



# District 21 Celebrates

*Celebrating our schools,  
staff, students and families*



May 2018  
Superintendent Isabel DiMola

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May 28, 2018 - School closed

June 7, 2018 – Students do not  
attend school

June 11, 2018 – Students do not  
attend school



Javaka Steptoe the 2017 Caldecott Award Winner for “Radiant Child” visited PS 90 on March 27, to speak to their students. He is the son of the late John Steptoe, also a famous illustrator for “Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters.”



At P.S. 215 Morris H. Weiss School, collaboration between their faculty, PTA and NYJTL (New York Junior Tennis League after-school program), and their families has provided their community with fun-filled "family-centric" activities and events. Our most recent collaboration was our school-wide "Spring Egg Hunt". All of their families were invited to celebrate spring during this family enrichment program. Children received a basket to gather their prize-filled eggs, and visit with the spring bunny. The school playground was filled with families having fun connecting to our school community and each other. Also included in the afternoon event, parents and their children enjoyed a family-style meal and participated in a spring artwork activity.



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

## District Spirit Day

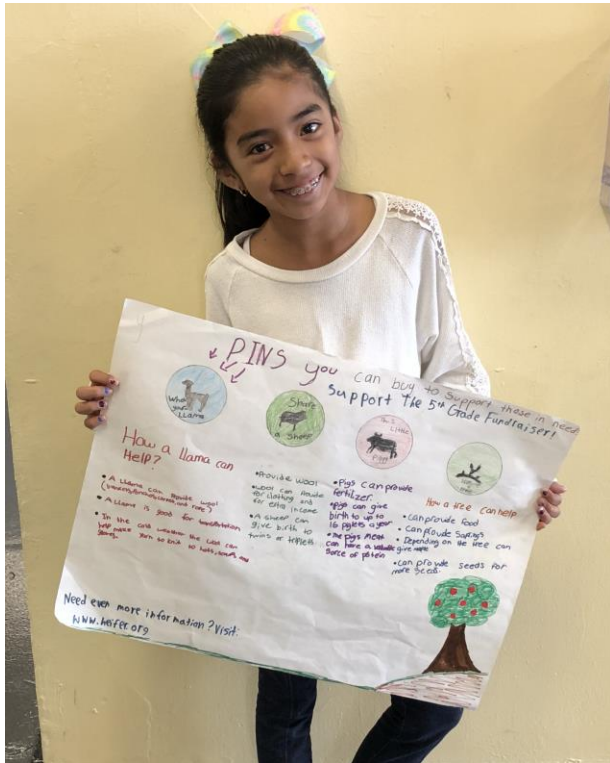
On Opening Day, Saturday June 16, 2018, District 21 is planning a District wide School Spirit Day at MCU Park Home of Brooklyn Cyclones Baseball.

Come to historic Coney Island to see the Brooklyn Cyclones take on the Staten Island Yankees.

This day is a great way to celebrate the start of summer with family and friends, inject school spirit, and create lasting memories for everyone.

Contact your school for ticket information.



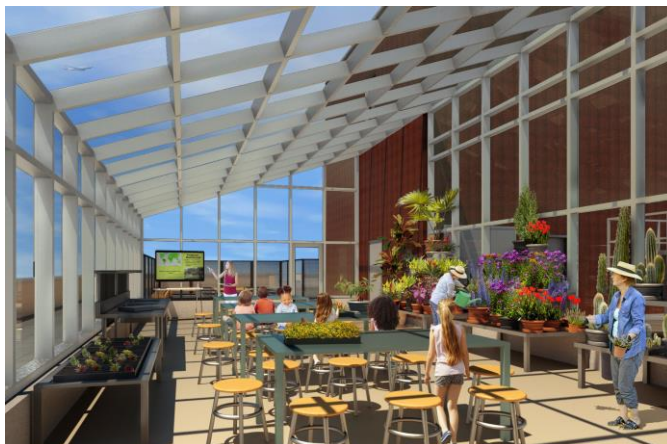


PS/IS 121's fifth grade students learned about human rights and the challenges people face around the world. Inspired to help make a change, they organized a fundraiser for Heifer International. Their goal is to raise enough money to buy a goat for a village in need. The gift of an animal can create a lasting change in someone's life. Students kicked off their fundraiser with their very own Public Service Announcement advocating for human rights.

Thanks to a Family Engagement grant through the Department of Education PS 97 brought a special live performance of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" to their school and there wasn't an empty seat in the house. Prior to the performance families participated in an art making and theater activities.



District 21 is excited that Councilman Treyger has helped secure the funds necessary to build an innovative new multi-purpose rooftop greenhouse and outdoor garden for P.S. 97. This project will be completed in conjunction with the school buildings extension design happening at the school. It will have hydroponic tower, eco shelves, potting tables, learning corner with a Promethean board, sinks, heating and lighting, so they will be able to use it year round for science lessons as well as for "buddy reading". The rooftop garden will be adjacent to the greenhouse and they have planting beds and benches for reading outside.



P.S. 216 celebrated a very special event on Friday April 27, 2018 with Ballroom Basix! Children dressed in formal wear to dance and perform for their friends and families. Their dances included the Merengue, Salsa, Swing and more. At the end of the performance, all of the families and friends were given a special surprise, to share a special moment of dancing together! P.S. 216 also collaborated with P.S. 253 as all of their children performed their Ballroom Basix performance for a second time all together.



# Free Workshops for Parents and Service Providers

## Spring/Summer 2018

Light refreshments will be served!

May 2 **NYC Opportunity**

June 6 **Nutrition for Infants, Children and Families**

July 11 **Healthy Relationships: Strong Families**

Aug. 1 **Child Support Basics** for Moms and Dads

A Child Support Specialist will be available during each workshop to answer questions about your child support case

Sponsored by



**Strong Families Studio**

A service of the NYC HRA Office of Child Support Services



**Who** Everyone! Free and open to the public

**When** 4:00–6:00 pm on Wednesdays

**Where** Grant Associates  
**Brownsville Jobs Plus Center**  
330 Powell Street  
(between Blake and Dumont Avenues)  
Brooklyn, NY 11212  
**Subway:** 3 train to Junius Street Station or L train to Sutter Avenue Station  
**Bus:** B14 (Spring Creek Stanley Av Postal Fac Bound) to Powell Street and Blake Avenue  
B14 (Crown Hts Utica Av Bound) to Junius Street and Blake Avenue  
**Google Maps:**  
<https://goo.gl/maps/u6jX7FkxwWk>

**Questions?**

Email us at [ocssevents@dfa.state.ny.us](mailto:ocssevents@dfa.state.ny.us)  
Or visit [nyc.gov/hra/ocss](http://nyc.gov/hra/ocss)



## District 21 Welcomes Chancellor Richard Carranza.



Chancellor Carranza creating memories for the students and staff of P.S.253.





## Haitian Creole Family Conference

Your Language, Your Voice, Your Community

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

3pm – 7pm

Erasmus Hall Educational  
Campus 911 Flatbush Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11226

Free food & childcare for children aged 4+.  
For more information and to register please contact  
212.374.6854

- Workshops for parents
- Local resources for families
- Activities for parents and children to do together
- All information and activities presented in Haitian Creole.



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Congratulations to the Joseph B. Cavallaro I.S. 281 Debate Team, who competed in the NYC Urban Debate League State Championships on April 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup> at Intech Academy in the Bronx. The topic was a tense one around the United State laws of immigration. A total of 3 Cavallaro teams competed among 64 other teams the first day, with the teams of Shiema and Rikza advancing to the finals. Their score was so high on Saturday that they had a first round by among the 32 remaining teams. They then competed and advanced from the Octafinals, to the Quarterfinals, to the Semifinals, where they beat I.S. 27 Prall. The amazing team of Shiema and Rikza are going to the Final Championship's, which will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> in Manhattan, where they will face I.S. 75! The event will be sponsored by Tech Duels, Google and Microsoft. Good Luck and thank you for being the pride of District 21 Debaters!



# WORD SEARCH!

## SPRING CLEANING

FIND AND CIRCLE THE WORDS ON THE LIST...WORDS MAY BE FOUND ACROSS, DOWN, OR DIAGONALLY  
 --FORWARDS, BACKWARDS, AND SOMETIMES OVERLAPPING. HAVE FUN!

### WORD LIST

- ATTIC
- BACK YARD
- BASEMENT
- BOXES
- BUCKET
- CAR
- CEILING
- CLEAN
- DRYER
- FRONT YARD
- GARAGE
- GARBAGE
- GLOVES
- GUTTERS
- LADDER
- LAUNDRY
- LAWNMOWER
- MIRRORS
- MOP
- ORGANIZE
- PAINTBRUSH
- RAKE
- SHED
- SORT
- SPONGE
- VACUUM
- WATER
- WALLS
- WASH MACHINE
- WINDOW CLEANER

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M G A R A G E G N O P S
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[www.cybercrayon.net](http://www.cybercrayon.net)

## **High School News**

If you applied in Round 2 of high school admissions, you will get your results letter in May. Find schools with availability in Round 2 in [NYC School Finder](#) or on this [Round 2 program list](#).

If you accepted your Round 1 high school offer, you are already registered for the fall. Look for communications from your future school—some schools reach out to new students about summer activities or an orientation event. You can also check our [calendar](#) for orientation events at your new school.

## **Middle School News**

If you applied to middle school for the 2018-2019 school year, you can now get your results letter from your school counselor or at a [Family Welcome Center](#).

If you submitted a New Schools Round Application in March, your notification letter may also include a match to a new middle school program. You will have to choose which match you would like your child to attend if you get two matches.

If you would like to try to change your placement, complete the second page of your results letter and turn it in to your elementary school or a Family Welcome Center by April 26 to get an appeal form.

Most middle schools will have an orientation or other event to welcome families. You do not need to register at your middle school; the registration process is complete when you get your results letter.

## **Kindergarten News**

- Offer letters have been sent to all families who applied to kindergarten by the January 19 deadline. Accept your kindergarten offer by pre-registering in person at the school where you got an offer—contact the school to schedule a time. Visit our [Forms](#) page to learn what you need to bring to pre-register.
- If you have not applied yet for the 2018-2019 school year, please email [ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov) or call 718-935-2009 for more information.
- If you submit a late application, you will get a kindergarten offer by mid-June.

## **Gifted & Talented**

- The deadline for eligible families to apply for G&T programs has passed. If you applied by the April 16 deadline, you will get your results letter and find out if you got an offer in early June.

## **Pre-K**

- Our [Pre-K Events](#) page for information about program visits and Open Houses, or
- Call 718-935-2009.

Elementary and Middle School Superintendent:

Isabel DiMola (718) 648-0209

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Mary Montemarano (718) 648-0436

Elementary and Middle School Family Leadership Coordinator:

Georgette Pezzolanti (718) 648-0209

About us

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<https://district21nyc.wordpress.com/>



## Libraries Rock!

### 2018 Summer Reading Kick-off Carnival

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**Saturday, June 9, 2018**

**11:00 am to 5:00 pm.**

**Sheepshead Bay Library**

**Be a part of a fun day.**

- **10:30 AM**  
Register for Summer Reading!
- **11:00 AM**  
Summer Reading Storytime!
- **11:30 AM– 5:00 PM**  
Friends Group Flea market
- **1:00 PM**  
Fascinating and hilarious clown duet  
Arkasha & Natasha from Russia!
- **2:00 PM**  
Constellation of Stray Dogs.  
Theatrical production in Russian.
- **3:30 PM**  
Talent without Borders



*All events made possible by Charles H. Revson Foundation, the Friends of the Sheepshead Bay Library, and the Russian Heritage Foundation.*



**Sheepshead Bay Library**  
2636 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11235

### WILLIAM E. GRADY CTE HIGH SCHOOL

We invite all 7th & 8th grade students accompanied by an adult to attend our:

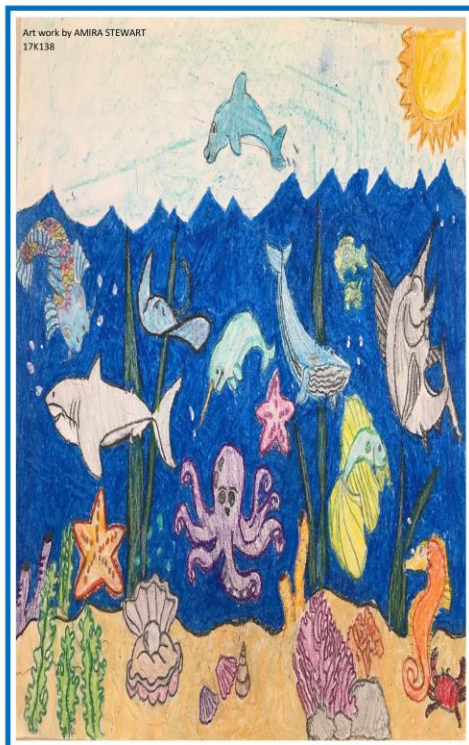
#### OPEN HOUSE

Join us for a tour/information session  
Thursday March 8th 5-8pm  
Saturday March 24th 10am-12pm  
Saturday April 14th 10am-12pm  
Wednesday April 25th 5-7pm  
Saturday May 19th 10am- 12pm

@25 Brighton 4th Road Brooklyn NY 11235

Please RSVP to: Stacy Matone (Parent Coordinator) (718)-332-5000 EXT.1350 or Via Email [SMATONE@SCHOOLS.NYC.GOV](mailto:SMATONE@SCHOOLS.NYC.GOV)

**WALK INS ARE WELCOME**



You are invited to a celebration where families learn about Special Education, connect with other families and enjoy

# Under The Sea 2018

## Spring Conference for Families of SWDs

June 2, 2018 / Saturday / 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

21K090 PS 90 Edna Cohen School

2840 West 12 Street Brooklyn NY 11224 Phone:718.787.3333

**Stop by for some food, music, dancing and raffles!**

Learn more and register:

<https://tinyurl.com/2018BSFSCSpEdFamilyConf>

or contact your school's Parent Coordinator





**Seth Low I.S. 96 and Community Learning Schools Invite You to Our**

## **Health Fair & Family Day!**

**Saturday May 12, 11am – 2pm**

5月12日星期六在Seth Low 96中學有健康展示會和社區慶祝活動。時間從早上11點開始,大人小孩都可以參加。活動內容包括空手道,跳舞,太極拳,臉上化妝等等! 免費午餐供應,請撥空前來!

**Seth Low I.S. 96 Feria de Salud y Día de la Familia**  
**Sábado 12 de mayo, de 11 a.m. a 2 p.m.**

¡Únete a nosotros para practicar deportes, baile, arte y más!  
 Almuerzo gratis incluido.

Сет Низ И.С. 96 и Community Learning Schools приглашают вас на наш

**День здоровья и семейный день**

Суббота 12 мая, 11:00 - 14:00. С играми, ремеслами, фэсерайтинг и многое другое! Обед включен.

