

October, 2017

Guidance Newsletter

Mr. Dobin, Guidance Counselor

I.S.303 Middle School



Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

October brings us a harvest of fall leaves, and pumpkins. As we begin the second month of school, we have many fun filled activities ahead for parents and students.

October is Anti-Bullying month. We kicked the month off with our annual Anti-Bullying & Above the Influence Assembly. The month will commence with our annual Halloween Dance & Red Ribbon week celebration on Friday, October 27th. For the first time, IS 303 & NIA will be hosting a Fall Festival for all students on Saturday, October 21st.

The Seven Habits of Learning Leaders program has officially launched. We have been holding assemblies on Fridays to act out each of the seven stages of being a leader. We encourage all students to join our various groups and clubs. These clubs include drama, newspaper, and the NIA after school program. I facilitate the One Working Unit newspaper group which meets after school from 2:30-3:30 Wed.-Fri. and during lunch periods. It is a wonderful way for students to learn about journalism and photography. All of our clubs are designed to allow each student to express themselves and bring out their creative sides.

One of the tasks that I am most proud of doing is the high school process. An assembly will be held on October 25th to thoroughly explain the high school application process to students and parents. My door is always open to both parents and students.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- *Monday, October 23 - Monthly PTA meeting, 5:30P.M.*
- *Wednesday, October 25th, High school Application Assembly & Annual Halloween Dance*
- *Friday, October 27th - Red Ribbon Week Celebration. Red ribbons will be distributed to all staff and students.*
- *Saturday, October 28th - Specialized High School Test for 8th grade students*
- *Halloween Cake Sale - October 31st*
- *January 2, 2018 - All 8th grade finalized high school applications due back to Mr. Dobin*

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