



# MS 72 PARENT NEWSLETTER



## Parent Engagement

The Catherine & Count Basie MS 72 Title I PAC held their first virtual parent workshop on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. Families had the opportunity to discuss and explore triggers and challenges pertaining to conflict at home and learn tools for managing overwhelming feelings.



## National Children's Mental Health Awareness

National Children's Mental Health Awareness day takes place on May 7. Each year this shines a national spotlight on the importance of caring for every child's mental health and reinforces that positive mental health is essential to a child's healthy development.

Please take some time to join local health fairs, educational forums, and mental health trainings throughout the month of May.



## Human Trafficking: What Parents Need to Know

Social media has opened up more possibilities for predators to target children by harmless conversation, careful grooming (earning trust, positive rapport or normalizing sexual behavior they are seeking) to manipulate children into sharing personal information or meet up in person.

Family discussions are important along with having additional safeguards in place to help protect your child such as:

- Parental controls for video games/consoles
- Disabling chat functions
- Spot check your child's social media platforms

## PTA CORNER



MS 72's PTA welcomes all parents, guardians and staff to actively participate and support our team. Parents play a vital role in the success of our children. We implore you to join our monthly meetings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month to contribute your ideas and opinions on ways to improve our children's middle school journey. We look forward to your continued support and to building bonds within our school community.



## Upcoming Events



Senior Spirit Week	May 3-6	
CCELL Meeting	Tuesday, May 3	6:15PM
Title I Virtual Parent Workshop: Family Teamwork	Wednesday, May 4	5:30PM
Community Education Council D28	Thursday, May 5	6:30PM
ELA/Math iReady Diagnostic Test #3	May 9-13	
School Leadership Team Meeting	Tuesday, May 10	5:00PM
Breaking the Cycle School Assembly	Tuesday, May 10	
Virtual Parent Workshop	Thursday, May 12	6:00PM
NYS Science Prep		
Louis Armstrong Concert	Friday, May 13	
PTA Meeting	Monday, May 16	6:00PM
Title I Meeting	Monday, May 16	7:00PM
Staff Wellness Day	May 17-18	
Trip 100% Attendance Launch Trampoline	Wednesday, May 18	
Principal for the Day/ District Walkthrough	Thursday, May 19	
Community School Forum	Friday, May 20	4:30PM
School-wide Town Hall	Monday, May 23	
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade NYS Science Performance Exam	May 24-June 3	
TSI Visit #3	Wednesday, May 25	
Career Day	Friday, May 27	
Virtual Parent Workshop Human Trafficking	Tuesday, May 31	