

White Plains Public Schools Mission

To educate and inspire all students, while nurturing their dreams, so they learn continually, think critically, pursue their aspirations and contribute to a diverse and dynamic world.



Ridgeway Elementary
Parent University
2014-2015

“The amount and degree of parent involvement is the most influential factor in determining students’ success in school.”

Workshop #3: April 28, 6:30-7:30 pm Media Center

Positive School Climate: Anti-Bullying

Participants will learn:

- **New York State's definition of Bullying**
- **The different forms of bullying**
- **The Dignity for Students Act(DASA)**
- **The Anti-bullying programs for students at RW**
- **Helpful tips for parents**

**Presenter: Mrs. Sara Montalvo, Ridgeway's School
Social Worker**

Workshop #4: May 12, 6:30-7:30 pm Media Center

Practical Behavior Management Strategies

Participants will learn:

- **To recognize the antecedents and functions of common difficult behaviors of elementary age children as well as learn practical behavior strategies to improve those behaviors.**

Presenter: Regina Daniel, Ridgeway's School Psychologist

Dear Ridgeway Families,

As we enter a new frontier in education of changing standards and increased accountability for educators, it has become increasingly important to have active parent involvement so you are informed about the changes and how to best help your child. As a working parent myself, I certainly value and respect that time is a precious commodity, but do hope you will consider participating in our parent workshops. Many of the workshop titles were selected by parents through a survey conducted last year and we value your feedback as we embark on this new terrain and strengthen our partnership.

What is Parent University?

Parent University is a Ridgeway Elementary School initiative created to strengthen the home / school connection, by collaborating with parents and local community partners. Parents will have opportunities to attend workshops on late evenings, around topics that support student learning, the social/emotional well-being, as well as topics of personal interest.

Why Parent University?

Research has shown that higher parental involvement in schools and community entities can increase a child's academic success. We recognize that parents are a child's first teacher and strong partnerships with parents will ultimately impact higher student achievement. Parent University workshops will provide parents with educational opportunities focused around three strands: **Parents as Teachers, Parents as Advocates,** and **Parents as Learners.**

Goals of the Parent University:

- Provide parents with research based resources to support their children's education and increase student achievement
- Provide parents with the knowledge to effectively navigate the education process
- Provide parents with more opportunities to collaborate with the school and the district
- Empower parents by providing the tools and resources to enhance their family dynamic

With Children First,

Tashia Brown

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CORE COURSES

Open House	9/23 & 9/30 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Workshop #1	September 23, 2014 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Workshop #2	September 30, 2014 6:00-7:00 p.m.
ELA Night	October 21, 2014
Parent Teacher Conferences	10/23, 10/27 & 10/30
Math Night	January 27, 2015
Testing Night	March 3, 2015
Workshop #3	April 28, 2015
Workshop #4	May 12, 2015
Parent Teacher Conferences	3/16, 3/19 & 3/23

Description of Core Courses

**Workshop #1: September 23, 2014(Grades 3-5),
6:00-7:00 pm. Open House to follow presentation.**

Auditorium

Understanding Special Education and Section 504 Services in School

Participants will:

**Know Your Rights & the Law in order to Work Together With
Your School District to Get the Appropriate Services for Your
Child.**

Presented by: Sheryl Frishman, Esq., Littman Krooks LLP

**Workshop # 2: September 30, 2014(Grades K-2),
6:00-7:00 pm. Open House to follow presentation.**

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