



# PS 24 Queens Email Blast

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## CHANCELLOR FARIÑA ANNOUNCES THE 2017 COMMUNITY AND CITYWIDE EDUCATION COUNCIL ELECTIONS



New York City Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña announced the beginning of the 2017 Community and Citywide Education Council election cycle and encouraged all public school parents to consider running for a seat so they can make a significant impact on their child's education and become a champion for school communities. The application period begins on February 9. Parents interested in becoming members of a Community or Citywide Education Council should visit [NYCParentLeaders.org](http://NYCParentLeaders.org) for more information. Community and Citywide Education Council elections take place every two years. It offers parents an opportunity to make a long-lasting impact in the education of their children and thousands of other children in their community. Parents interested in learning more about the roles and responsibilities of the Community and Citywide Education Councils should attend an information session. The first of a series of information sessions will take place at the Tweed Courthouse on February 13 at 6 p.m. Presidents' Councils in each district will host forums for candidates to engage parents and parent leaders between March 20 and April 21. Each school's PA or PTA officers will cast their ballots online between April 23 and May 9. On May 15 and the results will be posted online at [NYCParentLeaders.org](http://NYCParentLeaders.org). The newly elected Education Council members will attend trainings and ongoing leadership development sessions on their roles and responsibilities. For more information, parents can visit [NYCParentLeaders.org](http://NYCParentLeaders.org) to learn more about the structure and roles of the Education Councils.



### NYPD Citizens Police Academy

In an attempt to build and foster an effective and productive relationship with members of our schools and communities, the NYPD is offering this opportunity to parents to participate in the **Citizens Police Academy**.

The Citizens' Police Academy Program is a 14-week program where experienced training instructors provide training in the legal, social and procedural aspects of policing. In addition to core courses, other areas of study include firearms discipline and counterterrorism. Lectures, electronic media, role-plays, simulations, and workshops are utilized to educate community members about police training and tactics, with the goal to have participants acquire a better understanding of the authority and limitations of the NYPD.

If you are interested, please e-mail: Queens North Commanding Officer—Suzanne Catoggio at [Suzanne.Catoggio@Nypd.Org](mailto:Suzanne.Catoggio@Nypd.Org)



## Multicultural Festival April 6, 2017

PS 24 is fortunate to be part of a multicultural community. Our children learn about different cultures through the Social Studies curriculum and we support this learning via the arts with programs like **Create! Dance**. We would like to celebrate the diversity of cultures represented in our school and extend a learning opportunity for our parents/guardians with a **Multicultural Festival on April 6, 2017**. Our wonderful PS 24 PTA has volunteered to spearhead this event!

In order for this event to be successful, we will need your help and support. Next week, a survey form will be backpacked home with your child. Please return the completed form to your classroom teacher as soon as possible; remember to indicate your culture and to indicate what part of the Festival you would wish to participate in. Together, we can make this a memorable experience!

### COOKSHOP—HEALTHY CHOICES FOR THE FAMILY

Our focus at the second **CookShop for Families** workshop was fruit. Parents learned the health benefits of eating fruit and the difference between natural sugars and added sugars. They also learned how to read food labels and how to store different fruits. Then, together, parents cut, mixed and enjoyed making a healthy **Peachy Orange Salsa!** It was delicious! All said that this is a recipe they will make at home with their children!

