



Bronx Lighthouse Charter School

BLCS Weekly Newsletter

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*If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders.
~Abigail Van Buren*

Greetings BLCS Families,

I would like to thank all of the parents who came out to Parent Teacher Conference, which was held on May, 7 and May 8, 2014. We appreciate your patience and support at this time! If you were unable to attend Parent Teacher Conference, please contact your scholar's teacher to set up a time and date that you are available to go over your child's progress. Parents, who requested an appointment with Ms. Hardcastle, please be advised someone will be contacting you shortly in reference to an appointment.

Reminder: May Events

- PA Workshop: **Healthy Heart Healthy You**, on May 13, 2014 at 6:00 pm in CPA gymnasium.
- **PARENT ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS** will be May 13, 2014! Come out and let your voice be heard!
- Sunday May 18, 2014, we will participate in the **AIDS Walk in Central Park**. We are looking for parents to support our scholars, so please join us in fight for a good cause. You can find out more information about the AIDS Walk below. .

BLCS PA PRESENTS: HEALTHY HEART HEALTHY YOU WORKSHOP

On Tuesday May 13, 2014 at 6:00pm the BLCPA PA will present a workshop for families on Hypertension. Here are some facts about Hypertension in the Unites States:

- **67 million** American adults (31%) have high blood pressure—that's **1 in every 3** adults.
- Nearly **1 in 3 American adults** have prehypertension—blood pressure numbers that are higher than normal, but not yet in the high blood pressure range.
- High blood pressure costs the nation **\$47.5 billion each year**. This total includes the cost of health care services, medications to treat high blood pressure, and missed days of work.

(information obtained from the Center for Disease Control)

Please come out and support our Parent Association and learn more about the basics of blood pressure and high blood pressure. Dr. Jose Taveras cardiologist, at Montefiore Einstein Center will be our guest speaker. He will share an overview of risk factors, causes, diagnosis, and treatment of hypertension. We look forward to see you there!



ELECTIONS ARE HERE!!

PARENT ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD MAY 13, 2014 AT 6:45 PM

Many people think that their vote does not matter. The Parent Association (PA) at BLCS is for every parent. Your voice matters and it is important that you speak up and make a difference for your scholars and the other scholars in your child's school. The BLCS Parent Association will be having their elections this Tuesday May 13, 2014 at 6:45 pm. I hope you will come out and vote to support your child's future here at BLCS. Come out and be an active part of the PA, here are 3 reasons to join your scholar's Parent Association:



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1. **Support the Educational Programs** - Parent volunteers often help out in classrooms by assisting teachers, bringing supplies or serving as cafeteria monitor or at dismissal. Parents could create a safety patrol or assist their child's school in other ways that are important.
2. **Fund drives** - PTO's often raise funds to benefit the school's education or service programs. A PA Board could hold a fundraiser to improve the school's playground, library or computer lab. Fundraisers have always been important for improving the quality of a school and PA Boards are becoming more savvy than ever about raising funds for their scholar's school community.
3. **Voice Your Opinions** - Joining the PA is an excellent way to assist your scholar's school and to have an active voice in their education process. PA Boards report directly to the BLCS Family and Community Partnership Coordinator, who bring important information to their attention.

Please come out and support your scholar's Parent Association this Tuesday May 13, 2014 at 6:45 pm.

SCIENCE PERFORMANCE TEST DATES

4th grade Science Performance Tests will start on 5/26 and continue to 5/30.

AIDS WALK TEAM

Last year CPA students participated in the AIDS walk, and this is a great opportunity to get more staff and families involved. This is a great event to rally your families behind. On Sunday May 18, 2014, we will participate in the AIDS Walk in Central Park. If you registered last year, then you have probably been receiving emails from AIDS Walk NYC. You can register through the link provided in the email. For first time walkers, here's how you register:

1. Go to <http://www.aidswalk.net/newyork/participate/form-or-join-team> and select "Join a Team"
2. Once the new window/tab opens up, select "Join a team" and then find our team (**Bronx Lighthouse CPA -7082**) on the drop down menu
3. You'll be asked to create a username and password; then click continue
4. Next you'll complete a series of questions and then you're set once you answer them.



READING IS MAGIC!

On Monday, May 12, we are launching a school-wide reading incentive themed "Reading is Magic". Our whole school goal is to read 154,000 minutes in three weeks! Each scholar should track the minutes they read on the orange reading tracker that will be given out to them, and returned to their homeroom teachers each Monday. The scholars in the class that logs the most minutes between May 12 and May 30th will each get a free book from the June book fair! On June 4th we will have a reading celebration during town hall.

Have an awesome week,

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