

The Icahn Debate League won 1st place (Icahn 5), 2nd place (Icahn 3), and 3rd place. (Icahn 4)

In the team awards, Icahn 5 won 1st and 2nd place teams, while Icahn 3 won 3rd place.

In the speakers' category, Icahn 1 took 1st and 3rd place, while Icahn 5 captured 2nd place.

The Icahn Debate League has qualified to become a member of the American Debate League travel team.

The American Debate League travel team competes in our tournaments in other boroughs and in Long Island, as well as attend one of the national middle school debate tournaments in the Northeast.

April 21st Bronx Spring Classic Debate Tournament results:

Team awards:

Novice division:

1st place team: Naomi Okunrobo, Gary Griffiths, Mary Obilor

(Icahn 5)

2nd place team: Kianalis Corcino, Tijjani Adey,

Mariama Diallo

(Icahn 5)

3rd place team: Isaiah Boateng & Madisyn Hernandez

(Icahn 3)

4th place team: Thays Garcia, Naana Asiedu, Kiara

Monteiro

(Icahn 2)

5th place team: Janice Darkwah & Serana Ranipendharkar

(Icahn 1)

Speaker awards:

Novice division:

1st place speaker: Serana Ranipendharkar

(Icahn 1)

2nd place speaker: Kayla Ahiable

(Icahn 5)

3rd place speaker: Janice Darkwah

(Icahn 1)

4th place speaker: Isaiah Boateng

(Icahn 3)

5th place speaker: Shane Tucker

(Icahn 7)

Icahn American Debate League Winners... cont'd



Top 12 speakers



Icahn 1 wins 5th place sweepstakes



Icahn 7 wins 4th place sweepstakes



Icahn 4 wins 3rd place sweepstakes



Icahn 3 wins 2nd place sweepstakes



Icahn 5 wins 1st place sweepstakes



Top 5 debate teams

ICAHN CHARTER SCHOOL GRADUATION DATES

2017-2018 Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremonies

SCHOOL	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
ICS #1	Friday, June 29, 2018	9:30 am	1506 Brook Avenue Bronx, New York 10457 (Middle school)
ICS #2	Wednesday, June 27, 2018	9:15 am	1500 Pelham Pkwy South, Bronx, NY 10461 (auditorium)
ICS #3	Wednesday, June 27, 2018	9:30 am	1500 Pelham Pkwy South, Bronx, NY 10461 (auditorium)
ICS #4	Tuesday, June 26, 2018	1:00 pm	1500 Pelham Pkwy South, Bronx, NY 10461 (auditorium)
ICS #5	Thursday, June 28, 2018	9:00 am	1500 Pelham Pkwy South, Bronx, NY 10461
ICS #6	Friday, June 29, 2018	9:00 am	1701 Fulton Avenue Bronx, NY 10457 (auditorium)
ICS #7	Wednesday, June 27, 2018	9:30 am	1535 Story Avenue Bronx, New York 10473



2017-2018 8th Grade Graduations



SCHOOL	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
ICS #1	Thursday, June 28, 2018	9:30 am	1640 Bronxdale Ave. Bronx, NY 10462 (ICS #2 auditorium)
ICS #2	Friday, June 29, 2018	9:15 am	1640 Bronxdale Ave. Bronx, NY 10462 (auditorium)
ICS #3	Friday, June 29, 2018	9:00 am	1500 Pelham Pkwy South, Bronx, NY 10461 (auditorium)
ICS #4	Friday, June 29, 2018	12:00 pm	1500 Pelham Pkwy South, Bronx, NY 10461 (auditorium)
ICS #5	Friday, June 29, 2018	3:00 pm	1500 Pelham Pkwy South, Bronx, NY 10461 (auditorium)

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#5 Wednesday, June 6, 2018

#6 Friday, July 6, 2018



Remaining Icahn Charter Schools 2017-2018

Monday	May 28	Memorial Day (Schools closed)
Friday	June 15	Eid-al-Fitr (Schools closed)
Wednesday	July 4	Independence Day (Schools closed)
Friday	July 6	Last day for students and staff (12:00 pm dismissal)



School Calendar!

Icahn Charter Schools 2018-2019 School Calendar

Tuesday - Friday	September 4, 5, 6 & 7	All Staff Report for Professional Development (There will be no classes)
Monday-Tuesday	September 10-11	Rosh Hashanah (Schools Closed)
Wednesday	September 12	All students and staff report (12:00pm dismissal for Kindergarten students only)
Wednesday	September 19	Yom Kippur (Schools Closed)
Monday	October 8	Columbus Day (Schools Closed)
Tuesday	November 6	Election Day (No Classes) All staff report for Professional Development
Monday	November 12	Veteran's Day (Schools Closed)
Thursday - Friday	November 22 & 23	Thanksgiving Recess (Schools Closed)
Monday through the following Tuesday	December 24 – January 1	Winter Recess including Christmas and New Years All staff and students return on Wednesday, January 2 nd
Monday	January 21	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Schools Closed).
Tuesday	February 5	Lunar New Year (Schools Closed)
Monday - Friday Lincoln's	February 18-22	Midwinter Recess (includes Washington's Birthday & Birthday) (Schools Closed)
Friday - Friday	April 19- 26	Spring Recess (including Good Friday & Passover) (Schools Closed) Staff & Students return April 29 th
Monday	May 27	Memorial Day (Schools closed)
Tuesday	June 4	Eid al-Fitr (Schools Closed)
Thursday	July 4	Independence Day (Schools Closed)
Friday	July 5	Last Day for Students and School Staff. (12:00 p.m. Dismissal) Network staff, principals/office staff/staff developer security Report

IMPORTANT DATES



NEW YORK STATE EXAMS... 2017-2018



NYSESLAT Speaking

Monday, April 9—Friday, May 18, 2018

Math NYS Exams

Tuesday, May 1- 2, 2018 ... Math Grades 3-8

NYSESLAT Listening, Reading & Writing

Monday, May 7-18, 2018

NYS Science Performance

Wednesday, May 23-Friday June 1, 2018 ..Grades 4 & 8

NYS Science Written

Monday, June 4, 2018 ... Grades 4 & 8

New York State Algebra Regents

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 @ 1:15pm ... Grade 8

New York State Living Environment Regents

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 @ 1:15pm ... Grade 8

New York State World Language Assessment

Monday, June 18, 2018 @ 1:15pm ... Grade 8



ICAHN NETWORK EVENTS / PLEASE... MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Educational Superbowl -

Date: Wednesday, May 9, 2018
Time: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Location: 1500 Pelham Parkway South
Bronx, New York 10461

State of the Network -

Date: Thursday, May 24, 2018
Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Location: 1500 Pelham Parkway South
Bronx, New York 10461

Network Science Fair -

Date: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 / Grades K -4
Time: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Location: 1500 Pelham Parkway South
Bronx, New York 10461 (lower library)



Date: Friday, June 8, 2018 / Grades 5 - 8
Time: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Location: 1500 Pelham Parkway South
Bronx, New York 10461 (upper library)

ICAHN CHARTER SCHOOL #1

We are near to the end of another school year. I can't believe it is almost over! It seems as though it were yesterday that I took over the reigns as principal of Icahn 1 and here we are now with just two months remaining until my first year is officially over. As the phrase goes, "Time flies when you are having fun."



Icahn 1's staff members were at the center of things this school year. Everyone worked extremely hard, day in and day out, to get our students on or above grade level. Tutoring and Saturday Academy were the two mainstay programs that we used to provide extra support to our students. I personally want to thank the staff for always urging our students to attend both programs. Student attendance, especially on Saturdays, increased drastically.

Our students were the center of attention during last week's pep rally. We decorated the gymnasium with positive messages for our students to witness. Also, many of our teachers spoke to our students during the event, leaving them with even more positive messages of encouragement. It was a pleasant experience for our students.



A HUGE thank you to our parents for supporting all of our new initiatives this year, such as, Physical Education and weekly library visits. We could not have had the success that we have had this year without your support. Additionally, thank you for attending meetings, reaching out when necessary, and playing an active role in your child's education.

ICAHN CHARTER SCHOOL #2

The PBL Science Core Knowledge Projects were, once again, extremely dynamic and impressive. The 4th grade projects reflected part of the unit on *Colonization of A Planet and Habitat Modifications*. The project displayed research on the possibilities of settling on a different planet and what modifications to the planet's conditions would have to occur. The fifth grade students were asked to create a model demonstrating how *Earth's Major Biomes affect the interdependence of plants and animals*. The 1st graders had to create a *3-dimensional model of a planet they conducted research on*. The models for the each project were imaginative and varied in media. Some were made of Styrofoam while others were constructed out of Paper Mache and balloons. The students took great pride in presenting these projects to their peers. Great Job!!!!



ICAHN CHARTER SCHOOL #3

Icahn #3 has been recognized as a New York State Reward School for High Progress for 2016-2017. We are in the top 10% of all schools in New York State for gains on the New York State ELA and math exams between 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years. This is a reflection of the high quality of teachers and learning that takes place at Icahn #3 pm a daily basis.

Also, strong parental support plays an integral part in our success. Congratulations to the entire Icahn #3 community! Together, we can achieve the extraordinary!



ICAHN CHARTER SCHOOL #4

After learning about the Volstead Act and Prohibition in 1920's America, our 8th grade students used their social studies knowledge, creativity, and tech skills to create their own silent films to reflect the causes and consequences of the 18th amendment on American culture and life. Our students investigated the hallmark features of silent films from the era before storyboarding and filmed, edited, and presented their seven original films at The First Annual Bee's Knees Best of the Bronx Silent Film Festival on March 24th.

At their 18th conference, the Committee for Teaching About the United Nations awarded two Icahn Charter School 4 educators--Borah Coburn and Joshua Katz--with their 2017 Excellence in Education award for their work with the NYC Junior Ambassadors program. Hosting over 500 educators from around the globe, the April 6th conference focused on empowering educators and educational



partners to step up to better serve the world's children.



To hear more about serving the world's children, the committee asked ICS #4 NYC Junior Ambassador alumnus Askadeline Milanes to share her experience finding her voice as a Junior Ambassador.

Throughout the month of May, Icahn Charter School #4 will be visiting and engaging in a walking tour with The Bronx Historical Society to learn about the history of the Bronx dating back to the 17th century. Students will participate in a walking tour of Pelham Parkway with a trained tour guide, learning how the area came to be during colonial times. The students will also visit the Edgar Allan Poe cottage and Valentine Varian, the only farmhouse in existence in the Bronx from the 1700's.



There's always something going on at Icahn #4. On Saturday, March 10th, Ramapo Center for Children hosted a parent workshop entitled "Communication, Conflict and Connecting with your Child." The Ramapo Center provided resources and tips for parents on effective communication, responding to conflicts and maintaining strong connections with their children. There were 20 families in attendance at this informative and exciting workshop. The parents of Icahn #4 are eagerly awaiting Part 2 of the workshop in May.

ICAHN CHARTER SCHOOL # 5

It is hard to believe we are at this point in the year. As you are aware, students and teachers powered through the New York State ELA exam recently. I have no doubt that the results will be astounding. State testing begins in third grade, but it continues each year into high school and eventually leads to college-readiness. At this young age, our responsibility as the adults is to provide children with a positive attitude and the appropriate support for test skill building. We should be very mindful about the impression we create for children. Positive attitudes foster positive results. The test dates for the New York State Math exam are May 1st and May 2nd. Please make attendance on testing dates a priority as well as proper rest and nutrition. Thank you for all you do in your support of Icahn 5.



ICAHN CHARTER SCHOOL #6

Students and staff at Icahn #6 are motivated to achieve and are working hard in their classrooms to reach their highest potential! Icahn #6 students in Grades 3-7 gave it everything they could on the NYS ELA test and we feel confident and couldn't be more proud of them! Our STAR students with GRIT have enjoyed the fruits of their labor, celebrating their hard work! In Grades K-2, students are finishing up a residency with LEAP and have enjoyed their journeys to the MET in conjunction with their curriculum. The school celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday and students enjoyed writing about, reading, and learning more about his life.



We have an abundance of upcoming field trips the students are very excited for including Camp Herrlich in just a few weeks! With the Spring upon us, we cannot wait to see all that is to come for our students as the year continues to progress. We are grateful



to all our parents for their continued support and enthusiasm!

ICAHN CHARTER SCHOOL # 7

Icahn Charter School #7 is excited that the spring season has finally begun! With spring comes a refreshed and renewed feeling. These new feelings of excitement, purpose, and focus were evident during our ELA practice groups and during the New York State ELA exams. I am thrilled to say that the invention of our Icahn #7 “scholar dollars” this year helped to incentivize our test preparation program as students were able to earn scholar dollars and cash them in for special rewards like our movie night and our dress down day celebrations. The students really enjoyed working towards the weekly academic goals.

We are also proud that we are able to incorporate Spirit Week this year. Spirit week is a time for our students to celebrate school pride and to enjoy being apart of the Icahn #7 community. Our students participated in school activities that reinforced a sense of school community.

Icahn #7 students continue to participate in various clubs and activities. Our K–2 grade students take part in our after school arts and craft club. Our third through fifth graders enjoy being members of our chess and STEM club. We have launched a debate team this year for our students in grades 6. In addition to the debate team, the basketball team continues to serve our students in grades 5–6. I am thrilled to say that our basketball team won their first game against KIPP Infinity Charter School. Way to go team!

Icahn Charter School #7 also had the opportunity this spring to participate in the SMARTS Spelling Bee competition sponsored by Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda and Councilman Ruben Diaz. Students from various schools across the Bronx, in grades 3–5, participated in this event. I am excited to say that Marcus Knight, one of 4th graders, won a second place prize trophy. Way to go Icahn Charter School #7!



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Our mission

Icahn charter schools, using the basic Core Knowledge curriculum developed by E.D. Hirsh, will provide students with a rigorous academic program offered on an extended day/year. Students will graduate armed with the skills and knowledge to successfully participate in the most rigorous academic environments, and will have a sense of personal community responsibility !!!

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