

One Working Unit

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I.S.303 Holds First Annual ALUMNI Day

By: Mitchel Storman, 8-313

On Wednesday, January 18th, 2018, I.S.303 hosted its first Alumni Day welcoming back some former students to our school. The event was coordinated by Ms. Messina. These accomplished former IS 303 graduates included our very own staff members Mrs. Donna Bader and guidance counselor, Mr. Brett Dobin. We were also honored to have District 21 Superintendent Isabel DiMola, Dr. Shari L. Camhi, Mrs. Victoria Burken, Darwin Ellis, Jeremy Rivera, Detective Wilkis Cespedes, Nyan Boateng, and television personality Antoine Von Boozer. We were honoured to hear what they had to say about their memories and their advice to current students. Hearing what students from our school can become will inspire us to strive to achieve greatness. Councilman Mark Treyger also addressed the crowd and welcomed the former students back home.

The former students from the school met with current students to show them how they can become amazing people and succeed in anything that they put their minds to. The current students at IS 303 listened intently as the former students shared their fondest memories of IS 303. The alumni had a fun time seeing teachers from their past and present, as well as addressing the current student body.



Principal's Message

January marks a new beginning as we receive and embrace the sounds, sights and feelings 2018 will bring to our lives. We should also take a moment to reflect on how far we've come. As a school we've moved towards developing the mindset of a leader. The Leader in Me coupled with the Seven Habits allows us to see how important synergizing, seeking first to understand then to be understood, being proactive, thinking win-win, putting first things first, beginning with the end in mind and last but certainly not least, sharpening the saw are to becoming effective leaders.

A year ago many would've wondered what the seven habits really meant. By now and as we enter gracefully into 2018, we all know exactly what these habits mean and how practicing these will make us effective leaders.

***All the best to all this 2018! ☺
Carmen N. Amador-Rosales***



Teacher Feature: Mr.Wind & Ms.Velic

By: Diana A & Nelly L.

Q: What brought you to IS 303?

A : Mr.Wind : “I researched the school’s website and saw that the school was doing amazing things. There were so many different clubs and activities”.

A: Mrs.Velc : “I heard about the wonderful programs and staff”.

Q : What is your favorite subject to teach?

A : Mr. Wind : ’I love to teach math because it’s great to introduce new topics that students never learned before. It is also very interesting to see how different students learn math in different ways”.

A: Ms. Velc: ‘Social Studies is what I love to teach to students. It teaches them about the history of the world as well as the history of our evolution”.

Q : What is your favorite hobby?

A: Mr.Wind: “I love to go to the movies. I tend to find it very relaxing and fun”.

A: Mrs.Velc: “Being outside and doing yoga makes me less tense”.

Q: What did you want to do as a career when you were a young child?

A: Mr. Wind: “When i was a little kid, my dream job was to be an Astronaut, and work for NASA.”

A: Ms.Velc: “When i was little, my mom had visions of me as a teacher. I wanted to become an astronaut and sail through space”.

Q: Is it hard being a teacher?

A: Mr.Wind: “It is very challenging but at the same time rewarding because i am able to see my students grow”.

A: Ms.Velc: “Every job has it challenges but we get through them every day by utilizing the skills that we have”.



Teacher Feature: Mr. Barranca

By: Ameena Syed, 6-124



1. Q: What made you want to become a teacher?

A: I had experienced an unfortunate event on my honeymoon that changed my life. The tragic event inspired me to dedicate my life to teaching others.

2. Q: What subject do you teach?

A: I teach a variety of subjects including theater, social study, and ELA.

3. Q: What subjects do you love the most and why?

A: It is a tie between all three subjects because I love writing. I love theater because it can give you an open mind. Social Studies is great because I love learning and teaching about history.

4. Q: What passions do you have outside of teaching?

A: I write plays and sometimes short stories.

5. Q: If you were not teaching, what profession would you want to be in

A: I would be a writer / director in the film industry. I enjoy the theater as well but if I had the chance, I would work in the film industry.

January Movie Preview:

By: Kyla Brown, 7-226

Are you planning to go to the movie theater this month? Here are the top 20 movies of the month January 2018.

1. The Commuter
2. Avengers: Infinity War
3. 12 Strong
4. Black Panther
5. Insidious: The Last Key
6. Den of Thieves
7. Proud Mary
8. Red Sparrow
9. Tomb Raider
10. Solo: A Star Wars Story
11. Venom
12. X-Men: Phoenix
13. Maze Runner: The Death Cure
14. Acts of Violence
15. Don't Worry, He Won't Get Far on Foot
16. Fifty Shades Freed
17. Forever My Girl
18. Mission: Impossible-Fallout
19. The Open House
20. Beast of Burden



The Biggest Trends of 2017

by: Diana Reyes, 7-226

- **Making our eyebrows as large as we possibly can.**

In the 2000's we liked our eyebrows one hair thick. Now we like them three inches thick.

- **Chokers.**

In the 2000's, the only choker worth wearing was that fake tattoo one. In 2017, tying a piece of string around your neck will do.

- **Big, Round, FAKE Glasses**

If you need glasses, by all means, pick the ones you like the most. It is going to be your most worn accessory, so you do you. However, if you are just wearing them to appear smarter... stop. Especially since everyone has decided to look like Harry Potter in them. Just buy yourself some sunglasses; they're way more useful.

- **The Color Rose Gold**

Rose gold clothes, rose gold nails, rose gold jewelry, rose gold iPhones, rose gold scissors, rose gold notebooks, rose gold frames, rose gold lettered quotes to go into the rose gold frames, rose gold hair ties, rose gold silverware, rose gold headphones,, rose gold shoes, rose gold pocket watches, rose gold backpacks, rose gold belts, rose gold calendars, rose gold.... You see what I mean? This color is everywhere but it's only gold mixed with copper. You are wearing the color of pennies.

- **Dabbing**

Dabbing has become the new planking. It is only cool in your mind. Don't let the novelty of it get to you. Just because everyone you know puts their hands in the air doesn't mean it's a good idea. Don't fall victim to the dab. Let it go.