Next Principals’ Meeting: Tuesday December 6th
Please join us for our next Principals’ Meeting this Tuesday! Not only will be serving a hot breakfast to get us in the holiday spirit, but we will also have guest panel speakers Kate Gerson, Senior Fellow with the Regents Research Fund, and Josh Thomases, Deputy Chief Academic officer joining us for a discussion around implementing the Common Core Learning Standards. We will also have a brief workshop on text complexity. Following our meeting, we are pleased to have Simone D’Souza, Deputy Executive Director of School Performance lead us in a feedback session around the Progress Report college readiness index. 335 Adams Street, Room 519, 9:00-12:00 with the Progress Report session running from 12:00-1:00. Feel free to come by the office before 9:00 to meet with the team!

New York Philharmonic Teen Launch Event
Do you have students who are interested in classical music? If so, please let them know that on Wednesday, December 14th, from 5:00-6:00, at Avery Fisher Hall, they can meet teens who share a passion for classical music. Students will also be able to and find out about the Philharmonic’s new Teen Council. Student will learn how they can be involved with one of New York’s premier cultural institutions! Please have students RSVP to Jisoo Kim at kijm@nypphil.org by December 12th.

Exciting Pilot Opportunities!
Livescribe Smartpen
Smartpen a tool that allows teachers and students to record lessons in audio format and convert the lesson into MP3s, email them, and convert them into text. Smartpen also allows teachers to develop lessons that can be played on a Smartboard, thus freeing teachers to assist students in the classroom. All Smartpen lessons can be emailed, uploaded to the web, stored in iTunes, or kept on a school’s website, thus allowing teachers to develop a bank of instructional resources. Smartpen also has many other educational possibilities that will enhance teaching and learning. To learn more about the Smartpen’s capabilities, please visit http://www.livescribe.com/en-us/smartpen/. On December 15th, 40 classroom teachers from Phase One schools will be trained, for three hours, in morning or afternoon sessions, in how to use the Smartpen. The training will be held in Brooklyn. All classroom teachers attending this training will receive a FREE Smartpen. Teachers registering for this workshop should come to the training with a laptop preloaded with Livescribe software, which can be found, for free, at http://www.livescribe.com/en-us/ under “Getting Started.” As part of this training, participants are required to send two lessons to the DOE’s Division of Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners after using the Smartpens in their classrooms. To register for this pilot, please contact Hector U at huribe@schools.nyc.gov.

WordQ & SpeakQ
The Division for Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners, the Center for Assistive Technology (CAT), and goQ are collaborating to bring schools the WordQ & SpeakQ pilot. The WordQ & SpeakQ Pilot will allow for all students to increase their writing skills while working toward grade-level proficiency. One of the most significant benefits of using WordQ & SpeakQ is that students can receive immediate, personalized help. The start date for this pilot is Spring 2012, but teacher training will begin with a training session on December 14th. Ideally, a school will be able to pilot WordQ and SpeakQ with six teachers, two of whom should attend the three-hour December 14th training. There will be a morning and an afternoon session on December 14th in Brooklyn. To learn more about the software please go to http://www.goqsoftware.com/ and to watch videos about this software, please go to http://www.goqsoftware.com/resources/videos/. If you are interested in participating in this pilot, please respond to Hector U at huribe@schools.nyc.gov by December 7th.

NSCC’s BullyBust Campaign Launches the NEW Upstander Alliance Resources!
The National School Climate Center’s BullyBust campaign provides free supports to schools nationwide to help students and adults take a stand against bullying and create a positive community of upstanders - people who recognize when bullying occurs and act to make it right. BullyBust is thrilled to announce a new resource for the 2011-12 school year: the Upstander Alliance, which empowers youth with the tools and resources they need to engage their peers and the entire community in the effort to prevent bullying. By joining the Upstander Alliance, students and their schools will be able to:

• Access detailed toolkits for students and adult moderators on how to start and sustain a successful youth team dedicated to raising awareness and putting an end to bullying for good.
• Start team projects-- each team will be encouraged to create their own student-led initiatives to help address the issue of bullying with their entire community.
• Connect with other Alliances across the country to share their stories, challenges, and successes.
• Get messages of support from youth leaders, experts, and celebrities who will encourage teams throughout the school year on the Upstander Central forum.

For more information about BullyBust, please contact Caroll K.
You can access your BEDS survey here:

The 2011 BEDS survey opened Monday, November 14, 2011 and will close on Friday, January 13, 2012.

If you require assistance, please contact Elyse or Brenda.

Check out Nancy's Website of the Week!

Visit http://www.educationworld.com/a_special/bully.shtml for great resources on anti-bullying!

Spotlight on Elyse Matthews

As you have heard, CFN 107’s beloved Elyse has been offered a new position! Elyse will be the Executive Human Resources Director at Tweed’s Business Services Team, which is part of the Office of School Support. In her new position, her main responsibilities will be working on human resources implementation as well as supporting a variety of citywide projects. Elyse says she is looking forward to bringing her experience from the network to this new role. Tweed’s reputation makes Elyse a little worried about her laughing problem, but she was assured that there was someone in her new office who laughed much louder! Elyse would like to take a moment to share that it has been her pleasure to work at CFN 107 with her schools and principals over the last two years. She is grateful for the immeasurable support she has received as well as the nurturing spirit has carried and guided her; she thanks all the principals for allowing her to have this experience! We here at CFN 107 will miss Elyse immensely, but we know she will do great things and will have a positive impact on all who are lucky to work with and for her! If you should find yourself at Tweed, please stop by and visit Elyse at her new office in room 208. All the best, Elyse! Stay in touch—you will be missed!

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities and Reminders

December 6th: Principals’ Meeting (see page 1)

December 7th, Special Education Forum

This forum’s instructional topic will focus on creating measurable annual goals to the Common Core Learning Standards and our compliance topic will be about accessing and viewing reports in ATS, SESIS, and SE, so you can monitor your school’s compliance. Please bring an IEP for a student whom you currently service as well as a piece of student work produced by that student. The forum will be held at 335 Adams Street, Room 519 from 9-12. Please register by emailing Abby at amiller14@schools.nyc.gov.

December 12th: Community-Based Organizations Fair

Save the date for a CBO Fair, which will be held at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Monday, December 12th. This will be an opportunity for you to gather information about CBOs as potential partners that will deliver creative and innovative afterschool programs. Details will be released soon!

December 13th: Supporting Students in Temporary Housing

Learn about the rights and needs of your students in temporary housing. This training will take place at Hotel Pennsylvania, 401 7th Avenue, 18th floor, from 8:00-1:00. To register, please visit www.nysteachs.org/trainings or call (800) 388-2014.

December 14th: Deadline for Ordering Diploma Certificates and Seal (high schools only)

All high schools should order diploma certificates and seals for students who are expected to graduate in the 2011-12 school year using the ODPL function in ATS, by December 14th. Please specify both January and June deliveries. Contact Carolynn (cklapuri@schools.nyc.gov) or Tracy (joseph6@schools.nyc.gov) with questions. This year, schools may also choose to have the vendor print student names on diplomas. Schools that choose this service will be responsible for the cost at a rate of .25 cents per diploma or a minimum charge of $100.00. If you would like to use this service, download the ordering template here.

December 15th: Encounter Attendance Deadline

This deadline has been extended for all attendance hat needs to be entered since September 2011. If you have any questions about encounter attendance, please contact Abby, Isley, or Caroll K.

December 16th: Transition Fair at the George Washington campus (see above and the attached flyer)

December 23rd: iZone (iZone360 and iLearnNYC) Applications Due

School wanting to participate in iZone360 or iLearnNYC, or current iLearnNYC schools who wish to renew their status must submit their applications to iZone by December 23rd. You can find the link to the application here: http://schools.nyc.gov/community/innovation/izone/ProspectiveSchools/default.htm If you have questions or concerns about the application process or need assistance in completing the application, please contact Arlene Francis Scarder at afranci@schools.nyc.gov or Sammi at soerlem@schools.nyc.gov.

January 13th: 2011-2012 Basic Education Data Survey (BEDS) Closes

The 2011-2012 BEDS survey opened Monday, November 14, 2011 and will close on Friday, January 13, 2012. It is important that the survey is completed in a timely manner in order to review your entries prior to the close date. If you require assistance, please contact Elyse or Brenda.

You can access your BEDS survey here: https://ats.nycboe.net/SIS/
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