

October 2015

# October News.....



MR. SERGE M. DAVIS, PRINCIPAL

# PS/MS 95 Family Newsletter

Greetings... Families of PS/MS 95. I want to introduce our family community newsletter.

For our new & families I want to welcome you to PS/MS 95, I am the Parent Coordinator, Delis De Leon. My primary role is to serve as a liaison to address parent concerns in a timely manner. In support with the school's vision I will work under the direct supervision of the Principal, Mr. Davis.

I conduct outreach to engage you in your child's education by convening regular parent meetings, workshops and events around key topics and concerns. Ways you can contact me via email @ :

[Ddeleon@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Ddeleon@schools.nyc.gov)  
via phone, 718-796-9200 ext. 2030 or stopping by between 8 am—4 pm room 203.

(my lunch hour is from 2 to 3 pm, also please adhere to the school calendar for hours of operation during workshops/ meetings or events).

For our returning families. all the



Have a Safe and Happy Halloween

above applies! I welcome you back to another school year and look forward to continuing to build on our school -community partnership.

In newsletters I will provide resources and include events, programs & activities that will occur throughout the school, borough and/or city for you and your children.

Also included in the newsletter will be updates on upcoming events and important dates on our yearly calendar. Recipes and tools for parenting success.

You should take the time to read through the newsletters coming home to you regularly as your daily newspaper! This will enable you to be aware of all that is available to you and to ensure your child's success. You will also receive newsletters from your child's grade that will keep you informed of what unit of study, where in the curriculum. they are and all grade related news.

### Quote: "Teamwork"

**"Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall."**

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

### **Important Dates & Upcoming Events**

**Oct17—Sat Academy Begins grades 3—8 "Level 2's speak to the grade level supervisor**

**Oct18—Breast Cancer Walk**

**Oct 19— SLT Meeting 5 pm**

**Oct 23—Monthly Parent Talk**

**Oct. 24—FAP Trip—Boo @ the Zoo**

**Oct. 25—Red Ribbon Week : Stand up against Drugs**

**Oct. 30—Monthly Bake Sale & Wear Orange against drugs & Family Fun Night Oktoberfest 6 pm**

**Oct. 31—NO SAT Program**

**Nov 3—Election Day—No school for Students**

**Nov. 5—1/2 Day Parent Teacher Conferences afternoon & evening.**

**Nov. 11—No School for Students**

**Nov. 26 & 27 Thanksgiving Recess—No School**

**Dec 24—31—Winter Recess No School return on Jan 4**

**Jan 18—Martin Luther King Jr. No School**

**Feb. 8—Lunar New Year—No School**

**Feb. 15 —19—Mid Winter Recess No School**

## Invitation to NYIC's Key to the City in the Bronx

Sunday, October 25 The New York Immigration Coalition invites you to a next Family Resource Day on Sunday, October 25. It will be hosted in conjunction with the New York Legal Assistance Group to provide a FREE legal clinic and up to date information on Administrative Relief, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, job referrals

and more ! Additionally, we have teamed up with various community partners to include information on Social, Educational, and Health Services as well as our Parent Guide for College Readiness! The Consulates of Mexico will be issuing Passports and consular ID's to its nationals, and the Consulates of Dominican Republic and Honduras will be

providing important consular information services.

The event will be held @ Middle School 244 located @ 120 West 231st Bronx 10463

9 am—1 pm

## Addressing Latest .. Parent Inquiries and Concerns:

**Saturday Academy:** Many Parents have expressed interest in the Saturday Academy for Testing Grades. This academy is designated to target students with level 2's -3. Teachers recommend the student based on their assessment data.

Parents are concerned for students below level 2. You should speak to your child's teacher and your child's grade level supervisor regarding differentiating instruction and how you can support at home. These students will be provided with additional support throughout the school day through academic intervention.

### **MMCC Afterschool:**

The Mosholu Montefiore Program—I have received a significant number of phone calls expressing concerns with the applying or getting into the MMCC afterschool program and who is responsible with disseminating the information. This program is supervised by MMCC Staff. They are housed in our building as this

community base organization. They have been around for many years in our school building. Most parents generally ask upon registration of after school availabilities in which we inform of, however, the demand to get in is very high and limited, they do register on a first come first serve basis. If you don't inquire within the first week of school your chances are very slim. Their phone # is 718-548-7680. In order to be transferred to their office you must call the main office first. They are usually in after 12:30 pm

**Family Adventure Program through Montefiore Hospital** - The Family Adventure Program is a community partnership program through the Montefiore Clinic housed in our school. They take up to 50 people to a trip in the city, FREE every other month. The first trip is to BOO @ the Zoo on 10/24. Families are selected once you fill the flyer and return to my office upon which the forms are selected via lottery. If you have any questions feel free to call the clinic or my office for more information.

### **Wellness In The Schools: WITS :**

We are fortunate to partner with WITS program at our school. WITS teaches our students, families and faculty on healthier living, healthier choices. We have guest chefs who host "Café Days" where students get demo lessons of healthier food choices that are debuted in their lunches. Parents are encouraged to come in and volunteer and participate during these lessons and Café Days. Anyone interested please let me know.

**Bussing :** If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please speak to your grade level administrator.

**Resources:** Saturday Night Lights FREE for information email—[SNL@dany.nyc.gov](mailto:SNL@dany.nyc.gov) or call 212 335-9082 Fitness & Academic Enrichment

Boys and Girls Ages 11 to 18

Basketball, KIKI Lunge Dance, Volleyball, Tennis, Lite Feet Breakdance & Soccer

## The Bronx UFT Borough wide Parent Summit

Saturday, Nov 7, 2015 from 8:30 am to 4 pm @ the Bronx UFT Office 2500 Halsey Street Bronx NY 10461

They are offering a Parent Summit—Its an all day conference offering Plenary and breakfast will be from 8:30 - 10:15 am and Lunch at 1:30 pm

There are a series of workshops to choose from Session 1 from 10:15 to 11:45 am

1. Resources for caregivers Caregivers are all ages. Did you know that millions are under 16 years of age? Many caregivers are unaware of resources and help that are free. Learn about free services that can make a difference
2. What is Leadership? A discussion led by Bronx UFT parent and Title I leaders to empower participants to serve as strong voices in their schools and communities. We will discuss the skills needed to be an effective leader and help you review the various school organizations for your activism.
3. Making the Transition to Middle

School for 4th, 5th & 6th graders help your child select and make a smooth transition and prepare for the changes he or she should expect

4. Making the transition to High School—6, 7th & 8th graders
5. Being an Active Dad (BAAD) Mentoring, leadership and being an active father figure in your child's school community are all important. Learn about the power that comes from taking an active role in the PA PTA SLT CEC and other school or community groups.

Session 2 workshops from 12 to 1:30 pm Understanding your Child's Individualized Education program (IEP) What you need to know about your rights as a parent of a child with an IEP We will discuss the importance of setting annual IEP goals, which are the key to your child's learning and social /emotional growth, and how to advocate for your child to ensure that the IEP is being followed.

Advocacy 101: Letter Writing - Communicating with your child's school,

program and health care professionals can be challenging and at times frustrating. Learn how to put your request in writing for more effective outcomes.

Exploring Career and Technical Education Learn about the opportunities available to our child in a CTE school Discover the range of options available through CTE schools that can prepare your child for college and career

Bullying—Learn to recognize the warning signs that your child is involved in or impacted by bullying. We will discuss tips for talking to your child about bullying.

Immigration—This workshop will explain who qualifies for US citizenship, and will include an overview of President Obama's executive action programs on immigration and their current status. Beware of scams! We will provide advice on how to find authorized legal assistance and where to get free legal help filling out your application.

3 ways to register: Register online @ [www.uft.org/Bronx-parent-summit](http://www.uft.org/Bronx-parent-summit)

Complete form (being sent home) or call 718-379-1115