

M.S. 74 ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE MIDDLE SCHOOL 74, ESTABLISHED 1954

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Welcome to Our First Issue!

It's been over a year since our 60th Anniversary Celebration took place in November 2014 and we wanted to make sure that we do not lose the connections that we made during that memorable event. To help "stay connected", we are launching what we hope to be a semi-regular newsletter to keep "TEAM 74" together. This is very much a work-in-progress, so we will take any suggestions and help in making this endeavor an ongoing success!!

What we hope to share:

First and foremost, we would like to keep you informed about what is going on in our school. Our motto is "Soaring From Good, to Great and Beyond" and we want you to be a part of our journey. Our students continue to excel, winning various contests and awards. Our concerts and musical productions are amazing!

The rest is up to you! We can feature "Where Are They Now?" alumni profiles, "Good and Welfare" announcements, ideas for future alumni events, etc. See the last page for contact information to share what you want to see in future issues.



Help us get the word out! Feel free to forward this newsletter to fellow alumni!

Share the link to our alumni directory:

<http://goo.gl/forms/HPzdbErYya>



Our Digital Sign has been Delivered!

We are now trying to cut through the red tape to get it installed!!

Stay Tuned!!

Weren't Able to Attend our 60th Anniversary Celebration? Want to relive the memory? Want to buy a T-shirt or Lanyard? Visit the event website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/ms74turns60/home>

Ongoing Fundraisers:

SCHOOLA: School clothing drive in which donated items are sold online. 40% of proceeds goes back to the school. To donate or purchase items visit: <https://www.schoola.com/schools/ms-74-nathaniel-hawthorne-bayside-ny>

Nature's Vision: Online catalog of environmentally themed products. 40% of proceeds goes to the M.S. 74 Green Team. To purchase use Organization Code 44947:

http://www.naturesvisionfundraising.com/credit_group.cfm

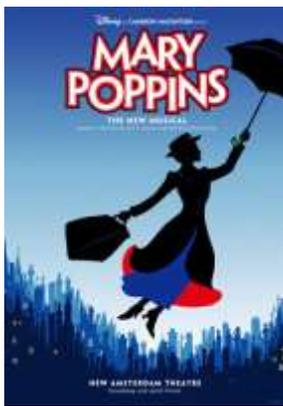


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The Final Curtain Call for the Cast of Mary Poppins



The Curtain Closes on Another Hawthorne Players Production

The tradition of musicals continued this year, as the Hawthorne Players dazzled audiences for three near sell-out performances of *Mary Poppins*.

Directed by Mrs. Kathy Cooley, an ensemble cast of over 60 students sang, dance and even perfected their British accents in our school's auditorium on March 31st, April 1st and April 2nd.

Here are a few photos from the "Practically Perfect" performances:



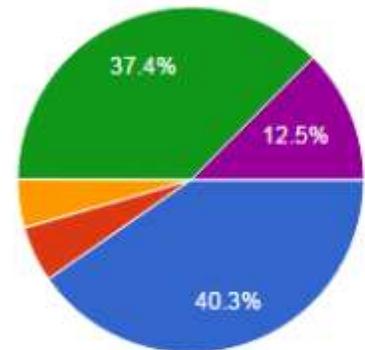
To see more photos, visit the Photo Album on our school webpage:

<https://sites.google.com/site/middleschool74q/photo-album>



M.S. 74 Students Get Political

In advance of the April 19th New York Presidential Primary, M.S. 74 students were asked to cast their ballot for president. Here are the results:



- Hillary Clinton
- Ted Cruz
- John Kasich
- Bernie Sanders
- Donald Trump



Congratulations to Lucy Wang. Her artwork entitled "Comfort Zone" has been selected from approximately 1,200 entries to be included in the P.S. Art 2016 exhibition at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Lucy's artwork will be on exhibit at The Metropolitan Museum of Art from June to October and then will move on to the Tweed Courthouse, where it will be on display during the fall semester.



M.S. 74 is Once Again Represented at Scripps National Spelling Bee!

Shrinath Mahankali, brother of 74 Alum and 2013 Scripps National Spelling Bee Champion Arvind, will once again represent M.S. 74 and all of New York City at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

Srinath, who won the New York City Daily News Spelling Bee in March, narrowly missed the final round of the 2015 National Spelling Bee.

Be sure to watch Srinath's quest for the championship on ESPN on May 25th and 26th.



The Odyssey of the Mind Team after their Second Place finish at the State Competition



M.S. 74's Odyssey of the Mind Team Advances to the World Finals!

By virtue of their second place finish at the State Competition in Binghamton, New York, the Middle School 74 Odyssey of the Mind Team will be representing our school and state at the World Finals in Iowa in May!

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics.

The team, lead by 74 Alum and current math teacher Mr. Getzel, has been together for three years, has worked tirelessly to achieve this honor and are now in need of help to fund their trip to Iowa! A "GOFUNDME" page has been set up here: <https://www.gofundme.com/y4z2uq7g>. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

To learn more about Odyssey of the Mind, visit: <http://www.odysseyofthemind.com/>.

CLASS OF High School Offers **2016**

It was another strong year for our students with respect to offers from Specialized High Schools. 104 of our students received offers from a Specialized High school, including 17 from Stuyvesant, 54 from Bronx High School of Science, 16 from Brooklyn Tech and 7 from LaGuardia. In addition, 24 of our 8th graders were accepted to Townsend Harris.

Science Olympiad Team Advances to State Competition

For the first time, the Middle School 74 Science Olympiad Team competed in the regional competition. After finishing third place finish in the New York City competition, our students brought their science knowledge and know-how to Syracuse, New York



Middle School 74 was once again voted Best Middle School in Queens by the readers of the Queens Courier!

The **NYC DOE**
Sustainability Initiative

Our school's Green Team was awarded "Outstanding Green Team" for our students' work towards sustainability and protecting the environment.



Middle School 74 has once again been named a "Respect for All School" for our efforts to promote a safe and respectful learning experience for all of our students.



Middle School 74 is a Reward School, as designated by New York State for our students' outstanding performance.

Have Suggestions?

Want to Be Involved in Helping to Write Future Newsletters?

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