



December 2012

Parent Engagement Communicator

Dear Parents,

As the winter approaches, we may not have as many opportunities to be outside with our children to enjoy the warmth of the sun and the breeze in the park as we have had in the Summer and Fall. Nevertheless, there are so many opportunities to enjoy the warmth of your home and spend quality time indoors with your children, as you watch them grow and develop.

Some of the wonderful ways you can spend quality time with your children is by reading to them and doing cooking and baking activities.

Safety at home is a critical factor. Please review the handout on safety.

December's calendar of parent events offers exciting opportunities to learn about child development, safety concerns and ways to foster a positive parent-child relationship.

- The **Child Development and Safety workshop**, led by **Tzipie Brown**, MS SBL and **Janie Friedman**, RN, will be held at **1257 38th St. on the 4th floor** on **Wednesday, December 5, 2012**. Please **RSVP** by calling **718-514-8656** to ensure that you will receive your **Chanukah entertainment Toolbox Kit** at the workshop.
- You can still call in to the **Teleconference on School Readiness Goals**, if you haven't done so already. The raffle for a \$25 gift certificate to Funthinks, for an educational toy, will be held at the



end of Chanukah. The number to call is **213-226-0006**, access code: **56472871**.

- Our **Focus on Fathers** group will begin once again with renowned personal advisor, **Chaim Kompel**, with a round table discussion on building better Father/ Son positive relationships. The workshop will take place at **1265 38 St.** on **December 25, 2012** at **8 PM**. Light supper will be served.
- Feel free to call our **confidential parenting hotline**, hosted by **Dr. Eliezer Kaminetzky**, Director of Mental Health at **718-686-3501**.
- Please be advised that **Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** applications are now being processed at the following locations:
 - *Boro Park Community Council*, located at 4912-14th Ave. 718-972-6600
 - *COJO of Flatbush*, located at 1550 Coney Island Ave. 718-377-2900
 - *Crown Heights Community Council* 387 Kingston Ave. 718-778-8808

The HEAP program is designed to help low income households pay their winter energy bills.

We look forward to your participation in all our Parent Engagement opportunities and activities.

Sincerely yours,

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