

I.S. 318 Alumni News

Alumni Day 2011 - Saturday, June 18th (12 noon - 5 PM)

Our first alumni day gathering on June 19, 2010 was a huge success. Students came from as far as Pittsburgh, Chicago and Detroit to see their old friends and teachers. The power of the internet is amazing and we received emails from former students living in Europe, South America and Australia.

Its all started in April of 2010, when we received a call from **Tyffany Packer ('96)** who still keeps in touch with many of the 1996 graduates. She had called to inquire if it was possible to have a little get-together at I.S. 318. The concept of a little get-together evolved into our 1st Annual Alumni Day. **A total of 450 alumni students and teachers attended this event.** **Tom Mullee**, a former guidance counselor has kept in touch with a group from the first graduating class of 1968. Eight of them, along with Mr. Mullee, attended this very festive occasion.

There was also a mix of teachers from the past and present attending. **Barry Weinbrom, Joel Makower, Bruce Virginia, Lauren Matteo, Phil Levine and Joanne Olis** are just some of the former teachers that attended. One of our former principals, Alan Fierstein, was also here to visit with staff and students. Our present teachers were involved in the BBQ (**Peter Kelly**), music (**Willie Hakim**) and photo displays (**Eungsoo An**). Our APs **Eric Windley, John Galvin and Zibigniew Makuch** were also there to meet and greet with former students and staff.

Another group that maintained contact with each other graduated in 1983. **Anthony Bab, Eric Gonzalez, Henry Tsu, James Tsu and James Rosado** were all present, along with James Tsu's 1 year old twins. These young men are quite successful and they speak very highly of the education that they received at I.S. 318. They also speak of the friendships that were formed during their middle school years (It should also be noted that this was the first group to start hacking into the new computer programs at I.S. 318. They were quite a resourceful group!).



We are also very fortunate to have successfully maintained a highly talented teaching staff throughout the years. Five of our former students are presently teaching at I.S. 318.



Jasmine Flores ('91)
Chinese



Jacqueline Gomez ('96)
Mathematics



Marilyn Munet ('75)
Bilingual Special Ed.



Nicole Pagan ('97)
Mathematics



Jessica Trejos ('98)
Spanish

I.S. 318 opened its doors in 1967 and the first class graduated in June, 1968. The first principal was Pearl Newman. She set a tone of excellence that each succeeding principal emulated. The position of principal in New York City has become quite a tenuous appointment and it is not uncommon for some schools to change principals every couple of years (some change every year). The high quality of education at Eugenio Maria de Hostos Middle School has been guided by 4 principals over the 44 year history of the school. Pearl Newman, Hillel (Sonny) Rosen, Alan Fierstein and Fortunato (Fred) Rubino have had the distinct honor of maintaining the high quality of education offered within our community. I would also like to note that former students, Liza Caraballo ('80) and Maribel Torres ('89) are District 14 principals at P.S. 120 and P.S. 157, respectively.



Sonny Rosen Pearl Newman Alan Fierstein Fred Rubino