



P.S.206Q
The Horace Harding School
61-21 97th Place
Rego Park, NY 11374

Welcome Back!

Message from the Parent Coordinator

As Parent Coordinator of P.S. 206Q, my role is to create a welcoming environment for parents and serve as a liaison to address your concerns and help resolve problems. I am the pivotal person between you and our administration and teachers.

One of my main objectives is to educate parents in regards to important concerns. In addition, my job is to help empower you, the parent, to be more involved in your child's education. Studies have shown that parent involvement improves student achievement. I will be disseminating important information and tips for you to help your children. Through collaboration with the faculty, I am able to have teachers as well as speakers to present workshops on topics of interest to parents.

I am working with our administration and

teachers to bring a variety of parent workshops to help give you tools to support your children as well as to help you feel more comfortable as members of the school community.

I am here to answer your questions and to guide you. My office is located on the second floor in room 233. My door is always open.

Please feel free to stop in to visit me and take advantage of the many materials and resources I have accumulated to assist you so that you may help your child.

As always, I value your feedback and suggestions. Please remember that I can be reached via e-mail at:

mdominguezisdith@schools.nyc.gov or my office number is (718) 592-0300 Ext. 2. If I am unable to answer, please leave a message and I will gladly return your call.

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For more information and updates about the NYC public school system, calendars, testing dates, policies and procedures, school closings, etc., you can visit:

www.schools.nyc.gov

Get Involved at School

Even with a busy schedule, it's important to participate in your child's education. Here are some ways you can help.

- ◆ Read all notices. Check the school's web site regularly as well at www.PS206Q.org
- ◆ Attend Parent/Teacher Conferences, open houses, and school events.
- ◆ Join the school's Parent's Association and participate in it's activities.
- ◆ Volunteers are always welcomed to our school.

School Schedule

Breakfast Program

7:20AM-8:00AM

Monday to Friday

8:05AM-2:20PM

Smiling Faces Going Places

Smiling Faces, Going Places is a dental office on wheels. Its mission is to reach out to communities and service children. It is with great pleasure to announce The New York University College of Dentistry will be sending their fully equipped Dental Van to our school. This is a great way to get services out to families; especially since we know how important it is to have our children receive their regular dental checkup.

The dental van is scheduled to visit our school in October 2014. If you

would like to have your child receive dental treatment, just sign the consent and return it back to your teacher. Please make sure you fill out all the required information as they will need proper documentation in order to proceed with your child's service. We ask that you kindly return your consent by Wednesday, September 24th, 2014, as we must prepare ahead of time in order to make these visits a success.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at

(718) 592-0300 Ext. 2 or you may also email me at

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"Making the World a better place, one smile at a time."

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Attendance Matters

School success depends upon good attendance. That means not only being in school each day, but also getting there on time. Children who arrive late to school take longer to adjust to the classroom routines and disrupt the class. Here are some ideas to make your mornings less hectic and to help you get out of the house on time:

- ◆ Set aside a place to keep shoes, coats, homework, and book bags so they can be located easily.
- ◆ Prepare the night before. Lay your clothes out for the next day. Pack away homework, lunch money, and permission slips at night.
- ◆ Establish a regular bedtime and nightly routine. Children need a good night's rest to be ready for the next day.
- ◆ Set the alarm clock 10 minutes earlier to give you an extra cushion of time.

Read all letters and notices sent home from school. If required, please send back all tear offs in a timely fashion.



ARIS Parent Link - Achievement Reporting and Innovation System

ARIS Parent Link (APL) is an online tool that provides you with academic information about your child and your child's school. It gives you access to the same information that educators view in the ARIS Student Profile. APL combines information available throughout the city in one place. By sharing this academic information



with you, you can become more of an active partner in your child's education.

This unique system will enable you to access data from multiple data sources on a single website, available at any time from any Internet connected computer.

In addition, you will have the oppor-

tunity to understand state assessments and how you can help your child's academic achievement based on test results.

To view your child's information in ARIS Parent Link:

Log on at www.ARISParentLink.org

If you need help, I will be more than happy to help you with any questions you have about this system.

Dial-A-Teacher

The UFT sponsors a homework help program for elementary and middle school students called Dial-A-Teacher. Classroom teachers answer homework questions at (212) 777-3380, Monday through Thursday, from 4PM-7PM. During the school year. They can also answer parent questions and give advice on how you can help your child at home. The staff speaks 12 languages: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese, and Fukanese), English, French, Greek, Haitian Creole, Hebrew, Italian, Korean, Russian, Slovak, and Spanish.



Upcoming Events & Parent Workshops

Grandparent Read -A-Loud

Friday, September 12th 8:30AM-10:30AM

Meet the Teacher Night

Tuesday, September 16th 5:00PM-8PM

Middle School Choice Parent Workshop

Thursday, September 18th 8:30AM-10:00AM

Parent Association Meeting

Tuesday, September 23rd 5:30PM

ARIS Workshop

Wednesday, September 24th 8:30AM-10:00AM

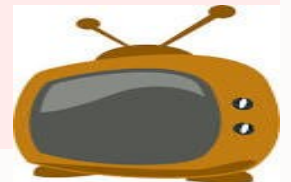
Things to Keep in Mind: Emergency School Closing

In the event that school is closed due to inclement weather or other emergencies, announcements to this effect will be made over the following radio and TV. stations beginning as early as 6:30A.M. You are urged to listen to these radio and T.V. stations:

WHLI 1100AM Radio
WGBB 1240 AM Radio

WGSM 740AM Radio
WADO 1280 AM Radio
WMJC 94.3 FM Radio
WBLS 107.5 FM Radio
WINS 1010 AM Radio
WNYW 97.5 FM Radio
NY1 Channel 1
WCBS Channel 2

WNBC Channel 4
WFOX Channel 5
WABC Channel 7
WMY9 Channel 9
WCW11 Channel 11



Statewide Assessment Calendar

NYS ELA English Language Arts Exam	Grades 3-5	April 14,15, & 16, 2015
NYS Mathematics Exam	Grades 3-5	April 22,23, & 24, 2015
NYS Science Exam (Hands On)	Grade 4	May 20th - May 29th
NYS Science Exam (Written)	Grade 4	June 1, 2015
NYSESLAT (English as a second language Test)	Grades K-5	April 14-May 15



Calendar 2014-2015

Student Holidays and other student non-attendance days

2014	Event
September 1	Labor Day
September 25 – 26	Rosh Hashanah
October 13	Columbus Day
November 4	Election Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 27 – 28	Thanksgiving Recess
December 24 – January 2	Winter Recess
2015	Event
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 16 – 20	Mid-winter Recess (including President's Day & Lincoln's Birthday)
April 3 – 10	Spring Recess (including Good Friday, Easter and Passover)
May 25	Memorial Day
June 4	Anniversary Day (in all five boroughs)