

NOTICES & EVENTS***New!!!! Weekly Parent Support Group***

Sair Goldenberg, LMSW the ECC's Social Worker in residence, will host weekly Parent Support Group sessions for ECC families. The Parent Support Groups are funded through the federal CCAMPIS grant. While primarily geared toward parents who are Pell recipients, all ECC parents are welcome to sign up. Spaces will be reserved on a first come basis.

General Meeting of the Parents & Friends Club

A general meeting, open to all student-parents as well as the BC community, will be held during common hours, Thursday October 1, 12:30-2:30 in the FLC (1606J). A guest speaker from SERVA (Student Engaged in Volunteer Action) will present information on this organization. SERVA is open to currently enrolled BC students and acknowledges and rewards students' volunteer services. Light refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend and help plan upcoming events, including our fall Scholastic Book Fair.

Parent Coffee

We will be holding our first *Parent Coffee* on Tuesday, October 6th, 12:30 - 1:30 in the Family Learning Center (1606 J). Sair Goldenberg will be facilitating this informal discussion, Please join us. Light snacks will be served and all ideas and thoughts are welcome!!! It's a great way to meet other parents, as well. A special *Parent Coffee* introducing School Choice Options is planned for Tuesday, October 27, 1:00 – 2:00.

Curriculum Meetings

Curriculum meetings are a wonderful way to get acquainted with all the ways in which your children are engaged in learning in the ECC. Meetings for all classes will be held in the FLC (1606J) during the month of October. Please check the calendar for dates & times for your child's class.

Other Interesting Items

Research Studies: Throughout the semesters, parents are invited to consider participation in a variety of professional research studies. Two opportunities are currently being offered:

Language Acquisition Research Center of Hunter College is conducting a study concerning how children learn language. Information and forms to participate will be available in the ECC office (1604J) and return to the office. ***Ages 18 mo.-6 yrs.***

Parents' School Choice Project – Sharon Zukin Brooklyn College/City University Graduate Center is conducting a research project on parents' choice of continuing schools. Information is being distributed in the Fours classroom and should be returned there. ***Ages 4 years***
Please note that your, or your child's, participation in any formal study is purely voluntary.

NYCAEYC (New York City Association for the Education of Young Children) annual conference will be held on **Saturday October 24, 2009 8:00-4:00** at Food and Finance High School, 525 W. 50th St. at 10th Ave. in Manhattan. The Keynote Speaker is Marilou Hyson, author of *Enthusiastic and Engaged Learner* and the Featured Guest Speaker is Jennifer Swender author of *My Taxi Ride* and other children's books (former ECC Fours teacher!) Check on-line for registration. Those studying early childhood education will be particularly interested in this professional conference opportunity.

PLEASE NOTE: Monday 10/12: Columbus Day school is closed
Wednesday 10/14: Follows Monday schedule