Second Floor Scoop

LAGUARDIA TURNS 2 5!

STUDENTS and TEACHERS: Get Ready for LaGuardia's 25th Anniversary Festival!

Our school community will celebrate a different studio on each of four days during the week of November 30. Expect the festivities to manifest themselves in many ways: You will likely see performances, presentations, classrooms with opened doors to encourage inter-visitation, and other surprises that the studio teachers are planning

| Date | Studio | right now! The |
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| Monday, November 30 | Visual Art | Dance |
| Tuesday, December 1 | - | Department has |
| Wednesday, December 2 | Instrumental | already decided to call Friday "A |
| Thursday, December 3 | | Day of Dance"! |
| Friday, December 4 | Dance | |

DONORS CHOOSE

TEACHERS: Double Your Donors Choose Money!

For a limited time, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will offer a matching dollar amount for any funded Donors Choose project that prepares students for college. Considering that almost all of our requests do so, just be sure to offer **explicit** details in your application about how the resources you request will prepare students for college. Indeed, the use of the words "prepare students for college" would be helpful.

See Ms. Healy or Ms. Pace if you need assistance.

HEALTH BENEFITS

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TEACHERS: Please See Ms. Yager for an Application if You Wish to Change Health Plans.

The 2009 Health Benefits Transfer Period is open from November 4 to November 30. **Eligible** DOE employees may change plans, add or drop a rider, and make other changes.

COMMAND OF LANGUAGE

| facilitate | V. | to make easy or easier; assist | |
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| | | fully and clearly expressed, | |
| explicit | adj. | defined, or formulated | |
| | | one who harmonizes in a | |
| coordinator | n. | common action or effort | |
| eligible | adj. | qualified to be chosen | |
| | | to instruct, esp. to encourage | |
| edify | v. | moral or spiritual improvement | |

Mnemonic Device: One reason note taking benefits students is that writing down information helps one to remember it. The same applies for vocabulary words.

The American Heritage Dictionary 2001 ed.

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ANOTHER EGG PD?!

TEACHERS: Sign up for yet another PD Session on Sending EGG Files!

Those of us who need more assistance in sending grades independently may attend another professional development session! All faculty members are invited to attend a follow-up workshop on sending EGG files. The EGG training session will meet in Room 425 from 4pm-5pm on Tuesday, November 24.

SENDING GRADES INDEPENDENTLY

TEACHERS: Educators Learned How to Send EGG Files at Mr. Shale's Workshop!

Mr. Shale made sending EGG files "over easy" in his recent workshop.

The Program Chairperson and physical education teacher used technology in his teaching: Mr. Shale led the hands-on, **edifying** workshop with the aid of a video projector. This helped participants to follow all of the steps necessary to complete the tasks of downloading, entering, and sending <u>grades.</u>





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THE END OF THE SECOND MARKING PERIOD

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Teachers' efforts to ensure that students are physically present and mentally engaged are appreciated.

CLASS WEB SITES

TEACHERS: Please Let Us Know About Your School Web Site!

Every teacher with a Web site should e-mail the address to Ms. van Keulen at lavankeu@ schools.nyc.gov so we can link it to laguardiahs. org. Parents and students are enthusiastic about your efforts to give them greater access to learning resources. Placing links to teachers' sites on the main site **facilitates** access with minimal effort.

Update Address and Phone Number

PARENTS: Please Update Information.

Please visit **arisnyc.org** to confirm your contact information. If you need log-in information for ARIS, please e-mail our Parent **Coordinator** Pat Delio at **pdelio@schools.nyc.gov**.

If you have any questions regarding information on this page, please call Ms. van Keulen, AP of Data and Technology, at (212) 496-0700 X 1261 or Mr. Sommers, AP of Organization, at (212) 496-0700 X 2237.