



Bronx Lighthouse Charter School

Lower Academy Principal's Newsletter

March 14, 2012

Dear Families,

Please read below for information on some very important topics:

Sibling Pick-Up

We are working to have dismissal run as smoothly as possible. As we work on Upper Academy scholars exiting the building, we want to clarify the process of siblings picking up younger scholars within the building. There is a form in this week's Wednesday packet that needs to be completed and returned to school by Friday, March 16th. It will assist us in making sure that scholars are safely exiting the building with the appropriate sibling.

Test Preparation at Home

- As of today, there are only 17 school days remaining before the New York State ELA test. There are several ways you can help your scholar prepare for the test:
- Set aside 45-60 minutes for your scholar to independently complete their weekend test prep packet. Scholars should work on this in a quiet place to simulate testing conditions.
- Study Island - Scholars have been using the Study Island website to support test preparation. Have scholars use this site for 20-30 minutes each night at home as part of their homework time. All 3-5 scholars know their Study Island login and password at www.studyisland.com.

School Surveys

Today, you will be receiving the NYC School Survey. Last year, we only had 47% of our parents return the survey. This year, we are looking for 100% participation. In the packet, look for Ms. Valentine's flyer regarding all of the opportunities for completing this survey. Filling out the school survey is one way for you to help us get an "A" on our progress report this year.

Please read below for announcements:

The following announcement will run every week until the test! Although it seems far away, the New York State Assessments occur immediately after spring break this year. The ELA test will be administered April 17 -19 and the Math Test will be April 25-27. Students cannot be absent on testing days. Please plan your return from spring break with enough time that there is no risk to students being absent.

Shine On!

Meghan Kimpton
Lower Academy Principal