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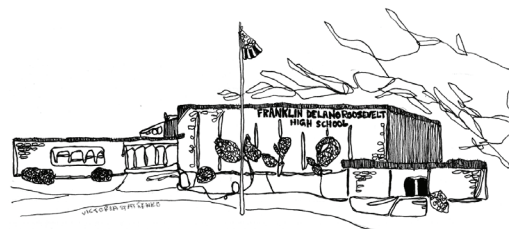
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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

New School Messenger

The Hyde Park School District has purchased a new school/home notification system called, **School Messenger**. You will find a letter to help you verify your emergency contact information and program the system to contact you at the number(s) of your choice. It will also send you an email. We look forward to keeping you informed through this new technology. Please take time to review the information and go online to update your contact info.

Upcoming Events

Oct 19 - Mini College Fair, 8:30am

Oct 19 - Budget Input Group, 6:00pm

Oct 25 - College Info Night (see insert)

Oct 26 - Harvest Pops Concert

Oct 17 - NHS Blood Drive, 8:00 - 3:00

Nov 2 - FDR PTSA, 7:00pm, FDR library

Nov 16 - Evening Parent/Teacher Conf

Nov 22- Day time Parent / Teacher Conf

Dear Roosevelt High School Community,

Start the year with tradition and new trends! What would the fall be without an outstanding homecoming?! FDR shone with green and gold for spirit week, pep rally, float judging, games and the homecoming dance. A special thank you goes out to SGO (Student Government Organization) for all their hard work and dedication. These events highlight our wonderful athletics programs and cultivate pride in our school.

It was great to see so many parents at our Meet the Staff Night. Staying connected to your son/daughter's educational process is a huge part of their success. Make sure to take note of the upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences in November.

New to our building was the grade 9 NWEA Measure of Academic Progress. These tests will give us specific data with regard to the students' level of performance in reading and math. As this is our first year using the MAP assessments, our faculty will be receiving training focused on how to use this data. Teachers are looking forward to better serving the students in their classes, by assigning work that is specific to the students abilities.

Best wishes for a successful school year! *Barbara Marrine*, Principal, FDR

Parent / Teacher Conferences

The first quarter report cards will be handed out at the November 16th Parent/Teacher Conferences. This year we will be asking parents to call the main office (229-4020, ext 1200) to make an appointment for day time or evening conferences. You may pick up your son/daughter's report card in cafeteria 142 any time after 6:30 and then proceed to your scheduled conference with the teachers. Report cards that are not picked up on the evening of November 16th will be mailed out on November 17th. We hope all parents take advantage of this time to meet with your son/daughter's teachers. These conversations will help us work as a team to provide the best education for our students.

Fall into Presidents Pride

Congratulations to Katherine Lee, who has been designated as a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist. Katherine will have the opportunity to compete for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$34 million that will be offered next spring.

Congratulations to Kevin Ackerman and Nicole Close, who have been accepted into this years NYSSMA All State musical groups. Kevin will perform in the All State Band and Nicole will be in the All State Chorus. They will be traveling to Rochester in Nov. for All-State.



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Bullying Prevention

We would like to invite students and parents to become part of the Bullying Prevention Task Force. If you are interested in being part of the solution, this is a great place to start. Our first meeting for the 2011-2012 school year will be Monday, Oct. 24th at 2:30pm in the guidance conference room.

Target Sponsors Schools

Take Charge of Education, sponsored by Target is a program to help support education in communities nationwide. When parents, teachers and other school supporters use the REDcard, Target donates up to 1% of their purchases to the eligible K-12 school they designate. Each September those funds are then distributed directly to our school to use for student programs. For more info visit Target.com/tcoe.

Ecology Class Plants Trees

Environmental Science and Living Environment students from FDR participated in the Hudson River Estuary Program's "Trees for Tribs" Initiative (tribs as in tributaries) which offers free native trees and shrubs for qualifying stream buffer planting/restoration projects in the Hudson River Estuary watershed. The Crum Elbow Creek running along the edge of the school property qualified for a planting project. Students planted trees and native shrubs to increase the vegetation along the creek. For information on the environmental benefits of increasing stream buffers visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/43668.html>

How to Find Success in the New School Year,

Put out in the fall issue of College Outlook, author, Mary Kock

1. It's easier to keep up than to catch up.

If you find yourself falling behind or getting confused, please talk with your teachers to get some help to be able to keep up.

2. Take time to be organized.

Take time each week to clear out your backpack and/or locker. You will take less time looking for things.

3. Memorize your multiplication tables.

This might be an elementary skill, but it is the most important Mathematical skill to build. Make flash cards and memorize!

4. Remember, the most important book to read is whatever book your English teacher just assigned.

Don't bluff your way through literature assignments. It might help to get the book on tape or CD to read along, but don't skip the reading.

5. Do exactly what your teachers ask for in their assignments.

Listen and read carefully when getting an assignment. This is often an issue for students who try to do the assignment their way. There is a reason the teacher has asked for the work in a certain way, so follow their instructions exactly.

CAPE Counselor

We are pleased to inform you that F.D. Roosevelt High School is offering the Student Assistance Program for the 2011-2012 school year. The Student Assistance Counselor is Nicole Gallacher who holds a master's degree in Counseling and is trained in NYS OASAS approved prevention education and counseling services. The program is sponsored by the Council on Addiction, Prevention, and Education of Dutchess County, Inc. This is Nicole's second year as the Student Assistance Counselor at F.D.R. High School and Haviland Middle School.

The Student Assistance Counselor offers the following services: individual and group counseling, family meetings, classroom presentations and assemblies. Ms. Gallacher follows strict federal and state mandates concerning confidentiality of student information. She is also a resource for parents/guardians and can be contacted at (845) 229-4020, x1221.

Stop and Shop / A+ Schools

Once again Stop & Shop is kicking off their A+ School Awards Program. If you shop at Stop & Shop, register your Stop & Shop card. You will be helping FDR earn CASH just by shopping with your Stop & Shop card!