

STEPPING INTO SUMMER

Q300 DANCE PARTY
AUCTION AND RAFFLE

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016
2 TO 6 PM

CHIAN FEDERATION CATERING HALL

**Q300
CELEBRATION
WITH PARENTS,
STUDENTS &
TEACHERS!**



**This journal is
dedicated to all of
the teachers and
staff at Q300 – we
want to acknowledge
the time and energy
you have generously
dedicated to public
school children. We
are truly grateful!**

The 30th Avenue School (Q300) is a K-8 public school in Astoria, Queens that serves children from throughout New York City.

Our school is filled with students thriving in a progressive environment that promotes social and emotional development and individual attention along with a challenging academic curriculum. Our fundraisers make it possible for children to have more individualized teaching instruction; music, sports, and robotics enrichment programs; and much more.

All net proceeds from this auction will go directly toward programs for our students.

Evening Program

2:00-3:00 Arrival, Cash Bar Open

HORS D'OEUVRES: Sesame Crusted Chicken and Beef with Teriyaki; Bruschetta with Tomatoes, Garlic, Basil and Mozzarella; Assorted Vegetable Tempura with Soy Sauce; Smoked Salmon on Crostini with Herb Cream Cheese Spread, Spinach and Feta Phyllo Triangles; Cheese Triangles; Marinated Fruit Kabobs with Honey Yogurt; Beef Franks in Blanket with Mustard

2:00-5:00 Dance party with DJ Robert

3:00 Buffet opens:

PASTA STATION: Penne a la Vodka; Rigatoni Bolognese

STATIONARY DISPLAYS: Assorted Cheese and Crackers; Antipasto Platter of Assorted Meats and Olives

CARVING STATION: Oven Roasted Turkey with Cranberry Sauce

KIDS' MEAL: Chicken and French Fries (Kids can also choose from Buffet and Appetizers)

2:00 Silent Auction open

Silent Auctioneer: Paula Marisi

5:00 Silent Auction Closes

Remarks: David Wang, PTA President

5:00 Raffle Draw

Melissa Cruz and Maria Hantzopoulos, Co-Chairs of Auction

5:30 Silent Auction Winners Announced

Paula Marisi



Letter from the PTA President

May 15, 2016

Dear Q300 Community:

Welcome to Q300 Parent-Teacher Association's 2nd Annual Stepping into Summer Dance Party & Silent Auction! Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your generosity in supporting our students' education.

In April 2014, Principal Matt Willard gave a presentation to potential incoming families, including my family, about Q300, its progressive education, and its core values of inclusion, inquiry, and responsibility. At the time, the school had not enrolled its first student. There were no online reviews, blog posts, or word of mouth to assess the quality of Q300's education. We only had Matt's strong, clear vision: students learn best when they feel included, have opportunities to question and reflect, and work with their peers to solve problems. We took a leap of faith and enrolled our children in Q300.

Two years later, more than 230 students are enrolled in the school and Matt's vision has come to fruition. We are grateful to Matt and his team of extraordinary, dedicated, and talented teachers and administrators. Last year, more than 90% of our elementary school students were reading at or above grade level; our middle school students scored among the top eleven schools statewide for English language arts and math. This year, our seventh graders have been selected as New York City junior ambassadors to learn more about the United Nations and to help address the world's most pressing challenges. Further, our middle school students reached the gold level in the National Math Club competition.

Your generosity enables the PTA to support the work of Matt and his team and provide our students with teacher aides in elementary school; enrichment programs such as an elementary school music, second grade architecture, and middle school digital songwriting, dance and Spanish; class supplies and equipment, such as library books, laptops and robotics kits; and a host of other items that enhance our students' education.

We appreciate the hard work of this year's organizers, including Melissa Cruz (co-chair), Maria Hantzopoulos (co-chair), Adele Brice, Kevin Gallagher, Ingrid Bromberg Kennedy, Randi Marshall, Paula Marisi and Gina Reis. Special thanks to the Benefit's sponsors, donors, and donor solicitors for making this year's benefit a success.

Once again, we thank you for your support. Your help ensures quality education for our students, increase family engagement, and create a firm foundation for Q300 for generations of students to come.

With deep gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Wang', is written over a horizontal line.

David William Wang
President

Silent Auction Items

BEAUTY

Perfectly Posh Gift Basket

VALUE: \$30.00
STARTING BID: \$15.00

Posh by Liz

Naturally based spa grade pampering skin care basket and gift certificate.

Perfectly Posh is a pampering brand. If you love great products that are as fun as they are good for you then you're going to love us!

The best ingredients - We know if you want a product to feel great when you use it, it should be made of great things. We use the very best and most natural ingredients available so you can be proud to wear and share it.

www.perfectlyposh.com

EXPERIENCE

Lower East Side Art Gallery Tour

VALUE: PRICELESS
STARTING BID: \$50.00

Klaus von Nichtssagend Gallery

Ingrid Bromberg-Kennedy will give a tour of 4 to 5 galleries on the Lower East Side, starting with her own, Klaus von Nichtssagend Gallery!

There are 150 galleries in the neighborhood making it the "hot spot" for looking at emerging art. This tour will touch on a few of Ingrid's favorite galleries, where you will meet some of their owners, and hear about their shows. The tour will involve walking through the neighborhood on an afternoon of your choice. The tour can culminate with a drink at one of the neighborhood restaurants. Recommended for grown-ups!

Klaus von Nichtssagend Gallery opened in Williamsburg, Brooklyn in September of 2004, relocating to the Lower East Side in January 2011. The gallery presents exhibitions of emerging artists from around the world.

www.klausgallery.com

NYC Chinatown Tour w/Inspector Collector

VALUE: \$250.00
STARTING BID: \$50.00

Inspector Collector

A two-hour cultural walking and eating tour of Chinatown (Manhattan, Flushing, Elmhurst, or Sunset Park) for up to eight people.

Led by Harley J. Spiller who has

been exploring and writing about NYC's Chinatowns for over 35 years. Spiller's archives of international Chinese restaurants is now a part of the University of Toronto Scarborough's library; his chapter "Chow Fun City" is included in *Gastropolis: Food and New York City* (Columbia University Press); and he appears in the film *The Search for General Tso*. Good for all ages, corporate events and families alike!

www.inspectorcollector.com

4 One-Day Park Hopper Passes to Disney World

VALUE: \$620.00
STARTING BID: \$90.00

Disney

Elsa. Tinkerbell. BB-8. Baymax. Doc McStuffins. Joy. Anger. Sadness. Disgust. Know who they all are? Sounds like you should be planning Disney vacation!

Bid on this package of 4 One-day park hopper passes to Disney World in Orlando and enjoy a magical experience at their theme parks.

www.disneyworld.disney.go.com

The Disney Theme park tickets can only be used at the Park designated on the tickets, have no cash value, cannot be upgraded, nor can they be applied towards a package to meet eligibility requirements. The complimentary Disney theme park tickets you are receiving are subject to block-out dates. They may not be used for admission from December 25-31 of any year, through their expiration date. Please note that these tickets will expire within two years from the date issued and cannot be replaced if lost, stolen, used or expired.

Two Tickets for "THE LATE SHOW with STEPHEN COLBERT!"

VALUE: PRICELESS
STARTING BID: \$40.00

The Late Show with Stephen Colbert

About The Late Show with Stephen Colbert: Stephen Colbert took over as host of The Late Show on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015. Colbert is best known for his work as a television host, writer, actor, and producer, and best known for his charity work teaching English as a second language on Tunisian date farms. Prior to joining the CBS family—and being officially adopted by network president Les Moonves—Colbert helmed "The Colbert Report," which aired nearly 1,500 episodes and required Stephen to wear nearly 1,500 different neckties. The program received two Peabody Awards, two Grammy Awards, and several unwelcome shoulder massages. It won two Emmys for Outstanding Variety Series in 2013 and 2014, both of which appear to have been lost in the move. His understudy is William Cavanaugh, who will be hosting The Late Show approximately one third of the time. Good luck, Bill!

Tickets must be claimed within a year of auction date. Travel to/from and accommodations within New York will not be provided. Those attending must be 16 years and older and must be flexible with dates. Please allow at least a 6 week lead time when giving dates to attend. Tickets

cannot be auctioned online and are not transferrable.

One Hour of Free Bowling at Frames NYC

VALUE: \$60.00
STARTING BID: \$15.00

Frames Bowling Lounge NYC

NYC's premiere bowling lounge featuring laneside food and cocktail service. Our Bowling Venue Features 35,000 SF of Classic Entertainment! 28 Sleek Lanes, Private VIP Room, Modern Leather Seating, Flat-Screen TV's, Ping Pong Room, Billiards Lounge, 2 Sports Bars and Live DJs.

www.framesnyc.com

Not valid Friday after 5pm or Saturday after 8pm. Not valid as payment for reserved lanes. Walk-ins only. Shoe rental fees apply. Good for up to 6 people!

6 tickets to 2016-2017 St. Francis College Women's or Men's Basketball Season

VALUE: \$90.00
STARTING BID: \$20.00

Kiskeya Sports

Come check out the "Brooklyn Tough" Terriers! The Terriers are one of only seven NCAA Division I programs in New York City and in 2011 attending a Terriers game was named one reason to love New York by New York Magazine in their seventh annual Reasons to Love New York 2011 piece.

www.sfcathletics.com

Two Tickets to The 2016 Obie Awards Hosted By Lea De Laria

VALUE: \$80.00
STARTING BID: \$15.00

American Theatre Wing

Two tickets to The 61st Annual Obie Awards at Webster Hall on Monday May 23rd. The Obie Awards, Off-Broadway's highest honor, are the freewheeling wild child of New York's family of theatre awards.

The Obies are the most coveted award for New York's artist-driven downtown theatre scene, honoring theatre's most adventurous and groundbreaking artists each year. Proudly presented by the American Theatre Wing and the Village Voice.

Former presenters include: Sting, Meryl Streep, David Byrne, Alec Baldwin, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Jesse Eisenberg, David Hyde Pierce and many more!

www.obieawards.com

Family Portrait By Bradford Portraits Plus Hotel Stay in NY or Palm Beach

VALUE: \$5,500.00
STARTING BID: \$500.00

Bradford Portraits

Exclusive Family Portrait By Bradford Portraits plus Luxury 5 Diamond Hotel Stay in New York or Palm Beach.

Be photographed by World Renowned Bradford in either his

New York or Palm Beach location. Package includes a 20" wall portrait on canvas with lavish artistry plus a one-night stay at either the luxurious Ritz-Carlton Westchester or the 5 Diamond, 5 Star EauResort in Palm Beach (formerly the Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach).

www.bradfordportraits.com/

Portrait may be of a family or individual (sorry, no pets). Winning bidder must contact Bradford Portraits for a mutually agreed upon date and for hotel booking. Package does not include transportation

FASHION

Tommy Hilfiger Men's Bifold

VALUE: \$30.00
STARTING BID: \$5.00

Alison Granshaw

This ultra-casual wallet from Tommy Hilfiger has a streamlined design for easy carrying.

Bifold passcase wallet from Tommy Hilfiger, Tommy Hilfiger logo tag on front, ID holder, multiple slots for money and credit cards, Leather, Imported.

One Hand Knit Shawl By Kristina, Q300 Assistant Principal

VALUE: PRICELESS
STARTING BID: \$20.00

Custom Hand Knit Hat and Mitten Set in the Winner's Preferred Color By Kristina, Q300 Assistant Principal

VALUE: PRICELESS
STARTING BID: \$20.00

FOOD

Home Cooked Greek Meal

VALUE: PRICELESS
STARTING BID: \$25.00

Maria Hantzopoulos

Maria Hantzopoulos will cook a home cooked meal that includes either prasopita (leek pie) or pasticcio (Greek lasagna), tzatziki, and one other small side. Yum!!

Home Cooked Lebanese Meal

VALUE: PRICELESS
STARTING BID: \$25.00

Johnny Farraj

Johnny Farraj will make homemade kibbeh (meat pie), babaghanoush, and one other side. Delish!!

Basket of Cheer

VALUE: \$200.00
STARTING BID: \$50.00

The Clinton Restaurant

Enjoy this basket of cheer featuring Stellina Di Notte Pinot Grigio, Great American Wine Company Cabernet Sauvignon, Pendleton Canadian Whisky, Wild Turkey Bourbon, Bacardi O Rum, Absolut Vodka, Jacques Cardin French Brandy, Captain Morgan Cannon Blast,

Llord's Sambuca, Dubonnet Grand Aperitif.

HOME

Luxury Bedroom Set

VALUE: \$450.00
STARTING BID: \$60.00
Ravi Kaushal & Sonal Wadia

Treat your bedroom to a whole new look! This bedroom basket features high-quality 400 count bedsheets (flat, fitted & two pillow cases included) in Full, Queen and King Size in Lustrous Steel color, Cool White & Ivory. Pair of 96" silk drapes in Grey & Gold. Picture-frame in pink, perfect for a nursery! Bluetooth enabled alarm-clock.

Stomping Ground School Picture Package

VALUE: \$100.00
STARTING BID: \$20.00
Stomping Ground Photography

\$100 Toward Q300 School Pictures for 2016/17 School Year.

Founded in 2009, Stomping Ground Photo has reinvented the school picture. A school portrait should show a student's personality as much as it captures their appearance. Our team of professional photographers are selected based on their professional experience and ability to respect, acknowledge, and connect with young people. The result? Modern yet timeless images parents are excited to hang on their walls.

www.stompinggroundphoto.com
Expires 7/31/17. Q300 Students Only.

Wall Clock Designed By Mikiya Kobayashi

VALUE: \$250.00
STARTING BID: \$50.00
Nalata Nalata

Design by Mikiya Kobayashi. "kime" is the Japanese word for texture or wood grain. The clock is made with by craftsmen from Asahikawa, Hokkaido Japan, who love and thoroughly understand wood.

www.nalatanalata.com

LESSON

Soccer Friends USA Summer Flexible 12 Class Pass

VALUE: \$280.00
STARTING BID: \$40.00
Soccer Friends USA

The Summer 2016 season is 6/20/16 through 7/31/16. It is a six week program for all age groups. You have the option of how many classes you wish to attend, the day you want to come and how many times a week you wish to play.

You then have the entire six weeks to use up the amount of classes you purchased on your flexible class pass. You can still go to the beach, hang out with family friends and go on vacation and still have time to attend one of our sessions and not

worry about make-up classes.
LOCATION: Forest Hills Youth Athletic Association Fields, 66-01 Fleet Street, Forest Hills, NY, 11373.
www.soccerfriendsusa.com

5 Zumba Classes with Zumba By Tanuja!

VALUE: \$50.00
STARTING BID: \$15.00
Zumba by Tanuja

Tanuja Parmar loves teaching Zumba. The reason is simple: Every class feels like a party! You don't have to know how to dance. Just move your body and follow my lead. It's easy! Come try it, guaranteed you will have a blast!

www.tanujaparmar1.zumba.com

TOYS

"Meet Me At the Park!" Sports Pack

VALUE: \$62.00
STARTING BID: \$20.00
80th Street Marketing

Heading to the playground after school? This sports pack includes all you need to turn every afternoon into field day - a soccer ball, a set of 4 cones, a set of six heavy duty skip ball ropes, a Chinese jump rope, and a pack of sidewalk chalk.

Carry your gear in style and show your school pride with this jumbo Q300 PTA canvas tote!

Family Game Night Set

VALUE: \$68.00
STARTING BID: \$20.00
Anne Van der Veer

A collection of card and board games to appeal to everyone in the family!

Sleeping Queens, Qwixx, Blokus, Wits and Wagers Family Edition and Rory's Story Cubes. Comes in a Q300 Tote Bag!

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Mineshift (4 player), Hanabi, Pictionary Card Game, Mini Quiddler Mini Set Comes with a Q300 Tote Bag!

Artist & Craftsman Gift Basket

VALUE: \$100.00
STARTING BID: \$20.00
Artist and Craftsman Supply

Artist & Craftsman Supply, an employee owned company, has been providing artists with excellent materials at competitive prices since first opening in Yarmouth, Maine in 1985. They now have 30 locations in 16 states.

www.artistcraftsman.com

Acrylic Painting Set

VALUE: \$157.25
STARTING BID: \$45.00
Artist & Craftsman Supply

This beautiful craft basket is a great gift to share with your dear little one. It has two different brush sets, three gessoed small panels, a how to paint with acrylic paint book, acrylic paint art set, table top easel and two smocks one for a child one for an adult.

www.artistcraftsman.com

TRAVEL

5 Night Pocono House Rental - Available Sept to May

VALUE: \$2,000.00
STARTING BID: \$200.00

Lakefront home with hot tub, sauna, canoes, kayaks, fishing, bar, 5 bedrooms can put at least 10 people in beds, and sleep 5 or more if needed with the couches, futon, and twin sized cot. 48" & 52" TV, wifi. Tennis courts, pools, beaches are just a walk or a paddle ride away within the Arrowhead Lakes Community. For more information about the community, view <http://www.arrowheadca.org/>.

Available for 5 consecutive nights from September 2016 - May 2017. Please no pets. Winner is responsible for any damages, as per standard rental agreement. For more information, please view our AirBnB listing: <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/12122460>

Young Chef's Academy Gift Basket

VALUE: \$184.00
STARTING BID: \$30.00
Young Chef's Academy

Enjoy this awesome gift basket from the Young Chef's Academy! Includes a One Chef's Club Membership, Three Cooking Classes (for kids and teens 4-18), Young Chef's Academy tote bag!

Young Chefs Academy is a unique culinary experience which offers cooking classes to children & teens in a safe environment that encourages discovery and creativity. Each visit to Young Chefs Academy is a new experience with fresh monthly themes and exciting new programs. Students sharpen their skills by employing the mantra, "Mise en Place" which, in the cooking world, translates into "Everything in its place."

At Young Chefs Academy, we take the fear, mystery and the unknown out of cooking. In addition, each class and event incorporates supplemental subject matter which ties into each theme. Our staff of highly qualified teachers, chefs and nutritional experts carry out our mission to provide an interactive learning experience that gives children & teens the opportunity to develop a life-long love for the culinary arts.

For kids and teens 4-18

<http://foresthillsny.youngchefsacademy.com/>

THEATER

2 Tickets to The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee at APAC

VALUE: \$36.00
STARTING BID: \$10.00

Music and Lyrics by William Finn. Book by Rachel Sheinkin

Each member of a lovable, eclectic group of sixth graders is eager to win the spelling bee. During the proceedings, led by our fearless leaders Rona and Vice Principal Panch, we meet shy Olive, returning champ Chip, distractible Leaf, over-achiever Marcy, activist Logainne, and self-assured William and his "magic foot." Through spelling and hilarious song, the struggles and dreams of the participants are revealed and explored as we root for each one. With a tuneful score and lyrics by William Finn (Falsettos, A New Brain) and a heartfelt, funny book by Rachel Sheinkin, this show leaves us laughing as we are each able to see ourselves in the characters and remember a time when we too put everything on the line to win it all.

Astoria Performing Arts Center. Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. 30-44 Crescent Street, Astoria, NY

May 6th through May 28th, 2015; Thurs-Sat @ 8 and Sat @ 2pm. Valid for any performance, provided tickets are available.

www.apacny.org

Raffle Items

Global Arts: Cultural Literacy & Heritage hands-on workshop for your 2016-2017 class

Symphony Space's Education Programs have been advancing cultural literacy and heritage with events that will delight your schools and communities. Our programs offer the arts as primary sources rich in information about the people that created them. African, Asian, Native American, Latin American and Early American cultures are explored through a variety of artistic disciplines and presentation formats. Partnering with you, Symphony Space will create a program or presentation customized to the needs of your school or organization.

This will be a dynamic 45-minute artist-led workshop at school in which students learn and engage with the music, dance, storytelling or art of one of several global cultures. The specific art form and culture will be decided on in collaboration with the school. More information about our Global Arts: cultural literacy & heritage program can be found at

www.symphonyspace.org/education-programs/global-arts

Family Passes to Noguchi Museum

VALUE: \$40

Donated by Noguchi Museum
5 available.

This pass allows a family to visit the museum for free! 5 Family Passes to the Noguchi Museum will be raffled at our "Stepping Into Summer Dance Party and Auction" on Sunday May 15th.

The Noguchi Museum was founded and designed by internationally renowned, Japanese-American artist Isamu Noguchi (1904-1988) for the display of what he considered to be representative examples of his life's work. Opened in 1985, the Museum is housed in a converted industrial building, connected to a building and interior garden of Noguchi's design. Located in the vibrant neighborhood of Long Island City, Queens, the Museum is considered in itself to be one of the artist's greatest works. In building a museum, Noguchi was an early pioneer who led the metamorphosis of the Long Island City area into the arts district it is today, home to cultural institutions such as Socrates Sculpture Park, SculptureCenter, MoMA PS1, and Museum of the Moving Image, among others.

www.noguchi.org

Guest Passes to the Museum of the Moving Image

VALUE: \$90

Museum of the Moving Image advances the understanding, enjoyment, and appreciation of the art, history, technique, and technology of film, television, and digital media by presenting exhibitions, education programs, significant moving-image works, and interpretive programs, and collecting and preserving moving-image related artifacts.

www.movingimage.us

Bowling with Annette!

Bowling for one middle school student and one school friend at: Astoria Bowl (19-45 49th Street, Astoria, NY 11105).

This is for: Friday, June 10th, from 4-6pm. Families must drop students off at/pick students up from Astoria Bowl. Food not included.

Smoothie Lunch with Alex!

Win a smoothie lunch with Alex! For winning elementary student and 4 elementary school friends. The students will come to Alex's room during lunch and they will make fresh smoothies and watch a short, kid friendly movie. Available to 5 elementary school students.

An Afternoon at Dave & Buster's with Anna

An afternoon of games and lunch with Anna at Dave & Buster's in Times Square for winning middle school student and one middle school friend.

www.daveandbusters.com

Lunch with Scott!

Have lunch with Scott! Three middle school students will join Scott at the diner near the MS school for lunch.

Trip to the Queens Zoo w/ Cristina and her Family!

Trip for one elementary student with Cristina and her family to The Queens Zoo!

Custom Drawing By Principal Matt of YOU AS A SUPERHERO!

Become a Superhero! Matt will create an original 8.5" x 11" ink and color drawing of one student as a superhero (or other fantasy character) of their choice.

Picnic at Astoria Park with Ali!

Ali will host a picnic at Astoria Park with three students and their families.

Parents can choose whether or not they'd like to stay. Ali will bring lunch and waters for students and we would also go to the playground, the track and any other spots throughout the park that

the kids would like to explore. This experience would last 60-90 minutes. For Q300 elementary school students.

Lunch in the Park with Jill!

Lunch with Jill and two elementary students at an off-campus park! Q300 elementary school students only.

\$50.00 Gift Card to Bareburger

Bareburger's first location opened circa 2009 in Astoria, Queens, with the goal of bringing a variety of organic burgers to the masses. How wide a variety? Take your pick of beef, bison, chicken, duck, elk, turkey, wild boar, or three distinct veggie options, and go from there. You can customize your own burger from patty to pickins, or choose from a selection of house-made offerings like the Wiki Wiki—a wild boar patty, duck bacon, chickpea onions, and pineapple relish on a brioche bun. Bareburger is now WORLDWIDE! Multiple Locations in: Astoria, Forest Hills, Bayside, Long Island City, NYC, Brooklyn and beyond . . .

www.bareburger.com

Starbucks Coffee Lover's Gift Basket

VALUE: \$40

Donated by Starbucks Coffee Company

For our coffee lovers, we've created a basket for you to revitalize with some Starbucks coffee. Featuring 1 lbs. of Kenya Medium Roast Coffee, 1 lbs. of Veranda Blonde Roast and a Reusable Starbucks Travel Cup.

All coffee comes whole bean for grinding at home or walk in to any Starbucks and have them grind to your specifications!

\$25 Gift Card to Kurry Culture

Donated by Kerry Culture

Kurry Culture is a seasonal Indian restaurant located right in the heart of Astoria. Designed by the critically acclaimed Chef Hemant Mathur, the KQ seasonal menu masterfully blends fresh Indian and local produce delivered in a casual, trendy ambiance. Kurry Culture brings to Queens the nostalgia of the "tandoor oven", or the clay oven, which is a traditional staple in household kitchens across the Indian subcontinent. KQ's tandoor oven delivers unparalleled flavor in breads and meats, refining the culinary experience of "authentic" Indian cuisine.

www.kurryculture.com

\$25 Gift Card to The Disney Store

donated by Eileen

MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY BOX!!!

Win a mystery box of goodies curated by Betty! Lots of fun things for your inquisitive Middle School

student to explore.....what could be inside??

"An Artistic Afternoon" with Sarah, Jamie, and Brooke

Sarah, Jamie and Brooke will conduct "An Artistic Afternoon", a brunch and watercolors activity in Central Park. It will occur on Saturday, May 21st at Sheep's Meadow. There is space for 6 elementary students.

What makes a school great?

educators

The educators of the 30th Avenue School are fully engaged with their students and excited to witness them grow intellectually, socially, and physically. As Q300 parents we see the enthusiasm the teachers have for their profession reflected in the enthusiasm of our children, and we are grateful.

Mathew Willard

PRINCIPAL

Matt became an educator because he believes that we do not learn alone. He feels we need others for support, to challenge our ideas, and to inspire us.

Kristina Jelinek

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Kristina wanted to spend more time in the field implementing and improving policies that impact children.

Cristina Baron

FIRST GRADE

Cristina strives to instill in her students a sense of ownership over their own learning and encourages them to value listening to each other to build their own understanding.

Annette Bindert

MIDDLE SCHOOL LITERATURE & SOCIAL STUDIES

Ms. Annette's favorite thing about Q300 is that the teachers are respected as content specialists and empowered to enhance the curriculum they present to students.

Jackie Bosco

KINDERGARTEN

Jackie believes that one of the great things about a kindergarten classroom is that all of the students are completely different from each other and add their own gifts, talents, and personalities to the community.

Kathleen Boyle

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

Kathleen loves using the arts and education to help close the opportunity gap for people with disabilities.

Sarah Duer

SECOND GRADE

Sarah sought a public school teaching career because she wanted to be in an environment that is as diverse as possible in every sense, be it socioeconomically, learning styles, family backgrounds, and more. She believes the public school system is essential to providing opportunity in our society for all individuals.

Betty Eck

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE

Betty delights in middle-school-aged students. She finds them to be articulate and thoughtful and she enjoys classroom discussions and her individual interactions with students, always happy to learn from them.

Brooke Goldfeder

SECOND GRADE

Brooke's first grade teacher inspired her to become an educator. As a child, she could be found teaching her dolls and stuffed animals. Brooke is inspired by yoga and has seen the benefits of teaching yoga practice to her students - it helps them channel their energy into their work and to reflect on positive thoughts.

Kali Hatziathanassiou

SCHOOL AIDE

A wide range of volunteer experience inspired Kali to go back to school herself in order to work in the school system. She believes it's important to teach kids to value the traditions of their ancestors. She does this with her own family by inspiring them to learn to read, write and speak the Greek language.

Jill Kaufman

SOCIAL WORKER

"Our students have extraordinary interests and love of learning and that is a beautiful thing."

Ali Lisberger

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

Ali was drawn to Q300 in part because of her desire to deepen her connections to her local community. She also strongly believes in the school's core values of inclusion, inquiry, and responsibility and for her this felt like the logical next step.

Alex Lunz

FIRST GRADE

Alex believes that all children should have a great experience in school that challenges them and creates a love of learning. He is impressed by community's closeness and the way it is organized, and by how supportive parents have been of their children's education.

Edwin Mora

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENL & SPANISH

Edwin enjoys educating children and feels that the best way to learn is to have fun. It is for this reason he incorporates songs and movement in his lessons.

Sharon Murphy

SCHOOL SECRETARY

Sharon became a paraprofessional because of her love for children and the opportunity to become a better parent. She believes that education is a core factor in determining success and shaping productive members of society.

Anna Pacura

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS

Anna became an educator because she considers herself a life-long learner and wants to develop that practice in her students. She is excited about integrating community service into Q300's curriculum and believes that no act of kindness is too small.

Jamie Seidenberg

KINDERGARTEN

Jamie maintains a strong focus on classroom management, knowing her students as individuals, and providing rigorous instruction. She is eager to build and maintain a healthy, caring classroom community.

Scott Waldman

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

Scott celebrates the spirit and independence of children and loves to see their confidence grow as they master new concepts, whether they are remembering how to log-in their school Gmail accounts or mastering robotics and Scratch.

Eileen Wolejsza

KINDERGARTEN

Eileen's dream of becoming a teacher began in grade school. She loved learning and was excited by the process itself.

We celebrate our Teaching Assistants who excelled our vision for PTA sponsored TA's during the 2015-2016 academic year. We thank you for your commitment.

30th AVENUE SCHOOL IS 2-YEARS OLD

How did it begin?

When you were thinking about sending your child to a New York City public school did you imagine it would be like 30th Avenue School (Q300)? Our school is small, personal, caring, playful, academically challenging and socially aware. The children are excited about learning, about their classmates and teachers, and about the larger world around them. In the morning they are greeted by name at the front door with a high five. They split their time working alone and in small groups to complete class projects as well as meeting individually with their teachers to talk about how they understand their lessons. Integrated into the academics are discussions about social issues in our world and how to be open and fair to everyone in our society.

Q300 is just two years old. It was first conceived of four years ago by our Principal, Matt Willard. Before becoming Principal of Q300 Matt was the Assistant Principal in a school in Maspeth, Queens. There, he supervised teachers who were focused on special needs education and specials classes (such as programming and the arts). The Principal of the school asked him to work on vision building with teachers to see how a classroom for gifted and talented kids could make a significant difference and look different from typical ones. Matt asked the teachers to describe the skills they would want their students to gain by the time they graduate. Together, they came to the conclusion that academics should be accelerated in places, that students benefit from more enrichments, and that service learning is important.

For over 10 years, the city has been building new schools. Matt decided to

explore starting a new school that would incorporate the ideas developed in the vision building at his old school. Matt's proposal outlined a school with a dynamic and activist instructional approach that employs constructivist learning; a way of learning that does not drill knowledge into kids, but a way that they construct their own knowledge through activities and experiences. It is important that each student is treated as an individual and that they bring their ideas to the classroom so their teacher can build on them. It was also important to Matt for the school to take a holistic approach. It should require strong academics that would maximize students' opportunities in life after graduation. Equally important is for the school to enable fluent knowledge and appreciation for the arts and a larger social understanding of the people around them. Matt's school proposal was accepted past two rounds of consideration, after which the city approached him to revise it in order to create a citywide G&T school in Queens.

Matt grew up in Queens and went to a public school with a pull-out G&T program. His public school education served him well, and he wanted to give back to the community. The teachers and staff of Q300 share the educational vision Matt set out to establish. They are a team working together to implement the school's guiding principles in the classroom. They have created, from whole cloth, a truly incredible community which our children participate in and perpetuate every day.

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Congratulations to everyone at Q300, from the students to the hardworking teachers and staff. All the best for the coming year.

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