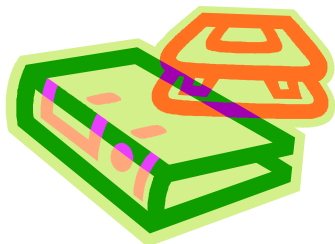


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Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back. To those of you who are reading our newsletter for the first time...welcome to The Hungerford School. Please be sure to read your newsletter each time you receive it in the mail. We feature upcoming meetings, items of interest, articles and other information about what is included in the monthly mailing.

This year we welcome a new annex known as Hungerford @ I.S. 43 (the new school near the mall). We hope that all of our parents will be involved with our school this year and will welcome all of the new parents aboard! Our new school site is predominately middle-school age students transitioning from P37R and P373R.

You should have received our school calendar recently. We have listed all dates that may be of interest to you. Each month along with the newsletter you will receive an updated calendar.

We hope you can join us in some of our activities and we look forward to your participation in the Parent Teachers Association!

Any time you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or Janet Manolakos our Parent Coordinator. We also encourage you to reach out to our Assistant Principals, our Supervisor and myself.

Thank you for belonging to our school family!

Dr. Mary McInerney

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Special points of interest:

- **PTA Executive Board**
Maritza Sabato - President
- **Peter Cheung - Treasurer**
- **Kathie Stone - Recording Secretary**
- **Vera Callaghan - Corresponding Secretary**
- **Visit weberWEAR.com for easy fit clothing**
- **LUNCH FORMS ARE DUE. PARENTS PLEASE SEND IN YOUR COMPLETED FORMS ASAP.**
- **Picture Day—Oct. 15th**



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARENT COORDINATOR

Dear Parents & Guardians:

I hope you are excited about the beginning of the new school year. It will once again be filled with many workshops and activities for both parents and students. Please make sure you join us for our Transition Fair on October 18th.

Our PTA has already set up their meeting calendar for the upcoming year so please make note of the dates when you receive them and do your best to attend. Not only will you enjoy the information that is provided but you will also get to know the parents whose children attend all of our sites. It's a great way to generate new ideas and also an important part of learning about how our school works for the benefit of our students as well as their families. I look forward to working with you in the coming months.



WHO TO CALL AT YOUR CHILD'S SITE



Following is a contact list that parents can refer to for assistance at the site their child attends:

Hungerford @ McKee High School	Marie Montvilo
Hungerford @ New Dorp High School	Debra Byrne
Hungerford @ Tottenville High School	Joan Sclafani, Staci Vota, Richard Habeeb
Hungerford @ OPTS	Terry Egan
Hungerford @ I.S. 24	Mike Pepe
Hungerford @ I.S. 43	Linsey Miller
Hungerford Main	Kathy Battiste

SCHOOL HOURS FOR YOUR CHILD'S SITE AND DELAYED OPENING HOURS

Hungerford Main Site, Bayley Seton & OPTS Programs	8:10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Mon.-Friday Delayed Opening Time-10:10 a.m.
Tottenville High School	7:55 a.m.-2:40 p.m. Mon.-Friday Delayed Opening Time -9:55 a.m.
McKee High School	7:15 a.m.-2:03 p.m. Mon.-Friday Delayed Opening Time-9:15 a.m.
I.S. 24	7:40 a.m.-2:37 p.m. Mon.-Thursday — 7:40 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Friday Delayed Opening Time-9:40 a.m.
I.S. 43	7:40 a.m.-2:30 pm. Mon.-Friday Delayed Opening Time-9:40 a.m.

REGENTS WEEK INFO

Families with students who attend our High School Inclusion programs, please contact our Assistant Principal, Mr. Terry Egan, at 718-273-8622 if you would like your child to attend class at the Main Site while Regents Exams are given.

SCHOOL CLOSING INFO FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

School will not be in session on Tuesday, September 30th and Wednesday, October 1st, 2008 in observance of Rosh Hashanah. School will not be in session on October 9th in observance of Yom Kippur. School will also be closed on Monday October 13th in observance of Columbus Day.

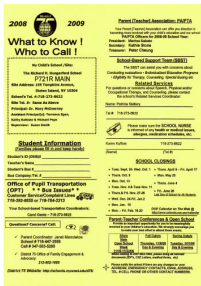


ANNUAL TRANSITION FAIR INFO



Parents and guardians please make every effort to attend this exciting event. Representatives from many of the agencies that provide services to our children outside of the school setting will be available to meet with you. They will answer your questions about transitioning into the adult special needs community, as well as provide information about respite, recreational opportunities and Medicaid service coordination. Please join us on Saturday, October 18th at 10:30 a.m. at the Hungerford Main Site. Let us know if you plan to attend by completing the form that is in this month's mailing.

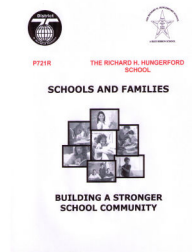
“WHAT TO KNOW! WHO TO CALL!” CARDS



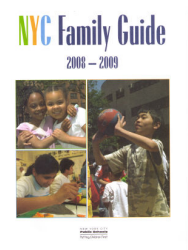
All families should have received a copy of this “yellow” card. It provides important information pertaining to your child’s school site. Please post on your refrigerator for easy reference of contact information for administration, related services, nursing and your parent coordinator. It also contains information on school closings, Parent Teacher Conferences and Open School Week.

HUNGERFORD’S “SCHOOLS & FAMILIES” GUIDE

Please keep this informative guide handy after you’ve finished reading it. It has information from the Principal, the PTA and the Parent Coordinator. It contains details about our school organization, our off-sites, our curriculum and our procedures and policies. It also contains information about the Citywide Council on Special Education and resources for parents and guardians.



NYC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION “NYC FAMILY GUIDE”



If you have not already received this guide in your child’s backpack, please note that we received only a limited supply. We have requested additional copies and expect them to arrive any day now. We will be sure to send home a copy with your child as soon as we receive them. Thank you for your patience.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS THAT MAY HELP YOU WITH SERVICES

Case Management - Professional assistance to a family throughout the process of identification, referral and implementation of a program plan.

Recreation/Respite - An activity which provides disabled individuals with appropriate recreational activities including sports, trips, etc.

Homemaker Services - Assistance to a family or primary caregiver with training, care of disabled person and home management to provide respite.

Respite/Overnight - Provides temporary room, board and supervision of individuals who are developmentally disabled, in an out- of-home setting.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

At The Hungerford School, we believe our Mission is:

To help students develop to their maximum potential and functional levels by providing them with essential social, emotional, language, technological and academic skills.

Our Program seeks to accomplish this goal by creating a nurturing environment that is physically and emotionally receptive to the needs of our students and their families. We use a cooperative, multi-sensory approach involving age appropriate, individualized instruction. We also believe in shared decision making that involves integrating the families and community of children in our school in the development of harmonious, cooperative and respectful policies that directly affect them.

<http://schools.nycenet.edu/d75/P721R/default.htm>

**The Citywide Council on Special Education
 Calendar Meeting for October
 Wednesday, October 15, 2008
 6:30 P.M.
 P373K The Children's School
 512 Carroll Street
 Brooklyn, NY 11215**

TOPIC: Related Services

- Staff Core Values:
 Respect,
 Professionalism,
 Sensitivity,
 Excellence



FALL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE DATES

SITE	DATE	TIME
McKee High School	10/23/08	6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.- Evening
	10/24/08	12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.- Afternoon
New Doop High School	10/23/08	6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.- Evening
	10/24/08	1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. -Afternoon
Tottenville High School	10/23/08	6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.-Evening
	10/24/08	12:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.-Afternoon
Main Site, Bayley Seton & Opts Programs	11/6/08	1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. -Afternoon
		5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.- Evening
I.S. 24 & I.S. 43	11/17/08	To Be Announced - Evening
	11/18/08	To Be Announced-Afternoon