



# Bronx Lighthouse Charter School

## BLCS Weekly Newsletter

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"Too often we give children answers to remember rather than problems to solve." - Roger Lewin

### **Greetings BLCS Families,**

Thanks to all parents who came out to the PA workshop on Hypertension. The presenter was Dr. Jose Taveras, a cardiologist from Montefiore Einstein Center, who has dedicated his life to making the Bronx a healthier and more informed community.

### **Reminder: May Events**

- Attention All Parents! This Wednesday May 21, 2014 at 5:30 pm Ms. Hardcastle will be hosting a **Parent Focus Group**, to get feedback from parents on next year's school calendar, as well as other topics related to the upcoming school year 2014-2015. If you are interested in participating in this focus group, please contact Ms. Canton at 646-915-0030 ext. 5004, by Tuesday at 3:00 pm.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE AIDS WALK !**



## **PARENT ASSOCIATION 2014- 2015**

CONGRATULATIONS, on a well ran election! I would like to thank you for your participation and willingness to step up to make a difference in our students' lives and to help build a better school community. The BLCS Parent Association held their elections this past Tuesday, May 13, 2014. We have elected new officers and there is now one Parent Association at Bronx Lighthouse Charter School (with a combination of parents from K-11<sup>th</sup> grades on the Executive Board). We have also elected two representatives from the Lower Academy and CPA to work with the Executive Board to address the issues and ideas that relate to each school. These Lower Academy and CPA representatives will also work with Grade Representatives to ensure that the parents of BLCS are active and involved in building the Parents Association and supporting their scholars' educational experience. Below I have listed the new BLCS Parent Association Executive Board for the 2014-2015 school year. They will start on July 1, 2014 and will be in office until June 30, 2015. The BLCS PA is still looking for parents who are interested in participating. There is a need for several grade representatives, which will be filled in September, 2014 at the first PA general meeting. If you are interested in becoming a part of the BLCS Parent Association, please contact Ms. Canton at [scanton@lighthouse-academies.org](mailto:scanton@lighthouse-academies.org) or 646-915-0030 ext. 5004. 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. Become an active member today!

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## **BLCS Parent Association Executive Board of 2014-15**

**President:** Gabriela Silverio

**Vice President:** Socrates Lembert

**Secretary:** Helen Brown

**Treasurer:** Rosa Gonzalez

**College Prep Academy Representative:** Deborah Parson

**Lower School Representative:** Elizabeth Roblez

### **Grade Representatives**

- ✚ Rhonda Curry: 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
- ✚ Anamaria Menefee 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
- ✚ Juan Carlos Abreu- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Representative
- ✚ Lilanana Mendez-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
- ✚ Giselle Louw – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative

**We will be looking for Parents who are interested in being Grade Representatives for Grades:**

- K Grade Representative
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Representative
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Representative
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative



### **SCIENCE PERFORMANCE TEST DATES**

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

### **READING IS MAGIC!**

On Monday, May 12, we launched 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.

### **ROCKING TO THE CORE**

#### **Singing and Dancing to Learn Content**

Rock 2 the Core is a **free** website that provides songs that are aligned with common core standards. Each song comes with the lyrics and a practice worksheet. Students will love singing along during warm ups, transitions, and as a mid-lesson movement break. More songs are being added daily and the website would love to hear from you about which songs you would like to have made. You can sign up for free at: <http://rock2thecore.com/>

Have an awesome week,

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