

Project Challenge Parent Association Newsletter

Supporting gifted education and related programs in Plainview-Old Bethpage

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Orientation

A reminder that there will be orientation meetings for all Project Challenge parents on Sept. 19 at 6:15 p.m. For parents of 4th-graders and POB 5th- and 6th-graders, the meeting will be held at POB Middle School with Ms. Paula Engel. For parents of 3rd-graders and Mattlin 5th- and 6th-graders, the meeting will be held at Mattlin with Ms. Sherri Winick.

You will be able to join the Project Challenge Parent Association at orientation. The annual membership dues are \$10 per family, payable by cash or check. Your membership dollars go towards the costs of presenting programming throughout the year.

Meeting Schedule

Friday October 19 2007 7PM

Mr. Lewis Love will demonstrate fascinating science experiments for the kids
POBMS Cafeteria

Friday December 7, 2007 9:45AM

Meet Dr. Bruno
Stratford Rd Cafeteria

Friday January 25, 2007 9:45AM

Business meeting
Stratford Rd Cafeteria

March 2008

TBA

Friday May 16, 2007 9:45AM

Year-end Business meeting
Pasadena Cafeteria

Project Challenge News

The PCPA Executive Board met with Dr. Linda Bruno, the District's interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum. Among the topics was a discussion of the fact that only seven students who took the OLSAT last year as 2nd-graders qualified for Project Challenge with a score of 130 or above. This number of students is about half the number that qualified the previous two years and we wanted to investigate why it was such a small group. Dr. Bruno informed us that all current 3rd-graders who scored 121+ on the OLSAT last year, and are not currently in the program, will be reassessed for possible inclusion in Project Challenge this year. The entire testing procedure will be reviewed as well.

The Executive Board is scheduled to meet with Dr. Bruno again in October and we hope to schedule regular meetings with her to address the needs and concerns of the children. Dr. Bruno is slated to attend the Dec. 7 PCPA meeting at 9:45 a.m. at the Stratford Road school cafeteria. This will be a good opportunity for you to hear what she has to say about the program and ask any questions you might have.

Related News

There is **no Odyssey of the Mind program this year**. If this concerns you, please attend Board of Ed meetings and make your feelings known. The next Board of Ed meeting is Sept. 24 at 7:45PM.

Web Link

A recent Time Magazine cover story

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1653653-1,00.html>