



Superintendent's Message

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Welcome back to the third volume of our Community School District 5 newsletter and our first of the 2011-2012 school year.

For the past two years we had overwhelming support from schools, parents and community alike in creating a newsletter that highlights the accomplishments of our students.

For this coming year we hope to continue the success of our newsletter and ask that you continue to submit and share your school highlights with us. We continue to work to transform the lives of our students through exemplary teaching in a world-class system of innovative and welcoming schools. We hope to enlighten and engage our students through creative and progres-

sive programs so that they will become productive and industrious global citizens. In this issue we focus on some of the innovative initiatives evident in some of our schools.

Please also join me in welcoming all new staff to District Five community, including the following new principals: *Reginald Higgins* (PS 125), *Natasha Spann* (PS 197), *Dawn Brooks-Decosta* (PS 318), *Sean Davenport* (TMA), *Joseph Gates* (FDA), *Miriam Nightengale* (CSS), *Daniel Black* (MS 514), *Jeanene Worrell-Breeden* (PS 517) and *Pamela Price-Haynes* (PS 161).

I look forward to receiving your responses and feedback. My best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Gale



*Community Superintendent
Gale Reeves*

Read Out Loud ! Family Literacy and Book Festival

Saturday, December 3, 2011

10:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.—Doors open at 10:00 a.m.

PS 92 Mary McCloud Bethune

222 West 134 Street (Between 7th and 8th Avenue)

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- ◆ *Celebrate reading books with authors and illustrators.*
- ◆ *Free books*
- ◆ *Workshops*
- ◆ *Arts & crafts*
- ◆ *Raffle prizes*
- ◆ *Author book signing*

Something fun for everyone: All free!

- ◆ *PK— Grade 4: story hour, puppets, theatre performances*
- ◆ *Grade 5—8: poetry slams, creative writings, theatre workshops*
- ◆ *Adults: workshops to help children read, community resources and programs*

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FDA goes to Japan thanks to SMBC and JAL

For the past ten years, two generous Japanese companies, SMBC and Japan Airlines have been sponsoring FDA students on trips to Japan. This year's participants, *Aarianna Barnes, Jazmin Bramble, Alani Carmona, Aniya Greaves, Ashley Iguina, Chantal Guzman, Iliana Herran, Eliyah McKayle, Cynthia Ortigoza, and Chrissan Wilson* were chosen among many other applicants to voyage on this year's epic seven day trip in November.

Not only will this group learn about Japan's history, culture and language, they will have once in a lifetime experiences by partaking in activities like Zen mediation and traditional Japanese tea ceremonies. In Japan, they will visit distinguished temples, historic museums and monuments, trendy shops, traditional restaurants and walk world-famous neighborhoods like Harajuku and Ginza.

On the itinerary is the new Sky Tree, a gigantic monument which will hover over the Tokyo Tower and is expected to open to the public next year. This is a journey which will never be forgotten by our participants and helps them become "*citizens of the world*". If students are interested in joining us in the future, they must demonstrate academic excellence, immaculate attendance, a love of Japan and Japanese culture, and have a valid passport !

We are very appreciative of Mr. Mas Ichida , FDA Japanese Instructor and the Ichida family who also help to sponsor the trip. Mr. Ichida's, father is a well known writer in Japan and he also helps in coordinating some of the special events that our students participate in during the learning excursion to Japan.



CCNY Unveils Community Art Gallery November 14 Highlighting PS 129 Student Artists

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Artists in Harlem and other Upper Manhattan neighborhoods are getting new space to display their work. The City College of New York will open its new community art gallery 5:30 p.m. Monday, November 14. In addition, the first in a monthly series of “art on the wall” projection exhibits will debut that day, as well.

Dubbed “*Windows on Amsterdam*,” the new gallery is located in CCNY’s North Academic Center (NAC) plaza, at Amsterdam Avenue by West 136th Street. It will be made available to local artists and will also present college exhibits.

The first exhibit, “*The World Around City College: Celebrating Hamilton Heights*,” runs through December 15, 2011. It highlights student drawings from nearby John H. Finley School (PS 129) and photographs taken by CCNY freshmen. Linda L. Carlson, deputy and Fulbright program advisor, City College Office of Undergraduate Studies, curates the exhibit.

The exhibit’s theme was inspired by the 2007 book “*The World in a City: Traveling the Globe Through the Neighborhoods of the New York*,” by Joseph Berger. Mr. Berger, a 1966 City College graduate, is a columnist for “*The New York Times*.”

“*Harlem in the City*,” the initial projection exhibit, features the work of CCNY and community artists. Works for this show come from Harlem School of the Arts, Dwyer Cultural Center, Harlem Arts Alliance, Hamilton Landmark Galleries, Weusi Artist Collective and “Klatsch,” a CCNY student art magazine.

Mott Hall HS & Mayor Bloomberg Plants A Pin Oak Tree

On October 18, 2011 Mayor Bloomberg and the students of Mott Hall High School celebrated the halfway mark of the MillionTreesNYC initiative by planting the 500,000th tree, a Pin Oak, at Saint Nicholas Park in Harlem.

Teacher Maritza Santana and Paraprofessional Richard Williams joined the mayor and Knick star Carmelo Anthony in the celebration of the event and the students learned about the importance of planting and caring for trees in our city.

“Our students were very enthusiastic about participating in the program. As a teacher I was glad to see the students internalize the event with connection to classroom curriculum.” said Ms. Santana.

Principal Ms. Villalona states “We look forward to working with Shalini Beath, Deputy Director of MillionTreesNYC to provide additional opportunities for our students to establish links between the schools’ natural science curriculum and other City initiatives.

The projected shows, which change monthly, will be on display the second and third weeks of each month from 6 p.m. to 12 midnight, seven days a week.

Dr. Myrah Brown Green, CCNY executive director of arts and culture, said the gallery and “art on the wall” series are part of the College’s ongoing initiative to forge stronger community ties through the arts.

“This endeavor is supported by the office of City College President Lisa S. Coico and is part of her ongoing initiative to bring this institution even closer to the community and cement our ties in different spheres, including the arts,” Dr. Green, a renowned artist and master quilt maker, added. Additional support was provided CCNY’s Arts and Cultural program in the Office of Government and Community Affairs.

For more information on City College’s new “*Windows on Amsterdam*” Community Art Gallery and the “*Harlem in the City*” exhibit, please call Dr. Myrah Brown Green at (212) 650-5361.



Pictured: Crayon drawing by Katherine Castillo, a first grader at the Finley School, will be part of the art on display at CCNY’s new Community Art Gallery opening Nov. 14.

To learn more about MillionTreesNYC, please visit us online at www.milliontreesnyc.org.



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To

District Wide School Leadership Team Training

Topics for Discussion

- ◆ ***Comprehension Educational Plan (CEP)***
- ◆ ***SLT Roles and Responsibilities***
- ◆ ***Budget at a Glance***

***Wednesday, November 30th
4:00 pm—6:00 pm***

***Harlem Renaissance Technology Center
425 West 123rd Street—6th Floor
New York, New York 10027***

Starting School

A little excited
A little scared
Not afraid of the new year,
A little joyful
A little proud
Can't wait to see the new
crowd!

By Jaeden Major

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P.S. 92M**

**The Salad Bar at Lunch Time:
A Fun Fix or A Flop?**



The students enjoy being able to serve themselves, therefore having control over their portion size, choice of vegetables and choice of dressing. Some fourth graders suggested that they would recommend alternating to a "fruit salad" bar on certain days to add variety to the healthy options.

As a new school year begun many of the students at P.S. 92 were "WOWED" by the improvements and additions that were made to the salad bar. When surveyed, 90% of fourth graders said they like the idea of having healthy options during lunch. However, only 60% said that they actually choose to eat salad every day of the week.

