

- **Enrichment Clusters based on the School-Wide Enrichment model**  
Interest-based, inter-grade enrichment clusters that focus on student-driven learning applied to real-world purposes. Past clusters have included a student magazine, yearbook, photography, robotics, track, and mosaics.
- **Inquiry-based social studies instruction utilizing the Independent Investigation Model (IIM)**  
IIM teaches students how to independently research topics of interest to them and to produce final products that best represent their strengths as learners.
- **Full time visual art, music, computer/science, and physical education teachers**
- **Chess instruction during the school day; recorder instruction**
- **Monthly class trips; Fifth grade overnight trip**
- **Two outdoor play structures with amphitheater and chess tables**
- **Full-time nurse**

#### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- Chess Club
- Art Club
- Jewish Museum
- After School partnership with Kamp4Kidz

#### PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT / COMMUNICATION

- Active PTA
- School Leadership Team
- PS 39 Web site: [www.ps39.org](http://www.ps39.org)
- Monthly Family Fridays
- Parent Enrichment Club Facilitators
- Monthly Grade Level Instructional Newsletters
- Learning Leader Volunteers (trained parent volunteers)
- Class Parents

Open houses are held from October to February to give families an opportunity to meet and talk with the principal, parents, and students. Please contact the school for tour dates.



*Nothing could be finer . . .*

# PS 39

The Henry Bristow School



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## ABOUT US:

Located in a landmark building, PS 39's unique layout fosters an intimate atmosphere, as well as a truly collaborative environment for teachers. PS 39 is an NYC rarity: a small school (330 students) with small classes, a place where students and teachers in all grades know one another by name. The staff at PS 39 are committed to professional development and are constantly seeking new techniques to incorporate into the classroom.

The efforts of the teachers and students are reflected in the school's academic excellence: in 2008, 95% of the school's 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders scored at levels 3 and 4 on the NYS Math test and 86% scored at levels 3 and 4 on the NYS English Language Arts test.



## OUR MISSION:

PS 39 seeks to cultivate a climate of growth for all members of its community. We teach with passion and compassion, creating a learning environment that encourages conversation and exploration and celebrates the gifts and talents of each child.

## WHAT YOU WILL FIND AT PS 39:

- **A progressive education**  
PS 39 is a Columbia University Teachers College Reading & Writing Project School; our teachers work directly with Teachers College to keep the school on the cutting edge of the Balanced Literacy curriculum.

PS 39 also works closely with Aussie math consultants, an international professional development organization that fosters excellence in math.



- **Small class size**  
There are fewer than 22 students per class, even in the upper grades; Pre-K classes are capped at 18, kindergarten classes contain 20 students.
- **Culturally diverse student body**
- **Full-day award-winning Pre-K program**
- **Exceptionally strong parental involvement**
- **Long-established partnerships with numerous arts organizations:** Arts Connection and Being Peace, Making Books Sing, New York Philharmonic, Greenwood Cemetery, PENCIL, Jewish Museum, Ballet Tech, and New Victory Theatre; frequent recipient of Parents As Arts Partners Grants

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