

# D9 SPOTLIGHT NEWS

ENROLLMENT  
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## #COMEHOMETODISTRICT9

Dear District 9 students, family, staff, and partners,

As we turn the page into a new school year, I hope that this season finds you full of the optimism and energy that new beginnings bring. As a district team, we have been working hard to prepare for an incredible year of growth and learning. I am excited to share with you the new steps we are taking to ensure the success of every student, as well as the strengths and accomplishments on which we will build.

Last year as part of NYC Reads, we focused on developing strong foundational literacy strategies that will prepare our students for success in college and careers. We saw promising outcomes in our screener assessment data, with most students making reading progress. We spent the summer creating a "playbook" with shared commitments to make sure every student receives a high quality learning experience, and providing professional learning to make sure every school has the knowledge and support to do so. We will continue this work in the coming year, focusing on implementing a common curriculum and using data to make sure that learning is relevant and responsive to every student's needs.

This past year we also expanded our enrichment opportunities. We continued our debate league, with all schools participating in debate tournaments and our top teams competing in a citywide tournament. We held our Science Fair and STEM Fest at Yankee Stadium. We developed District 9 inter-school sports leagues and held inaugural seasons in Basketball, Tennis, Bocce, and Soccer.

We have taken many steps to ensure a strong social and emotional support structure for every student, including mindfulness, restorative circles, and different levels of resources for the needs of individual students. We have also taken important steps to create stronger access and partnership for stakeholders, including Coffee with the Superintendent, town halls, student council, and surveys. This has led to rebranding the district with a new logo, slogan, mission and vision. I am also excited to share that we will be opening an enrollment satellite at the district office this year to better support the placement of families in the right school for you. Over the coming year, we will be sharing numerous learning opportunities for families, as well as opportunities for families to engage in leadership and shared decision-making at both the school and district level. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your school or the district office for any reason. I look forward to a successful year ahead.

Sincerely,

Harry Sherman, Superintendent District 9



HARRY SHERMAN  
DISTRICT 09  
SUPERINTENDENT



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# FAMILY FIRST!

School Spotlight!



PS 110 Starting the year strong with Family Events



## CEC MONTHLY MEETING

- SEPTEMBER 19 -PS 53 (5:30-8:00PM)
- OCTOBER 17 -PS 110 (5:30-8:00PM)
- NOVEMBER 21 -PS 204 (5:30-8:00PM)

## COFFEE WITH SUPERINTENDENT

- SEPTEMBER 18 (9-10AM) [ZOOM LINK](#)
- OCTOBER 16 (9-10AM) [ZOOM LINK](#)
- NOVEMBER 20 (9-10AM) [ZOOM LINK](#)

## PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING

- SEPTEMBER 20 (6-8PM) [ZOOM LINK](#)
- OCTOBER 18 (6-8PM) [ZOOM LINK](#)
- NOVEMBER 15 (6-8PM) [ZOOM LINK](#)



## Scholar Corner

- Student Council (Elections TBD)
- Fall Soccer League(NEW)
  - Interested? Fill out this [form](#).
- Debate Team
  - Ask your Debate Coach for more information.
- Sports Athletic League
  - [CSD9 Athletics](#)
- Chess League
  - Coming this year! Ask your teacher.

## Student Resources



# wellness tips



## Mindfulness:

Gratitude Body Scan

2 Feet - 1 Breath

## Releasing:

Cat Stretching

Wave

## Breathing Practice:

Flower Candle Breathing & PDF

BALLOON BREATH & PDF

## Mindset:

Mindful Qualities



# "SEL"



Providing students with instruction in social-emotional skills serves as both an overarching prevention strategy and as a primary intervention strategy, especially for children who will benefit significantly from an expanded " toolkit " of responses that includes the eight DESSA social emotional competencies.

District 9 partners with several organizations that provide SEL support and curriculum for example: Positive Learning Collaborative ( PLC ) , Sandy Hook Promise, Beyond Diversity, Restorative Practices and Every Child & Family Is Known ( ECFIK ) .





# PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

DISTRICT 9 INSTRUCTIONAL PLAYBOOK  
SHARED COMMITMENTS TO BELONG, EXCEL, AND THRIVE IN EVERY SCHOOL!

## SCHOOL LIAISON MEETINGS

- **Literacy/ELA:**
  - Oct. 12 & 19
  - Nov. 9 & 16
- **Math:**
  - Sept. 12
  - Oct. 10 & 20
  - Nov. 9 & 17
- **Science/SS**
  - Oct. 12
- **Special Education:**
  - Sept. 28 (office hours)
  - Oct. 26
  - Nov. 30
- **MLs/ELLs**
  - Oct. 13
  - Nov. 10
- **Student Services:**
  - Sept. 13
  - Oct. 11
  - Nov. 22

## D9 Summer Professional Learning Catalogue

### SHOUT OUT & CELEBRATIONS

#### NEW PRINCIPALS, WELCOME!



**Eric Burnside**  
(Interim Acting)  
09X313



**Caron Martin**  
(Interim Acting)  
09X117



**Charles Neblett**  
(Acting)  
09X323



**Miriam Ruiz**  
(Interim Acting)  
09X454



## PARENT COORDINATORS

- Sept. 19
- Oct. 26
- Nov. 16





## D9 ACTION

- BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR (SEPTEMBER 23)
- CHESS TOURNAMENT (JANUARY)
- DEBATE TOURNAMENTS (JANUARY & APRIL)
  - TOURNAMENT I:
    - Elementary School - January 10
    - Middle School - January 11
  - TOURNAMENT II:
    - Elementary School - April 4
    - Middle School - April 5
- LITERACY FAIR (APRIL)
- STEM EXPO & SCIENCE FAIR (MAY)
- COLLEGE & CAREER (TBD)

*Check Out the*  
**D9 SWAG**



**D9 BET STORE**

