

Principal's Newsletter



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The Winning Edge. What does it take to be a winner? Ask Tevon Montgomery, Kashiera Franklin. They both took medals in a city-wide debate tournament held in October.

HINI-What do you need to know?

Vaccination for high school children will only occur at certain vaccine distribution points on designated weekends. P.S. 196, located at 207 Bushwick Avenue, is a distribution point in our community. They will be administering the vaccine on Saturday, November 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, November 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You will receive a parental consent form for your child to receive the HINI vaccination. Your child must bring a signed parental consent form in order to receive the vaccination and children 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Opportunities for AUP students

Our school has partnered with Summer Search, an organization that mentors students and helps them develop their leadership potential by engaging them in travel and community service. Some tenth graders will be selected to participate in this program. Applications will be due in mid-November.

LEAP is a program for girls to promote self-esteem and healthy decision-making. Participants meet twice a week to work on projects and discuss issues. They receive a stipend for their participation.

Through HAI and the Department of Youth and Children's Services we are able to offer to exciting programs to students. PhotoVoice is an after school program that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays that allows students to express their concerns about local issues through photography. GRASP is a program for ninth graders that meets on Saturdays and after school. Students explore drama and get extra tutoring. It is not too late to get your child involved in either of these programs.

AUP in the Community

On October 17th, 31 AUP students accompanied by Mr. Cooley, Ms. Haynes and Ms. Roche volunteered to paint a local elementary school as a part of New York Cares Day. One of our seniors, Renee Simmons, Ms. Stewart and Mr. Egharevba participated in American Cancer's Society annual breast cancer walk. On November 4th several eleventh graders took a trip to the New York State watershed to learn about our water system. Every week Ms. Isern and the advanced ELL class goes to P.S. 86 to tutor younger students. Our students are learning the importance of service to our community.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that students and staff from our school will be presenting at the Coalition of Essential Schools Small Schools Conference in New Orleans November 6-8th. Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Cooley, Solomon Gray, Nyjah Boyton, Fausto Vasquez and Luciano Saint Albord will be presenting on our school's male mentoring program. The students' transportation was made possible through the generous support of **State Senator Martin Malave Dilan** and **State Assemblyman Darryl C. Towns**. We are extremely grateful for their support our school and our students.

Connect with us

Parents can stay connected to our school by using one of our on-line networks. You can use Teacher-ease to monitor your child's assignments and grades. ARIS provides transcript and attendance information and many of our teachers use blogs or on-line community such as the ning to post assignments and share information with students. To find out more about how to use technology to connect to our school, speak to Mr. Donaldson, our parent coordinator. Don't forget to visit our website at www.aupnyc.org

Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving with your family.

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AUP juniors on Walking Tour of Wall Street

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