

Project Challenge Parent Association Newsletter

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Project Challenge News

Current 3rd graders who took the OLSAT last year and scored 120+ and are not currently in Project Challenge will be retested in January for possible entry into Project Challenge as 4th graders. This was reported incorrectly last month.

The District is looking to revamp the selection process. The test, testing process and teacher evaluation matrix are being reviewed.

Other News

The District is investigating implementing one of several programs into the middle and high schools to make the curricula more rigorous. The programs being considered include the International Baccalaureate for Grades 6-12, a pre-Advanced Placement for Grades 6-9 and a pre-engineering program that would infuse more math, science, technology and computers into Grades 6-12.

Implementing any of these programs would require the District to move from an 8-period to a 9-period day which would allow courses to be added to each curriculum and would allow greater flexibility in course scheduling.

The PCPA Board supports the Administration, Board of Ed and Teachers as they work towards implementing new programs and supports the 9-period day

The District is continuing to try and get Odyssey of the Mind in place so that the 7th and 8th graders can take part in the competitions or, at least, operate it as a club where the students would get to participate in some aspects of the program without students, parents or teachers having to make the enormous time commitment usually required.

Congratulations to Mrs. O'Donnell and the Siemens Competition finalists from PBOJFKHS!! Our District led all of Long Island with 3 finalists!! Way to go girls!!

Family Night Recap



Over 60 children turned out to do hands-on science experiments with long-time science teacher Brian Wallrapp. The children experimented with surface tension and super magnets. Finally, they made a giant circuit to learn about conductivity. If you would like to purchase the ball used in the experiment, visit www.enasco.com and search for item SB28883MB. A great time was had by all.

Membership Update

We received an outstanding response to our membership drive last month when 65 families joined the PCPA. That's an outstanding percentage of families with children in Project Challenge!! If you know of anyone who hasn't joined, please encourage them to do so. There's a membership form link on our Web site. Thanks for your support.

Next PCPA Meeting

**Friday December 7, 2007 9:45AM
Meet Dr. Bruno
Stratford Rd Cafeteria**