

# Second Floor Scoop

## GO FOR BAROQUE (AND RENAISSANCE)



Prepare To Be Entertained and Enlightened at Our Renaissance and Baroque Festival!

Teachers will bring the Renaissance and Baroque periods to life in their classrooms today in celebration of our school-wide Festival. Whether a teacher reads a Shakespearean sonnet or explains the technique of grisaille that Da Vinci applied, every educator will help students to appreciate the legacy of these particularly fruitful periods.

All students and teachers are encouraged to review our Renaissance and Baroque Pamphlet, which includes the following:

- a list of events that are open to students, including original Renaissance music, a fencing team competition, freshmen readings of Shakespearean texts, dances choreographed to Baroque music in the class of Mr. Weinstock and Ms. Mathesius, and images relating to the periods displayed in the cafeterias
- excerpts from newspaper articles relating to the Renaissance and Baroque periods
- an overview of the remarkable developments that took place during the Renaissance
- a list of some of the many ideas and activities that our teachers are presenting to students.

## STRAIGHT A'S AND STRAIGHT 5'S



STUDENTS: Get Ready to Excel on AP Examinations!

Students are to be commended for working hard in AP classes and taking advantage of the opportunity to earn college credit for their efforts. We wish all success on the AP Exams!

## TECHNOLOGY INTER-VISITATION



TEACHERS: Thank You For Opening Your Classroom Doors!

Teachers benefitted from attending colleagues' classes to witness innovative uses of technology in the 21st century classroom.

## CLASSROOM CORNER

Featured Class: Ballet 6



Students in Mr. Smith's Ballet 6 class study dance techniques with enthusiasm and expertise.

## PROGRESS REPORTS DUE



TEACHERS: Interim Progress Reports Are Due Today, April 24!

We would like to thank each teacher who completed Interim Progress Reports and submitted them yesterday to the appropriate department chairperson. These communication tools can inform parents of unsatisfactory class performance, poor attendance, and other issues of concern.

Please note, however, that **those who have not yet had the time to submit Reports may still do so** by bringing them to the Program Office today.

## PAYROLL BENEFIT PROGRAMS



TEACHERS: Enroll in Payroll Benefit Programs Before It Is Too Late!

Please be advised that enrollment for the following Payroll Benefit Programs will close on May 7, 2009 for payroll banks Q742, Q744, and E745:

- Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT-direct deposit) of employee paychecks
- Savings Bonds
- 529 College Savings Program
- Transit Spending Account (TSA)
- Transit Benefit Program (Metrocard)

Paper applications received after April 30, 2009, will be processed for the first check in September; however, employees may enroll, update and cancel their enrollment for EFT, Savings Bond, TSA and Metrocard through the DOE Payroll Portal at <https://payrollportal.nycboe.net> until close of business, May 15, 2009.

The enrollment deadline allows for the timely production of summer paychecks, which are due in early June.

Contact Deborah Anthony at (718) 935-3545 if there are any questions regarding Payroll Benefit Programs, or send an e-mail to the Payroll Portal at [payrollportal@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:payrollportal@schools.nyc.gov)

## EGG FILES TO BE SENT SOON



TEACHERS: The Tenth Time's a Charm: Submitting Your EGG File

The second marking period ends on May 1, and with the new month comes a new opportunity to submit grades electronically. Your EGG file will be sent to you shortly. Please be sure to submit grades before 9AM on Wednesday, May 6, which is the deadline.

Anticipate a list of EGG "Do's and "Don't's in a future installment of the Second Floor Scoop!

## MANDATORY RTK TRAINING



ALL FACULTY AND STAFF: Did You Miss the RTK Training?

Please contact Mr. DeBaere at (212) 496-0700x1547 if you were unable to attend the Faculty Conference on Monday, April 20.

If you have any questions regarding information on this page, please call Ms. van Keulen, AP of Data and Technology, at X3203 or Mr. Sommers, AP of Organization, at X3237.