

# Guidance Department NEWSLETTER

Middle School 88  
Principal: Ailene Altman Mitchell

MAY  
2016



## HIGHLIGHTS

**NEWS ALERT!!!:** The Participatory Budgeting results of District 38 are in! We are thrilled to announce that M.S.88 was victorious in receiving funds in order to renovate both the library media center and the auditorium. Our district collected over 6,300 votes, claiming the highest citywide participation rates for the third year in a row. This was a direct result of all the hard work and dedication from our Principal's Council and the community members that helped spread awareness of this PB cycle.

Make sure to attend the Shine the Light Music and Arts Festival on June 2<sup>nd</sup> afterschool. The festivities will begin with the staff vs. student co-ed basketball game. There will also be an art gallery on display throughout the halls of SISTA House, followed up by performances by Rockestra, M.S. 88 chorus, and the LeAp afterschool dancers. There will also be raffle tickets available to all attendees.

The month of May will be exciting 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

**“Love yourself. Forgive yourself. Be true to yourself. How you treat yourself sets the standard for how others will treat you.”**

— Steve Maraboli

## Theme Fridays

**May 6: Baseball Jersey Day**  
**May 13: Super Hero T-shirt Day**  
**May 20: Western Friday**  
**May 27: College T-shirt Day**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 11:** Parent Teacher Conference (5:00 – 8:00 pm)
- **May 13:** Career Day
- **May 17:** SLT Meeting 5:00 pm, PTA Meeting 6:00 pm
- **May 24:** Parent Engagement Workshop – Online Safety and Digital Citizenship (2:40 – 3:20 pm)
- **May 30:** Memorial Day - **school is closed**

## Guidance Counselor Announcements

**Ms. Caspi, Guidance Counselor** (Ext. 166)  
(8<sup>th</sup> grade): [ccaspi@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ccaspi@schools.nyc.gov)

Dear 8th grade parents,

We are in the home stretch before graduation! By now your children have been given their high school matches and are excited to embark on their next journey to high school. May is a great time for students to reflect on their accomplishments in middle school as well as stay focused on their studies, even with all the distractions of good weather and growing pains. I have had the pleasure of working with many of your children on being mindful of choices they make in their daily lives.

We are hosting a Career Fair May 13th from 10:40-1:00 p.m. Your children will have the opportunity to speak to professionals from a number of professions. Parents are welcome to attend this event as well.

Warmest Regards,

**Mr. Matera, Guidance Counselor** (Ext. 217)  
(7<sup>th</sup> grade): [rmatera@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:rmatera@schools.nyc.gov)

Hello 7<sup>th</sup> graders and parents,

The M.S.88 St. Jude Math-A-Thon official kickoff was a huge success. Many students began fundraising and working in their math fun books. All of the M.S. 88 donations will be collected at the end of May. Our students 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. If there are any students interested in participating in this year's St. Jude Math-A-Thon, please visit me in room 216 to receive all of the materials.

As you all know, the 4<sup>th</sup> and final marking period has begun. If you are concerned about your child's academic progress or unsatisfactory behavior, please do not hesitate to contact me in order to assess the issue and assist your child in exploring methods of conflict resolution.

## PTA News

There is still time to join the PTA Executive Board for the 2016-2017 school year! Nomination forms and office descriptions can be found in the main office beside the ballot box. Elections will be held at our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00pm in the auditorium. At the same meeting you can learn about the high school admissions process from an expert on the topic—Maurice Frumkin, president of NYC Admissions Solutions. Hope to see you there!

The M.S. 88 PTA  
[ms88pta@gmail.com](mailto:ms88pta@gmail.com)

# Guidance Counselor Announcements

MAY 2016

**Ms. Forman, Guidance Counselor** (Ext. 165)  
(6<sup>th</sup> grade): [jforman2@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:jforman2@schools.nyc.gov)

Dear 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents,

Summer is around the corner! Now is the time to enroll your children in fun and stimulating summer programs. STEM Summer in the City is a free program designed to provide current 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity for an innovative, engaging, and fun summer learning program designed specifically around science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The program runs from July 7<sup>th</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup> and offers coding, game design, engineering, robotics and building Minecraft creations. Students are encouraged to apply online at <http://schools.nyc.gov/academics/science/nycsummerstem#apply>.

Middle School 88 is also offering a free camp on site through the Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation (SASF). SASF's summer camps provide enriching, high-quality sports, arts, and academic programming. Students can stop by the main office or the guidance office for an application.

Finally, students interested in attending a free sleep away camp can do so through the Fresh Air Fund if they meet certain income guidelines. Applications can be downloaded online at <http://www.freshair.org/> or can be found in the guidance office.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

**Ms. Brown, Guidance Counselor** (Ext. 203)  
(IEP/Related Service Provider): [Ebrown22@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Ebrown22@schools.nyc.gov)

Dear Parents,

This month in school counseling students will continue to work on their counseling goals. An emphasis will be placed on decision making skills, peer pressure and safety.

Thank you

## KIDS AT HOPE

Last month many of our 6th and 7th Grade Kids At Hope participated in activities around mental time traveling to all of the different destinations in their futures; Home & Family, School & Career, Hobbies & Recreation and Community & Service. In the gym, students tied in that positive envisioning to their efforts in running 800 meters within four minutes. They then reflected on their performance and how they might use envisioning realizing their goals. Our 6th graders began drafting images of Kids At Hope flags creating images of peace and hope that they would like to share with the world. As soon as the sun starts shining again, we hope to put them up in our courtyard for all to see!

## 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](http://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](http://www.nyc.gov/schools/accountability)



**Ms. Ailene Altman Mitchell, Principal**  
[AMitch2@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:AMitch2@schools.nyc.gov) (Ext. 158)

### S.I.S.T.A. House:

**Ms. Figueroa, Assistant Principal**  
[PFigueroa4@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:PFigueroa4@schools.nyc.gov) (Ext. 130)

**Ms. Panag, Assistant Principal**  
[SPanag2@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:SPanag2@schools.nyc.gov) (Ext. 144)

**Mr. Roumbeas, Dean**  
[JRoumbeas@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:JRoumbeas@schools.nyc.gov) (Ext. 148)

### S.M.A.R.T. House:

**Mr. Russo, Assistant Principal**  
[PRusso5@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:PRusso5@schools.nyc.gov) (Ext. 246)

### Medical House:

**Mr. Bohbot, Assistant Principal**  
[YBohbot@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:YBohbot@schools.nyc.gov) (Ext. 346)

**Mr. Carroll, Dean**  
[DCarroll3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:DCarroll3@schools.nyc.gov) (Ext. 316)

### Serving All Houses:

**Ms. Jordan, Parent Coordinator**  
[TJordan3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:TJordan3@schools.nyc.gov) (Ext. 216)

**Ms. Durgin, Conflict Resolution**  
[BDurgin@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BDurgin@schools.nyc.gov) (Ext. 164)

