

# Principal's Report February 2011

We are very proud of students and teachers in cohort 6A. Mr. Bradley received news coverage from NY1 for the fundraiser and work he is doing with his students in order to become a paperless classroom. To watch the newscast go to: <http://queens.ny1.com/?ArID=132677>

Scholars' Academy has been acknowledged as a premier school that is piloting the use of curriculum maps online in select courses. Ms. Colleran is spearheading the project with teachers, Mr. Chobot, Ms. Kaplan, Mr. Coscia, Mr. Rahman, and Mr. Wong. We are very proud of their work. We are confident that this is the foreshadowing of our school's curriculum being enhanced by technology today for a smarter tomorrow.

The school has had its launch meeting for a project that will put up to 40 cameras around the perimeter and inside of the building. A special emphasis was requested for the Rockaway Freeway side of the building. This special project will replace our older camera system and enhance safety and accountability.

Ms. Morritt and Mr. Leicht are researching options for our planned music and technology classroom.

Save the date: Friday, March 11th, 2011. Mr. O'Connell was chosen to be Irish Principal of the Year by the Emerald Society of the Department of Education. Contact Ms. Sorrentino or Ms. Brady if you are interested in joining this Scholars' Academy honor. The event begins at 7:30pm at Terrace on the Park in Queens.

- 1) Open Classroom Day Feb. 15- Parents can visit their child's classroom during 2nd and 3rd period to observe instruction.
- 2) Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on February 17th. The afternoon session is from 1pm to 3pm and the evening session is from 5:30 to 8pm.
- 3) We will be receiving the annual school learning survey in a few weeks. Please use this opportunity to give us serious feedback; we base many important decisions on input from this report. We look forward to 100% response from parents.

Due to the extreme weather, the normally dangerous Rockaway Freeway has become more of a concern.

Some neighboring residents have not properly shoveled sidewalks which has forced students to at times walk

in the street. 311 was called several times by the diligent crossing guard and our school. I would caution any parent from dropping children off or picking children up under the elevated Freeway. Our drop off and pick-up location is Beach Channel Drive between 104th Street and Seaside Avenue.

Today a very successful 6th grade trip took place to Lincoln Center. Thank you Ms. Morrith for organizing this trip.

The 6th grade will participate in Greek Olympics Friday on 2/4 in the gymnasium focusing on what was learned in their Ancient Greece unit in Humanities class.

This month at The Scholar of the month assembly Mrs. Ellen McNulty was recognized for her hard work and dedication to all students, families and staff of The Scholars' Academy. Ellen is an amazing school nurse and we feel lucky to have her on our staff.

The Scholars' Academy has been reaching out to colleges and universities to partner with Graduate Teaching. Currently for Term 2 we now have 6 student teachers who will be working with us 5 days a week. This is a great opportunity for these graduate students to receive top notch training at the same time, our teachers receive assistance in their classrooms.

February 18th through the 26th 12 high school students, Ms. Pinedo, Ms. Sorrentino will travel to Barcelona, Seville, Granada & Madrid.

7th & 8th grade students took an edline survey to sign up for a new elective for term 2. These classes should begin on Monday February 7th.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Scholars' Academy Seawolves Marching Band (grades 6-12) will be marching in the annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 12 p.m.

Staff Change Announcement

Scholars' Academy announces the departure of Ms. Scannell from our science team and staff. Ms. Scannell worked very hard for our school for several years, serving on numerous teams and in many capacities. Her contributions to our school will be missed. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

Scholars' Academy welcomes a new science teacher, Ms. Millie Pineiro. Ms. Pineiro holds multiple science licenses, with more than five years experience as a living environment teacher in the city school system, including several years as a testing coordinator. Ms. Pineiro has most recently worked for the past several years as a college professor of biology and microbiology. February

HS Girls Basketball extended its winning streak to 14-0. On Saturday February 5th the Lady Seawolves were victorious against unbeaten Bedford Academy at the PSAL B Showcase.

We applied for 3 Fall Sports (Cross Country, Fencing and Girls Golf).

Amanda Jackson earned a Bronze Medal at the New Jersey HS Wrestling Tournament on January 30th.

MS Wrestlers will take part in a NY State Wrestling qualifier @ Madison HS on February 20th.

HS Archery will begin in the morning after the February.

MS Basketball League has extended to 10 teams throughout Queens and Brooklyn. Our Boys team is currently 1-1 and have their next match on Friday February 11th.

HS Swim team had their B Championship on February 6th. We had 6 medalists. ( Rebecca R, Becka B, Randy R, Rebecca O, Liz L, Phillip S)

The A Championship will take place February 12th and 13th. We have 3 students representing Scholars' Academy. (Sean C, Lucas H, Yarslov K)

Mr. Leicht and Mrs. Morritt will attend the workshop series Creating, Developing, and Sustaining a Vibrant Instrumental Ensemble, on Friday, April 1, April 8, & April 15, 2011, from

We have applied to be an Innovation Zone school again in the 2011-2012 school year. The iZone has made numerous improvements to their platform and will enable us to continue to remove time and place from teaching and learning.

Teachers have been recently trained in using video to enhance their instruction and serve as a resource for students outside the classroom. We are working towards building a library of instructional resources for students to access regardless of their location.

Sixth grade students have begun a pilot to digital portfolios to store their work. The websites they create will be able to follow them through their tenure at the Scholars' Academy.