

# April/May 2011

## **C5 Meeting**

Parents, students, residents from the community, as well as politicians and their representatives met at Christ the King High School on Wednesday, April 7, 2011 in order to discuss the future of public schools facing possible closure or restructuring in the Fall. Several Council Members attended the event and Karolina Zajac, Brandon Santos, Geline Canayon and PA President, Kathleen Carlson, spoke out in defense of Grover Cleveland High School and the great strides we are making each and every day. This event was followed up by a rally on April 27, 2011 in which students, parents and teachers spoke up about impending changes to public schools.

## **Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley**

The Student Council met with Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley Wednesday morning in order to discuss how she can help to guide the school towards a model, ultimately chosen by the Department of Education, that will best help our student body achieve high academic achievements and graduation within four years. As in years past, Councilwoman Crowley pledged full support to our school and promised to do everything in her power to help the school reach its full potential. We thank Councilwoman Crowley for taking the time out of her very busy schedule to meet with the council and give thanks to her especially for all the support she has shown us throughout the years!

## **Spring Fling**

The Spring Fling was a success, having over 80 students in attendance and making \$150 in profits. The event ran from 6pm to 9pm,

## **Honor Roll**

Based on grades received in January 2011, 282 students were recognized with Honor Roll status, garnering an 85% to a 94.99% grade point average, while 47 students received High Honor Roll status, having received 95% or greater. Students were given both a Certificate of Recognition, as well as letters commending them for their great work!

## **Daffodil Days**

During the first week of April, the Student Council kicked off its annual Daffodil Days campaign, selling potted daffodil plants for \$10 each. The school reached its goal of \$500, which will benefit the American Cancer Society.

## **Queens Centers for Progress**

This year, the Student Council decided to partake in the Queens Centers for Progress campaign, which benefits children afflicted with the debilitating disease, Cerebral Palsy. Several students from the council attended the April 9, 2011 Cerebral Palsy Walk in Kissena Park. The council with the generous donations from both students and staff members were able to raise \$200 towards the cause.

# **Anti-Defamation League**

For our second activity for the Anti-Defamation League, the Student Council asks students from the Tiger Freshmen Academy to think of ways to promote their own anti-bullying initiative. Students were asked to create a skit, story or video that expressed the ill-effects that bullying has on its victims. The entries will be showcased during one of the Tiger Academies monthly auditorium events. The Student Association in conjunction with Ms. Jakab's Drama class plans on presents students with various skits created by the Drama students to further the message that there is No Place for Hate© at our school.

For the school's fourth and final project, students from Ms. Levine's Poetry class submitted a plethora of poems, all exploring prejudice, bias and bullying and the effects such things had on them personally or on others that they know.

In recognition of all of our great work, Ms. Jakab and 13 students will be visiting Hunter College on Monday, June 6, 2011 for the annual Anti-Defamation League Ceremony. During this event, Grover Cleveland High School will be presented with the ADL banner, which we may proudly hang in our school to show that we remain a school that will always process "Unity in Diversity"!

## **ARISTA**

Arista Members graduating this year will for the first time ever be proudly wearing black and gold cords over their graduation gowns to show all those in attendance their exceptional academic achievements throughout the year. Additionally, Arista will have thirty new inductees for next year and the numbers will obviously grow.

# **KEY CLUB**

The new Key Club officers have been announced. The new Key Club President is Stephanie Ramirez. The Vice President is Jackeline Balarezo. The Key Club Secretary is Abraham Hoyos. The Key Club Treasurer is Sylwia Tuzinowska. The Web Master is Christopher Santiago. Congratulations to all of the new Key Club members and we look forward to seeing all of the great things that you have planned for our school and our community!

## **Sports**

Boys' Outdoor and Girls' Outdoor Track teams have already started practicing at the field on Seneca Avenue. Collectively, both teams have attended nine meets, and already show signs of improving individual times. Ultimately, they are making the push for City Finals.

The Boys' Handball team has a record of 0-12, after losing to Richmond Hill on May 7th, which ended their season. The Girls' Handball team is 3-7, after losing to Hillcrest on May 3rd, which ended their season.

The Boys' Tennis team is 8-2, after losing to Hillcrest H.S on May 3<sup>rd</sup>., but are still making the push to make playoffs. The Girls' Tennis team is 6-4, after beating Hillcrest on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and is also making the push to make playoffs.

Boys' Volleyball has been playing hard this year, ending their season as the 2<sup>nd</sup> place division with a record of 9-2 after beating Edison. To their credit, they made playoffs, making it past the first round after beating East Transit Tech High School on May 9<sup>th</sup>.