

Guidance Department NEWSLETTER

Middle School 88
Principal: Ailene Altman Mitchell

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HIGHLIGHTS

M.S. 88 was buzzing with awesome events and activities throughout the month of March. M.S. 88's rendition of Little Shop of Horrors was a huge success, which featured two sold out performances on March 30th and 31st. Congratulations to all of the students who were involved in the school play and a special shout out to Ms. LiDondici and supporting staff for all of your hard work. Your time and dedication really paid off!

Congratulations to the M.S. 88 boys' basketball team for their stunning buzzer-beating victory against Ditmas Middle School. We are very proud of this great accomplishment!

We also wanted to thank all students, families, and staff that helped spread awareness for District's 38's Participatory Budgeting. We are hopeful that, with your support, M.S. 88's three projects will be selected for upgrades.

April will be an exciting month for M.S. 88. Be sure to save all of the important dates and please follow up on upcoming events that concern your children.

Counselor Quote

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

— Winston S. Churchill

Theme Fridays

April 8: Plaid Day

April 22: Earth Day



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 8:** St. Jude Math-A-Thon Kickoff – Auditorium (3rd Period)
- **April 8:** Principal's Council Bake Sale
- **April 12:** Parent Engagement with Planned Parenthood (8:30 – 9:30 am)
- **April 25 - 29:** Spring Recess - **school is closed** (students return on Monday, May 2nd)

Guidance Counselor Announcements

Ms. Caspi, Guidance Counselor (Ext. 166)
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Dear 8th grade families,

We are holding our annual Career Fair May 13th from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium. We have representation from careers in Sports and Fitness, Web Design, Law, Accounting, Military, Investment Banking, College Coaching, Journalism, and FDNY. If any parent is interested in participating in the Fair, please reach out to our guidance counselor, Ms. Caspi. Please let us know as soon as possible so we can reserve a table for you in our Career Fair.

This is a great opportunity to showcase your career and inspire our students!

Mr. Matera, Guidance Counselor (Ext. 217)
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Hello 7th graders and parents,

I am happy to announce that M.S.88 will be hosting the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Math-A-Thon once again this spring. The Math-A-Thon is an amazing program that helps introduce the importance of helping others. Our 7th graders will have the great opportunity to help make a difference in the life of another child, while at the same time developing their math skills and allowing them to earn special prizes. The M.S.88 Math-A-Thon Kick-Off will take place on Friday, April 8th.

As you all know, Principal's Council has been meeting regularly throughout the year to discuss concerns of the M.S. 88 student body and to brainstorm ideas that will address such concerns. Each division of Principal's Council has been making great strides in developing activities and programs that will help make positive changes to the school. The Community Outreach division of Principal's Council will be having a bake sale on Friday April 8th, in which the proceeds will be donated to M.S.88 families in need. If you are interested in participating in the bake sale, please contact me. All volunteers are welcome!

PTA News

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, April 19 at 6:00pm in the auditorium. You'll learn about MS 88's new partnership with the American Red Cross and hear about school gardening projects that you can get involved with. Plus, pick up a nomination slip and consider running for a position on the PTA Executive Board! Our elections will be coming up in May. For questions or more information, email us at ms88pta@gmail.com. See you on the 19th!

Join the PTA! Email ms88pta@gmail.com to find out more!

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Ms. Forman, Guidance Counselor (Ext. 165)
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Dear 6th grade parents,

Last month's parent engagement workshop on the high application process was a success! Maurice Frumkin, the former Deputy Executive Director of High School Admissions conducted an informative workshop on the high school articulation process. If you missed the workshop or would like more information, you can contact Maurice Frumkin at (347)709-2258 or MFrumkin@nycadmissionssolutions.com for a complimentary 20-minute high school admissions phone consultation. Nevertheless, we will conduct additional high school informational workshops next fall during the evening.

This month's parent engagement meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 12th at 8:30 a.m. Representatives from Planned Parenthood will be conducting the workshop. We hope to see you there!

Ms. Brown, Guidance Counselor (Ext. 203)
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Dear Parents,

This month in school counseling students will continue to work on their counseling goals. Students will engage in activities that build social skills, coping skills and decision making skills.

KIDS AT HOPE

This month can be a particularly challenging one for our students with the state tests on the horizon. That is why here at M.S. 88, we're having Kids At Hope week from April 18th-22nd to bring fun and positivity to the end of an academically difficult two weeks. During Kids At Hope Week, teachers will lead students in mentally time traveling exercises to envision their success not only in academics but also in all aspects of their lives. The tests are but one small piece of one part of our students' lives and their overall success is based upon much more. All of you parents, as Aces of Hearts, please be sure to reinforce these messages at home!



Resources

NYC DOE: <http://schools.nyc.gov/ParentsFamilies/default.htm>

Respect For All: <http://schools.nyc.gov/RulesPolicies/RespectforAll/default.htm>

Engage NY: <https://www.engageny.org/>

Social/Emotional Assessment: <http://www.parenttoolkit.com/>

Edutopia: <http://www.edutopia.org>

Behavioral Assessment: <http://www.thinkkids.org/>

Lutheran Medical Center: <http://www.lutheranhealthcare.org/>

High School Admissions Website: www.nyc.gov/schools/ChoicesEnrollment/High

High School Admissions Apps:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Home/AdmissionsApps>

School Search: <http://schools.nyc.gov/schoolsearch/>

Open House/Information Session Calendar:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Calendar/>

School Accountability Information: www.nyc.gov/schools/accountability



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