



**NYCDOE - Community School District 5**

*Highlights of Community School District 5 Harlem Schools*

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**Closing Out the School Year**

As the school year draws to a close I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing cooperation and support. Our school communities have much to celebrate but there remains much work to be done. Our schools are busy preparing for summer school in order to ensure that additional instruction is geared to those students most in need, as well as to accelerate and provide enriched learning activities. New York State will officially release English Language Arts and Math scores in July.

The Department of Education in consultation with the New York State Education Department, released promotional cut scores in order to facilitate promotional decisions and determine which students will be invited to attend summer schools. Promotions decision letters

will be mailed home to parents by the week of June 14th. Parents are encouraged to directly contact their child’s school if there are specific questions or concerns.

This month we send a special thank you to our fathers as we celebrate Father’s Day on June 19, 2010.

I would like to thank Morningside Area Alliance for partnering with CSD5 in organizing STEM Expo on May 22, 2010 at the Harlem Armory. A special thanks goes out to all school participants, the District Community Education Council, Abyssinian Development Corporation, New York Cares volunteers as well as many other organizations who ensured the event was a huge success.



**Superintendent Gale Reeves**

There were many parents, students, teachers and school building leaders in attendance showcasing their science, technology, engineering and math expertise. Congressman Rangel toured the expo and congratulated our students on the innovative projects displayed. Overall, the event was extremely successful and I look forward to organizing many more similar events. Have a wonderful summer!

***P.S. 125’s Student Donates Hair to Help Cancer Patient!***  
***By Zenja J. Murrell***



A 4th grade dual language student, Brissa cut her hair to find a cure for people with cancer. She recalls that on May 13, 2010 she cut her hair because she has an aunt that has cancer and, because of chemotherapy, does not have hair on her head. Brissa recalls “when I went to donate my hair, I saw people that were very sad and I also saw kids that had cancer. I saw a little girl that was about 12 months old and she had cancer too. I couldn’t believe what I

was seeing. I told my Mom that I wanted to donate my hair to the little girl so my Mom told the people and they said yes. This made me so happy because the little girl was going to have hair. Although I was able to help one little girl, I felt sad because there were so many sick people that I couldn’t help. I told them they would get better and they smiled at me. I wish I had more hair to donate!”

### ***Thurgood Marshall Academy of Social Change Brothers On a New Direction (B.O.N.D.) 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner***

The Brothers On a New Direction (B.O.N.D.) Program held their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner. Members along with their families attended the event as well as facilitators who spoke to the young men throughout the year.

Each B.O.N.D. member introduced a facilitator who was then presented with an award for touching the lives of these young brothers.

The B.O.N.D. Program takes place on Tuesdays from 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. and Fridays from 3:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

The Program offers academic enrichment such as tutoring, literacy component, reading and math remediation, and teaches young men about independent living skills.



*“Emily from Wells said, “Everyone was so friendly and welcoming. I felt like I was just one of the students they normally hung out with. I had a great time.”*

### ***Mott Hall High School students and Wells High School Students - Three Day Exchange Program***

*By Mary Anne Grammer*

On Wednesday, May 5, 2010 eight Mott Hall High School students and eight Wells High School students began a three day exchange program. The students participated in a “College for Every Student” Leadership summit with their new Mott Hall buddies. The students toured Ground Zero, Battery Park, Columbia University, Cathedral of St. John the Devine, Chinatown, The MET and FIT.

The students also tasted the different cuisines of NYC: Cuban, Indian and Chinese. Nohely Diaz from Mott Hall High School summed up the exchange by saying, “I learned many things from this experience. Spending time with new people opened my view on different places.” Nia Yhaya from Mott Hall High School said, “This exchange has been a wonderful experience. I got to meet people from different backgrounds. It really opened my eyes and truly made me open to different ideas and possibilities. This was truly

a wonderful experience and I’m glad that I was offered the opportunity and experience.” Mott Hall High School students will visit Wells, New York. Students will visit local colleges and explore the Adirondacks by hiking, canoeing and kayaking. The students are eager to learn first hand what it is like to live in up-state New York. . Ms. King from Wells said, “No matter where we are from, we are all the same, just our experiences are different.”



### ***New York Urban League Opens Technology Center at Harlem Renaissance High School***



A \$300,000 Grant from Verizon will be used for Internet-Skills Workshops for High School Students and Community Residents of Harlem.

In a collaboration to bridge the technology gap, the New York Urban League, Verizon and the New York City Department of

Education launched the New York Urban League Technology Education Center at the Harlem Renaissance High School.

The Center will offer broadband access and computer skills training as well as targeted employment and educational workshops, affirming the Urban League’s commitment to empowering the Harlem community.

The Urban League received a check in the amount of \$150k as part of the Verizon Foundation's \$300k commitment to the center in 2010-2011. The center will be open to the public, providing crucial computer skills training, employment throughout the commu-

nity, as well as other work shops for senior citizens.



## *Special Activities and Honors for PS 154 during National Library Week!*

*By Carla Burns*

**We had a great National Library Week!** PS 154 celebrated National Library Week with special activities during the week, April 12th-16<sup>th</sup>. We had our Third Annual Read-to-Feed Marathon with eleven winners, reading all day in the library with only a break for lunch. Students earned **\$603.00** for The Read to Feed program which helps needy families around the world pay for school. On Wednesday, students came to school dressed as their fa-

vorite book characters, and on Thursday, we had a signing book party for Mr. Alix Delinois, illustrator of "Muhammad Ali, the People's Champion," written by Walter Dean Myers. Finally, on Friday, our school's Honored Readers (those reading, at least, two grade levels above their grade placements) were treated by The Gift of Books Fund to a spending spree at the Hue-Man Bookstore. Everyone enjoyed the week.



*Mr. Alix Delinois shows his artwork in the book, "Muhammad Ali, the People's Champion."*

## *Voices and Choices at KAPPA IV*

*By M. Beaudry*

On Friday, May 7, 2010, our eighth graders participated in the latest Voices and Choices Competition at City Hall. Everyone resounded, KAPPA IV did an incredible job!

The first topic centered on a segment of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment to our Constitution "equal protection under the law". They used this amendment to design a power-point slide show arguing that all students deserve a safe learning environment. The second group designed a power-point presentation around the extremely controversial topic of searching student bags and personal belongings. Finally, a third

group constructed a power-point around the hot-topic of canceling various forms of funding for student metro cards. This group used current data to show how a lack of metro cards will increase truancy, and in some cases, an increase in violence, crime, drug use and alcohol use amongst would-be-going-to-school children. This specific presentation caught the eye of Council Speaker Quinn's Associate immediately, and a very strong debate followed. KAPPA IV scholars were well-prepared and it was obvious all students spent a great amount of time researching and rehearsing their topic. Our students definitely rose to the occasion.



## **PS 36 Presents the Humane Essay Contest Winner 2010!**



Borough President Scott M. Stringer is pleased to present third grade student, Lailia Goumelle as the winner of the 2010 Humane Essay Contest Winner.

The essay contest was sponsored by Borough President Stringer's office and the Humane Society of New York. Two winners were

selected from grades three, four and five. PS 36 won the first place in the third grade competition with an essay that was truly uplifting.

An awards ceremony was celebrated in honor of all the winners on May 14, 2010. Borough President Scott Stringer presented the award certificates to the winners

personally on behalf of the Humane Society. Students were presented with prizes and enjoyed a wonderful ceremony with their families, teachers, principals.

Congratulations Laila Goumelle and Principal Cynthia Mullins-Simmons of PS 36.



## Healthy Home Cooking Night at P.S. 197 with Touro College



Touro College's Project Aspire and The Palette Fund instructed Harlem's PS 197 students, grades pre-Kindergarten to 2nd grade, and their parents, on how to prepare healthy meals using whole foods at "Healthy Home Cooking Night" at our Mommy (Daddy) & Me Nutrition Night on March 24, 2010. Professional

chefs, trained by the National Gourmet Institute, showed families how to prepare fresh guacamole, vegetarian black bean chili, and homemade corn tortillas.

Project Aspire, a public health initiative of the Children's Health Education Foundation at Touro College, brings real-life, interactive health education lessons and demonstra-

tions into schools to encourage students to lead healthy lifestyles and to explore health careers.



## P.S. 125 Goes Green!



Students at P.S. 125 participated in the Con Edison's Earth Day Contest and produced a game similar to Monopoly. The object of the game is to create fun and effective ways for people to learn about recycling, reducing and reusing and how to appreciate the earth. The creators of the game, 4th grade students, Melanie Rodriguez, Diarra Ballo and Mammie Barry, collaborated and shared how they created the game.

### How we created this game?

We drew images of symbols representing Earth Day and effective ways to go green. After that, we glued symbols to cardboard and created a game for two to four players.

There is a spinner which players must spin to see how many spaces he/she moves forward. Each player must select either a green or orange card depending on which space they land. We used an index card to create each space and drew a trial in a "s" shape.

### How to play the game?

Each player moves the number of spaces spun on the spinner. If the player lands on a spot "Pick Up a Green Card", that player is rewarded for being energy efficient. If the player lands on an orange spot, the player is reprimanded for wasting energy and must move back spaces and/or start the game over. Naturally, the first player to land on finish wins the game.

## Student Managed Capital One Bank in Harlem! "Capital Comes to Harlem!!!!"

On Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, TMA held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the grand opening of their Capital One Student Run Bank Branch. High school students work and learn at a real life bank branch located right in their school. "I wanted to do banking since I was a little girl" insisted Celeste Chiddick, a senior at TMA. Now, she is on her way.

TMA Principal, Dr. Sandye P. Johnson states "we want our young people to make good financial decisions early on in life." Student bankers teach their peers money management skills using innovative techniques including interactive games. It's an opportunity for all students to learn about the banking industry.

Chiddick is one of 10 TMA seniors who staff the bank branch Capital One established at the school. The branch is open 3 days a week from 11 am to 3 pm and offers savings accounts for students, as well as savings and checking accounts for teachers and staff.



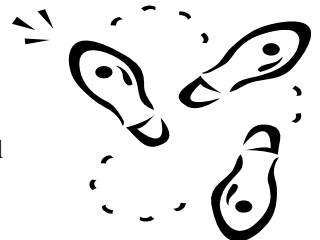
## KAPPA II and KAPPA IV "K"ollaborate

by Dr. J. Vives, Jr.

In the spirit of collaboration, Principal Sean Dunning (KAPPA II) invited the KAPPA IV step team to participate in KAPPA II's annual talent show held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. The KAPPA IV Step Team per-

formed for the KAPPA II community and the event proved to be a great success. The step team was warmly received and we look forward to future collaborations with KAPPA II and the rest of the District 5 community. We invite the

District 5 community to join us in future competitions. Watch or enter your teams in the challenge. Please contact Dr. Vives at (212) 690-4963 for additional info.



**PS 197 Why become wealthy if we don't have the proper health to enjoy it?**

One of P.S. 197's major goals is to have a positive impact on young girls and boys and help them achieve their long term goals.

The Links, Inc. a civic organization comprised of African American and Caribbean professional women from the New York metropolitan area, provide resources, sponsors, workshop leaders, instructional materials and their time and energy to ensure that our students gain experience/information that will

help to increase self-esteem, healthy living (information on nutrition & exercise) and to make good choices.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Bondel, an executive at Carver Federal Savings Bank, joined our school to provide our girls with a workshop on the "value of money".

She emphasized that girls can make the most of their money to develop informed spending decisions by sav-

ing and investing. This leads to self empowerment. All of our girls received the book, "The Kid's guide to Money", by Steven Otfinoski.

To help the girls get in shape and adopt a healthy lifestyle, the Links invited Audrey Kimon, a personal trainer and nutritionist to conduct exercise and nutrition workshops for girls. Ms. Kimon's message spoke volumes of the importance of adding exercise or physical movement to our daily lives.

**PS 36 Male Guardian Ceremony "Color Him Father"**

The staff at PS 36 decided to host its third male recognition ceremony for the fathers/male guardians of PS 36. The evening consisted of guest speakers, dinner and the distribution of awards to our fathers.

Our male guardians play a very active role in their children's lives and watching them interact with students during the school day helped everyone to understand the important role of the male guardian. This year our fathers have helped increase the attendance and reduce lateness with

in our school by keeping an open dialogue with parents concerning prompt arrival and daily attendance.

Our guardians have scheduled bi-monthly meetings with second and third grade boys to increase bonding and help with social skills. As we increase in grades, it is hoped that our partnership between our role models and our boys will increase as well. Many thanks again, to the Fathers and Male guardians of PS 36.



**Publishing Party Celebrates Cinco De Mayo at P.S. 194 By Ms. Hall**



We celebrated our "Publishing Party" by writing different kinds of poetry including: color poems, alliteration, acrostic, repetition and shape poems.

We also learned about Cinco de Mayo. Sombreros (hats) were made out of newspaper, and then they were painted. As part of the celebration, we ate tacos with all the trimmings. Then we made a "How

To Make A Taco" book. It actually looked edible! Yummy, Yummy! Individuals who came to our "Publishing Party" were greeted by the students who read and showed their work. The parents, and our PS 194 family, recorded their comments about the students' work. The students were so happy and proud of their work!

This is what teaching is all about!



## Mentors of PS 197 Sponsor Meet the Author Day



Thanks to our mentors, Mr. Alim, Dean, Mr. Cummings, teacher, Mr. Hopkins, teacher, Mr. Losey, paraprofessional, Mr. Melendez, teacher, and Mr. Nesbitt, SAPIS II counselor/Peer Leader Director, for allowing our boys the opportunity to meet Bryant Collier, author and illustrator of "Barrack Obama Son of Promise, Child of Hope". Every 5<sup>th</sup> grade boy received an auto-

graph copy of the book. Hopefully, our boys learned a valuable lesson about how they too can capture and change the world through art and literacy. Later the boys met an internationally renowned chef, Chef Connie, who prepared turkey meatballs and fruit salad with our young gentlemen. As our boys also waited, they learned how to prepare a nutritious meal for themselves and others. One

extremely important lesson learned here is that boys who learn to prepare and cook meals become men who prepare and cook meals. And, that is a Powerful Lesson!



## PS 36 Gives Treats for Troops

Students at PS 36 donated treats for care packages to be sent to family members of PS36 who are currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Students, parents and staff members were asked to donate non-perishable items that would be shipped over to the troops.

The students previously sent a Valentine's Day care package from Mrs. Orozco's Pre-Kindergarten class for Johnny Osorio who is with Charlie Platoon, in Afghanistan. Johnny, is the big brother of Benjamin

Osorio, a student in Mrs. Orozco's class. He is also the son of School Aide, Mrs. Guadalupe Osorio.

In March another care package was shipped to specialist Jose Padilla. Mr. Padilla, is the cousin of Nia Vega, a third grade student at PS 36.

Photographs were sent by Johnny Osorio that show the joy that the Valentine Care packages brought to Charlie Platoon.

They sent their thanks and appreciation for keeping them in our thoughts.



## Choir Academy Student Wins US Congressional Arts by Sandy Forrest



Choir Academy of Harlem is proud to announce that on June 1, 2010, 8th grader Dataawn Frazier won the U.S. Congressional Art Award. This prestigious award was presented to him by Congressman Charles Rangel.

Dataawn and his mother will be flown to Washington, D.C. as guests of Southwest Airlines to attend a special reception for the winners in all the Congressional districts. There they will attend a reception hosted by Speaker Nancy Pelosi and tour the Congressional offices. The winning

artwork from all the Congressional districts will be displayed in the halls of Congress for a year.

Dataawn's winning artwork was a woodcut-style piece created in his art class during a printmaking unit. It was an orange and red abstract image entitled, "The Truth Under the Sea."



## ***KAPPA IV Scholars Participate in the New York Walk for Water***

***By Nicole Dostal***

The New York Walk for Water is one of over 100 walks that took place worldwide throughout the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday, April 22, 2010, thirty KAPPA IV scholars joined Aveda on their local walk across the Brooklyn Bridge to raise awareness for clean water rights. Together KAPPA IV and Aveda walked to honor the

daily struggle of more than 1 billion people worldwide who lack access to clean and safe drinking water. As an incentive for their participation, the “Tapped Truck” recycled empty plastic bottles and students received an eco-friendly and reusable “*Klean Kanteen*” bottle.



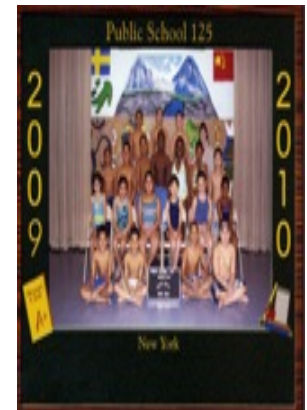
## ***RBS Sharks Splash and Swim to Success***

***By Zenja Murrell and Ellen Chanowitz, P.S. 125***

The Ralph Bunche School would like to congratulate our RBS Sharks Swim Team on completing an outstanding first season. Students not only learned a sport that they can participate in for life, but hone important life skills such as responsibility, sportsmanship, being a team player, pride, dedication and drive. Our diverse team included swimmers from all classes, including

our dual language and special education classes. Our scholar athletes were truly impressive and proved to be extremely dedicated by showing up twice a week for swim instruction at 7:30 a.m. In addition, they were able to hone their skills through our weekly instructional swim offered to our entire student body during the school day. In April, the RBS Sharks took

part in Asphalt Green’s “The Big Swim” event, a deep water swim meet. Our children competed in swim races with students from across the City. Two of our scholars, Kuran Johnson and Yacoub Bamba took home numerous medals. As one of our scholar-athletes, Yacoub Bamba put it, “I will never forget the day I went to my first swim meet!”



## ***Highlighted Happenings at PS 46*** ***Principal, George Young***

There are so many great things going on at P.S. 46 that we would like to take a minute to acknowledge our students’ accomplishments and share these happenings with the rest of District 5.

Ms. Goodman and Ms. Nova’s class (1, 2, 3-102) had their art work created in Studio in a School, on exhibit at the Littlest Learners reception held at the Gallery at 1 East 53<sup>rd</sup> Street on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

P.S. 46’s Concert Band performed at the Turtle Bay Music School on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade students from Ms. Hillard and Mrs. Taliaferro’s class who had participated in the NYC Ballet residency had their final Ballet program/performance on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

P.S. 46’s Spelling Bee for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders was held on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and celebrated two winners, Aicha Keita (2-204) and Kadim Ndiaye (2-206).

P.S. 46’s Spelling Bee for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders was held on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

P.S. 46’s Theatrical After-School Program attended “West Side Story” on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Agnes Gund, President of the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) visited P.S. 46 to see students art work on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Jada Fraser of Class 6-317. She has been accepted by De La Salle Academy for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade in September 2010.

One of our P.S. 46 graduates, Cristian Uruga, is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade at LaGuardia High School. We are pleased to announce that Cristian was recently awarded a full French horn scholarship to study this summer with a member of the Philadelphia Orchestra at the New York State Summer School of the Arts in Saratoga Springs, New York. We wish him all the best with this achievement award.

We are so proud of our students and staff who have helped make the above events a success and look forward to the upcoming events as we are sure they will be great as well!

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**A Salute to our  
 Protectors and Providers  
 "Happy Fathers Day"**

To All the Fathers and Father  
 figures who Support and Love  
 District 5's Students and Staff,  
  
 We Love You and  
 Thank You!!!  
 (Present tickets to those who love you.)

**To Dad on Father's Day**

I sure hope this Father's Day  
 Is your very best by far,

Extra nice and extra fun  
 The way you always are.

Times are fun when you're around,  
 No nicer dad could ever be found!

You're the greatest kind of dad  
 Any kid has ever had....

**Harlem Mothers Saves....**



There is a workshop series designed to enlist students in reducing the harmful affects of gun violence. Harlem Mothers Saves represents a group of mothers who lost their children to preventable gun violence.

TMA hosts a group of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders weekly providing awareness workshops, guest presenters, parents and siblings of youngsters lost to gun violence. Preparing our youth for the long hot summer, TMA participants are inspired to become Ambassadors for a peaceful resolution to disagreements.

**Spirit Week at Thurgood Marshall Academy!**

All year long, students at TMA are required to wear the school uniform; except for one week out of the year designated as "SPIRIT WEEK!!!!!"

During Spirit Week when each day represents a special dress down theme!

**Monday: SPORTS DAY - Tuesday: FAVORITE COLOR DAY -  
 Wednesday: COLLEGE CAREER DAY - Thursday: TRIPLET/TWIN DAY - Friday: FREE-  
 STYLE DAY**

A fun week of dress down freedom of expression, an opportunity for staff and students to celebrate each ones uniqueness!



**The Madison Avenue Bridge celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup>  
 Anniversary**  
*By Javier Fuentes*

The Madison Avenue Bridge opened in the month of July of the year 1910. The Department of Transportation (DOT) operates this bridge that spans over the Harlem River and carries an estimated 50,000 vehicles every day. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the bridge began with the Bronx Borough President, Rubén Diaz Jr., and the Manhattan Borough President, Scott Stringer meeting halfway on the bridge coming from opposite ends; Sam Schwartz served as master of ceremonies. Amid a packed crowd the two borough presidents shook hands and cut a white and blue birthday cake dedicated to the century old span.

Mr. Rubén Diaz Jr. brought with him a marching band to make his entrance and Mr. Scott Stringer invited the Performance Choir from the Choir Academy of Harlem to sing Irwin Berlin's God Bless America as part of the ceremony. It was cold and rainy, but that did not stop my proud group of students from following my directions and making a memorable performance.

In his speech Mr. Diaz mentioned that "first we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University Heights Bridge and the Pelham Bay Bridge, and now we commemorate ten decades of the Madison Avenue Bridge, bridges that help to unify the five boroughs into one great city."

Mr. Stringer added that "as we celebrate the span's centennial, it's important to note that the City must continue to invest in its infrastructure, so that generations of New Yorkers will be able to take advantage of valuable resources like this bridge."

Mission accomplished for the Performance Choir of the Choir Academy of Harlem who returned to their building on 128<sup>th</sup> Street between Park and Madison Avenues to celebrate with a pizza party and enthusiastically prepare for future engagements.

A Father's Day ticket for: <b>A Car Shiny Clean</b>	A Father's Day ticket for: <b>Lawn Freshly Mowed</b>
A Father's Day ticket for: <b>Dad Picks Chore</b>	A Father's Day ticket for: <b>Help Brothers or Sisters</b>
A Father's Day ticket for: <b>Wash the Dog</b>	A Father's Day ticket for: <b>A Day Together</b>
A Father's Day ticket for: <b>In Breakfast Bed</b>	A Father's Day ticket for: <b>Clean Messy Room</b>
A Father's Day ticket for: <b>Play Sports</b>	A Father's Day ticket for: <b>School Make Lunches</b>
A Father's Day ticket for:	A Father's Day ticket for: