

D9 Digest | Fall 2024

Greetings District 9 family,

I hope this message finds you well. As we go into the holiday season, I hope that you are able to find time for rest, family, love, gratitude, and peace. The holidays are an important time to reflect on what we have accomplished, and the work yet to be done. In District 9, we have much to be thankful for.

I am grateful to all of the parent and school leaders who gathered for our summit on shared leadership. You worked together on commitments for improved family empowerment, and we look forward to seeing the fruit of this collaboration as the school year continues. I am grateful for our teachers as you implement strong foundational reading instruction and research-based curriculum aligned to the needs and interests of our students across every classroom. I am grateful to every staff member as you support our students and families in big and small ways every day. I am grateful for the diligence and engagement of our parents and family members for your strong advocacy and support. Most of all I am grateful to our students - you are amazing and inspiring and the reason we all show up every day.

Schools have administered beginning of year screeners and standards-based benchmarks. This data will ensure we are aligning units, groups, resources, and supports to the strengths and needs of students. Everyone stakeholder - principal, teacher, parent, student - should be a part of this process. I encourage you to reach out to your school principal or teacher for more information. I look forward to seeing you at Coffee with the Superintendent, or one of our other upcoming engagements where you can learn more about our work on behalf of our students. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the District 9 office if you need any support.

Sincerely,

Harry Sherman Superintendent



WELCOME HOME DISTRICT 9

Coffee With Superintendent Sherman

January 7 | 9am February 4 | 9am March 4 | 9am April 1 | 9am

Zoom Link

CEC Monthly Meetings

Monthly Meetings are held from 5:30pm - 8:30pm

December 17 | Teller Avenue Educational Campus | 1000 Teller Avenue

January 21 | TBD

February 25 | MS 219 | 3630 3rd Avenue





Reminders

In-Person Middle School Fair | December 3 @ 5pm Virtual Middle School Fair | December 5 @ 6pm Winter Break | December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025 High School Application Deadline | December 4, 2024 Middle School Application Deadline | December 20, 2024

HOME DISTRICT 2 FAMILIES

Welcome Note

We are excited to welcome you to another wonderful school year in District 9! As we continue this journey together, we are committed to supporting the growth, success, and well-being of every student. Our schools are dedicated to providing a safe, inclusive, and enriching environment where all children can thrive. We encourage you to stay connected with us, participate in school events, and take advantage of the many resources available to you and your family. Here's to a year filled with learning, growth, and community!





District 9 Hosts First Annual Parent Summit

On October 25, District 9 held its first annual Parent Summit at MS 644 Bronx Debate Academy. The event provided an opportunity for parents to collaborate with school leaders and learn about their rights and responsibilities in supporting their children's education. It was a day of engagement, empowerment, and valuable information. District 9 remains committed to fostering a community where every student belongs, excels, and thrives. We were even joined by our new Chancellor, Melissa Aviles-Ramos! Thank you to all who participated in making this summit a success!



HOME HOME DISTRICT 9 EVENTS



District 9 Back to School Resource Fair a Huge Success at Yankee Stadium!

On August 15, 2024, District 9 hosted a successful Back to School Resource Fair in partnership with the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium! Families had the opportunity to access essential resources, school supplies, and community services to help students start the school year off strong. The event was a wonderful celebration of community, featuring valuable support for students and their families in a memorable venue. A big thank you to the Yankees and all our partners for making this event a tremendous success!

Heroes of Highbridge

On November 23, 2024, District 9 proudly hosted the annual Heroes of Highbridge Walk/Run, bringing together students, families, and staff from across the district for a day of fitness, fun, and community spirit. Participants of all ages took part in the event, celebrating teamwork, perseverance, and healthy living. The event culminated in a resource fair for families, offering valuable information and support services. A big thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this event such a memorable experience!







HOME DISTRICT 2 ATHLETICS

Fall in Love with Sports

District 9 is excited to offer a variety of Fall Sports for students of all ages! This season, we're featuring Flag Football, Soccer, and Tee Ball, giving kids the chance to stay active, build teamwork skills, and have fun. Whether your child is a seasoned athlete or just getting started, these programs are a great way to get involved.





Coming this Winter

District 9 is gearing up for an exciting lineup of Winter Sports! This season, we're offering Volleyball, Modified Volleyball, NBA 2K, Bocce, Running, and Basketball—something for every student, whether they're looking to compete, stay active, or try something new. These programs are a great way to stay fit, make friends, and have fun during the colder months.



HOME HOME DISTRICT 9 NEWS

District 9 Celebrates Hispanic Heritage

Click <u>HERE</u> to see how we honored our CEC President, Aide Zanos Flores

Honoring Our Leaders for Hispanic Heritage Month

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, PS 70 proudly recognized Josie Rodriguez, School Counselor, Roxanne Ledda, Principal, and Barbara Colon, Parent Coordinator, for their outstanding contributions to the school and community. The trio was honored by Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson for their dedication and leadership. Their commitment to creating a supportive and inclusive environment for all students continues to inspire and uplift the entire PS 70 community. Congratulations to these remarkable individuals on this well-deserved recognition!

National Coming Out Day

On October 11, 2024, MS 361 Highbridge Green School proudly celebrated National Coming Out Day, a day dedicated to honoring LGBTQ+ individuals and fostering a supportive, inclusive environment for all students. The school held a variety of activities and discussions, encouraging students to embrace their authentic selves and support one another. This meaningful observance helped raise awareness, promote acceptance, and reinforce the values of respect and unity within our school community.



