



The Bay Academy for the Arts & Sciences

Intermediate School 98

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Principal



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- Opening Day-** Thank you to all staff members who helped to make our opening day smooth and successful. The many staff members who rolled up their sleeves to pitch in at arrival and dismissal was admirable and very much appreciated. If we work together, we can accomplish anything! A special thank you to the following staff members who volunteered their time to help at dismissal:

Marietta Falconieri, Rosa Maletta, Susan Golden, Anna Savarese, Chris Browne, Scottie Perry, Valerie Aburdene, Mandi Bracho, Karen Goldberg, Maria Petrocine, Frank Caiati, Justine Erickson, Matthew Judge, Loreli Aguiar, Elizabeth Romano, Jacqueline Pernicone, Adam Goldfarb, Ahmed Mohassib, Max Sherman and John Bommarito.

- Welcome-** A warm welcome to our new staff members: *Max Sherman, Matthew Judge, Frank Caiati, Michael Fernandez, Stephania Morelli, Justine Erickson, Illana Gagliardi and Loreli Aguiar.*
- Class Lists-** If you have incorrect class lists, please notify Mrs. Dalton. Please ensure that all students listed on your class lists are actually present in your room. If there is a student who is not on your list but is in your room, you **MUST** notify Mrs. Dalton.
- BrainPOP-** Your BrainPOP School Access + Home Subscription is active and ready to go. You'll now be able to access BrainPOP at school and at home, 24-hours a day.

Username: bayacademy

Password: brainpop

Be sure to explore the various resources to help you get started and make integration into your classroom as easy as possible. To explore these resources, follow the link below:

http://www.brainpop.com/educators/new_subscribers/

Don't forget to register on BrainPOP Educators, a free professional community, featuring free lesson plans, graphic organizers, video tutorials, professional development tools and more.

- Thank you-** A special thank you to the following staff members who attended the Grade 6 orientation: *Mark Goldberg, Janice Dalton, Nicole D'Agosta, Jeannine Airo, Max Sherman, Nicholas Auriti, Rich Weinstein, Ahmed Mohassib, Scottie Perry, Bernadette Maxfield, Rosa Maletta, Manuel Chavez, Elisa Stromnes, Valerie Aburdene, Susan Golden, Sandra Tortorella, Michael Fernandez, Yelena Reznik, Michelle Giambra, Justine Erickson, Lisa Bravstein, Maria Petrocine, Meredith Samuelson, Anna Saverese, Matthew Judge, Ioanna Santangelo, Joe Scuderi, Molly McGrath, Stefania Morelli, Lorene Comas, Joe Zoltowski, Amy Curren, Melissa Katz, Tina Schneider, Mandi Bracho, Frank Caiati, Marietta Falconieri, Illana Gagliardi, Karen Goldberg, Jackie Herman, Nicole Kasbar, Stacie Liss and Elizabeth Romano.* Your commitment to our school is admirable and appreciated.
- Employment Opportunities-** All posting are located on the left hand side of the bulletin board in the Main Office. It is your responsibility to apply for these positions.
- Volunteer for Coverages-** If you'd like to volunteer for coverages you may do so by sending a written request to Mr. Auriti. Please note there are not as many coverages as in years past due to the rotating ATR's.
- ELL Training-** All teachers must complete 7.5 hours of ELL training. If you have not already completed this mandate, you must see Ms. Cerbone for details.
- Breast Cancer Awareness-** Once again we will be supporting this worthy cause by hosting a Denim Day on Friday October 4, 2013. Staff members may make a \$5.00 donation to Karen Goldberg in room 316 and wear denim on 10/4.
- Social Committee-** The dues are \$60.00 for the 2013-14 school year. Cash only is requested. If you pay by 9/30 your name will be entered into a drawing for a restaurant gift card. See M. Falconieri.
- NYC and NY State Distribution of State Growth Scores-** This year teachers received higher growth scores than last year and 89 percent of NYC teachers received Effective or Highly Effective ratings compared to 80 percent of teachers in the rest of the State. The City and State breakdown of growth scores is below and demonstrates that the State is controlling for the differences in the tests:

State-Provided Growth Scores	2011-12		2012-13	
	Percent of Teachers in NYC	Percent of Teachers in Rest of NY State	Percent of Teachers in NYC	Percent of Teachers in Rest of NY State
Highly Effective	8	6	11	5
Effective	76	77	78	75
Developing	10	10	7	13
Ineffective	6	6	4	7

- New Newsletter for Teachers-** Beginning the first week of school, all teachers will receive a new monthly newsletter by email throughout the school year. The newsletter, entitled "I Teach NYC," is designed to share career development information with teachers and provide a timelier channel for communication between teachers and the NYCDOE. All issues of the newsletter will be available on the [Teacher Page](#) of the NYCDOE's public website after they are published. You can read this newsletter by logging in to your NYCDOE Outlook email account.
- Cleaning Products-** In accordance with State law, only environmentally sensitive cleaning (Green Seal Certified or Eco Logo approved) may be used in New York City public school buildings. Please ensure that you use only Green Seal Certified or Eco Logo-approved products.



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14. **Orientations-** Please support our orientations on the following evenings:

- Grade 7 *Wednesday September 25, 2013 6:30pm*
- Grade 8 *Tuesday October 1, 2013 6:30pm*

15. **Faculty Conferences-** Please note the dates for our faculty conferences and plan accordingly. All staff members must attend.

October 7
November 4
December 2

January 6
February 3
March 3

April 7
May 5



Happy Birthday



A very happy belated birthday to the staff members who celebrated their special day in the summer months.
August: *Valerie Aburdene, Jeannine Airo, Manuel Chavez, Lorene Comas, Sonia DeFreitas, Yelena Koltunova, Lila Luca Frank Caiati and Arlene McInerny*

A very happy birthday to the following staff members who celebrate their special day in September:

Mandi Bracho, Lisa Bravstein, Nicole D'Agosta, Jackie Herman, Sean O'Neill, Bernadette Maxfield, Jahaira Melendez, Nancy Bunnicelli, Elizabeth Romano, Nicole Yau, Matthew Judge, Justine Erickson, Illana Gagliardi, Max Sherman and Sandra Tortorella.