

# Principal's Newsletter



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## A Positive Word

Never underestimate the power of a positive word. There is a reason why our parents taught us to say please and thank you. Words matter and we all know that how it good it feels to be acknowledged for good things we do. It is important that we keep this in mind with our children as well. They need to be encouraged and feel appreciated. When we are tired from a hard day of work it easy to focus on the things that your child did not do instead of all of the good things that he or she has done. Don't forget to remind your child that you are proud of him for being a good friend or a responsible big brother. Remind him or her of the good qualities they possess and how much potential they possess. You will be surprised how far a few good words will go. Plant those seeds of positive thinking today.

## AUP Hosts City-wide Tournament

Our school has a small but fierce debate team. This year we get to strut our stuff on our home turf. On Saturday, December 12, 2009 we will host a city-wide debate team in our school. The tournament will last from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Students from all over the city will compete in debate and oratory contests. It is not too late for your child to get involved. See Mr. Jon Martin for more details.

## End of the Second Marking Period

The second marking period ends on Friday, December 4th. That means students have one more marking period to improve their fall term grades. Your child should continue to complete all homework assignments, complete projects and study each night. If you have questions about your child's progress, reach out to your parent coordinator, Mr. Donaldson.

## Regents Week

There will regents exams administered January 26-29, 2010. Many of our students will be scheduled to take exams. You should receive a letter with the date and time of the exams. If you have any questions please contact your child's counselor. Every student is expected to achieve a **65 or higher** on their regents exams or they will be required to take it again. Encourage your child to study on-line (castle learning or [www.regentsprep.org](http://www.regentsprep.org) <<http://www.regentsprep.org>>) and attend the Regents Saturday Academy starting on Saturday, December 19th from 9 a.m. - 12 noon.



## Spring Musical

Auditions were held last week for our spring musical, *Into the Woods*. More auditions are being held in the next week. We also need parent volunteers to make this musical a success. Parents can design costumes, create sets, help with rehearsals and fundraise for the production. If you are interested please contact Ms. Milena, Mr. Garcia, Ms. Pardo or Ms. Nelson-Mason.

## Parent Association Meeting

We need parents to participate in our school's programs. Please attend your parent association meeting and get involved in your school.

May you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season. I wish you many blessings and prosperity in the new year.

Sincerely,  
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AUP 2009 Geography Night, Instructor Bassano, Mr. Diaz and students

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