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By Jibreel Jalloh Below are submissions by local

community board members who answered the following questions. Could you provide an introduction about yourself?

What motivated you to become a member of the community board?

What is your favorite local spot or business?

Are there any specific initiatives or plans you're currently enthusiastic about to improve the community?



Marie Delus

1. Marie Delus, a near 30-year NYC government veteran and Agency Chief Contracting Officer, also leads T "Flip" R, LLC, assisting non-profits, small businesses and corporations in charitable efforts. I am an active volunteer for organizations like the American Red Cross and Moms Demand Action. I am also a staunch advocate, a Marine Corps Veteran and Chairperson of the Gun Violence Survivors Advisory Council.

2. As an advocate, I've chosen to apply as a Community Board member in order to help my community with much needed community-based services such as crisis response, mental health services, etc. As a vested employee in New York City government and president of an LLC whose mission is to assist not-forprofit organizations, small businesses and corporations with their community, national and international charitable initiatives and a Certified Professional Public Buyer, I believe

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I have the experiences to help the Board and my community. and East 83rd Street. My family has been active in Our Lady of Miracles

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3. Honestly, I've been so busy with my advocacy life for the last 10 years, I haven't had a chance to actually identify a favorite local spot or business. My advocacy life takes me to all communities. Although, my favorite pastime is to try different restaurants in our community and since I love different foods, the restaurants I order from vary.

4. I have several initiatives I would like to tackle as a Community Board member -- attempting to find a solution to the flooding problems in our community is one. I live in Mill Basin and have suffered years of flooding at my house. I am also interested in hosting more communitybased events at the District Office such as Turkey and Toys Drives. However, the most important initiative I am interested in helping launch is to help with the gun violence in our community. I would like to help gun violence survivors and give them the opportunity to have a voice in the gun violence prevention arena, as I find many fellow survivors work every day to help our community stop gun violence.



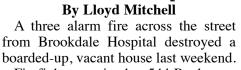
Frank Seddio ' 1. & 2. I am a third-generation Canarsien. My family arrived here in 1919, and we began our family roots here at the corner of Glenwood Road

been active in Our Lady of Miracles Catholic Church since it was established in 1937. I have served the community in many capacities over these many years, including serving as the Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and Founder and first President of the Canarsie Volunteer Ambulance Corps. I founded and was the first President of the East 90s Community Association. I became active in politics in 1965 and joined the Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club. I served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1976 and was selected as the District Manager of Community Board 18 (CB 18) in December 1979. I was also the Chairman of CB 18 from 1992 to 1998 when I was elected as the Assembly Member for our community. I also served as a Judge of the Surrogate Court in Kings County, having been elected in 2005. I became the Democratic leader of our party here in Canarsie in 2010 and in 2012 was elected as the head of the Democratic Party for the borough of Brooklyn. I have worked in these many capacities to help the people of the community which are served by CB 18 and look forward to continuing to do so for years to come. I am most known for the annual Christmas display which surrounded my house at the corner of East 93rd Street and Flatlands Avenue for over 50 years.

3. My favorite spot in Canarsie is Original Pizza on Avenue L and East 94th Street.

4. My efforts have been with the quality of life for our communities. This included working to ensure that we have adequate and just police protection, and clean and usable parks, which include many capital improvements, and the maintenance of our roadways ensuring that we receive paving when it is needed and actual new construction of our roadways. I am most proud of the work I participated in in the construction and planning of Paerdegat Avenue North, as well as the efforts to ensure the quality of our services throughout CB 18.

Vacant Home near Brookdale Hospital Burns to the Ground



Firefighters arrived at 544 Rockaway Parkway around 6:10 a.m. on Saturday, October 14th, where they found heavy fire spewing from the first and second floors of the building.

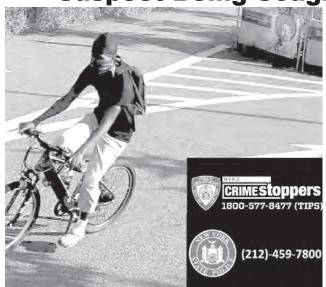
Units consisting of 138 firefighters used three tower ladders and four hose

lines to knock down the intense blaze. Fire Department personnel were forced to evacuate the long-standing vacant house over fears of a building collapse and fought the inferno from the roof of a nearby apartment building.

The fire was placed under control at 8:15 a.m. The FDNY Fire Marshal's Office will determine the cause of the blaze.

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Spring Creek/East New York Suspect Being Sought in Attempted Rape in Shirley Chisholm Park By Linda Steinmuller The suspect is described as a thin black male



The NYPD and NY State Police are looking for a suspect wanted in connection to an attempted rape that occurred in Shirley Chisholm State Park last month and are asking the public's assistance in identifying him.

Around 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12th, the suspect was riding a black bicycle when he approached a 52-year-old woman who was jogging in the state park, which is located within the confines of the 75th Precinct. Police said the male forced the victim to the ground, choking and punching her. Then, he threat-ened her with a knife before he removed his pants and ordered the victim to remove her pants. A vehicle approached the site, and the suspect forcibly removed the woman's white Apple watch before fleeing the park on his bike.

The victim was taken to Coney Island Hospital in stable condition, according to police.

The suspect is described as a thin black male, approximately 6'0". He was wearing a black face mask, a black du-rag, light-colored sweatpants, multi-colored Crocs footwear and a black JanSport backpack at the time of the attempted rape.

Shirley Chisholm State Park is a popular spot for Canarsie and East New York residents to walk, jog and bike along the beautiful paths but should use caution and report any suspicious activities to police.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 800-577-TIPS (8477), for Spanish, 888-57-PISTA (74782) or call the NYS police at 212-459-7800. The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers Website at crimestoppers.nypdonline. org/, or on Twitter @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.

Photo courtesy of NYPD

East New York

U.S. Postal Service Worker Robbed at Knifepoint



By Linda Steinmuller the 75th Precinct are look

Police from the 75th Precinct are looking for a man who pressed a knife against a female postal worker's stomach and stole her mailbox keys last month.

Around 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 30th, an unidentified man approached the 26-year-old USPS mail carrier while she was making deliveries at 384 Hendrix Street, between Pitkin and Belmont Avenues, police said. After flashing the knife at her, the suspect demanded that she give him keys to the mailboxes. He then fled in an unknown direction. There were no reported injuries as a result of this incident, according to police. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 40 to 50 years old. He is approximately 5'8" and was last seen wearing black pants. The NYPD has released a photo of him and are asking the public's assistance in tracking him down.

Anyone with information regarding this robbery is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 888-57-PISTA (74782). The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers Website at crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/, or on Twitter @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.

Photo courtesy of NYPD

Three Arrests Made in Connection to Paerdegat Murder



By Linda Steinmuller

Two suspects were charged with murder in the homicide of a 20-year-old man in front of 56 Paerdegat 1st Street last February.

Police arrested Horace Campbell, 21, and Ray Martin, 24, both of East New York, on October 11th. Both were charged with murder in the fatal shooting of Ethan Flowers, according to official sources. A third suspect, Tyrese Robinson, 21, also of East New York, was charged with tampering with physical evidence.

Flowers, who lived near the Brooklyn Navy Yard, was shot in the back and arms around 10:15 a.m. on Monday, February 6th. The victim was taken to Brookdale Hospital where he was pronounced dead (see "*Fatal Shooting in Canarsie, Second This Year,*" *Canarsie Courier, February 9, 2023*).

Photo by Lloyd Mitchell



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A Stylish Future for Students

By Melissa Clark

Teamwork makes the dream work! A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Elie Balleh Fashion Institute at the Brooklyn School for Career Development, located at 510 Clermont Avenue in Clinton Hill, took place on October 12th. Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse; award-winning singer, songwriter and composer Tomaczek Bednarek; and former Miss Colombia Stefania Brunettiis were in attendance to show their support.

A new room will provide the necessary tools for students to learn all things fashion. Fashion designer Balleh and the fashion institute did not disappoint.

The new room has sewing machines, ironing boards, fabrics and inspiration. Balleh, a designer for over 30 years, will teach these students the essentials, from sewing a button to pattern design. Balleh will also instruct the students on conversing with clients and customer service. Principal Dr. Yvrose Pierre, who is also the principal of Aveyron Academy, located at the Canarsie Educational Campus, told the *Canarsie Courier*, "Schooling is no longer the four walls; it's bringing the community into the school and the school into the community. Mr. Balleh made this happen for us where students can engage in work-based learning, transitioning and learning real-world skills."

This opportunity will help open the doors for employment for these fashion institute students in retail stores such as Macy's, Bloomingdale's and Marshalls. *Photo Credit: John Thomas*





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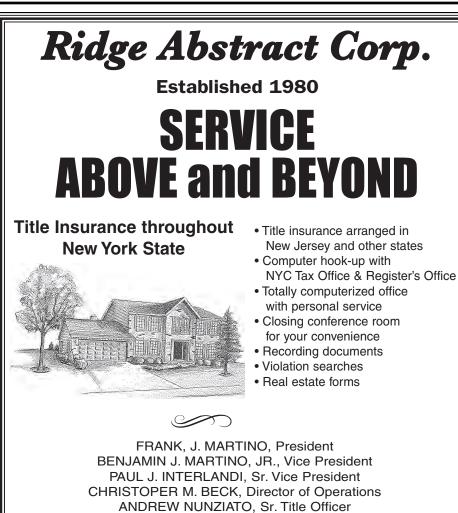
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Mill Basin Civic Association Kicks off New Season

By Amanda Salazar

The Mill Basin Civic Association held its first meeting since the summer break on Tuesday, October 10th, at Mary Queen of Heaven Church, 1395 East 56th Street, to discuss news in the community.

Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse shared information about a bill she sponsored that will require the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to create an education campaign about sickle cell disease and its treatment and management. If passed, the bill would also require the department and the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation to create a sickle cell disease screening program.

"It was surprising to me that we don't have genetic studies being done; we don't have the screening done," Narcisse said.

This bill was well-received by attendees, especially civic association board member Terri Cadet-Donald, who shared that she has sickle cell disease and thanked Narcisse for "bringing this to life."

Community Board 18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow also gave a report, announcing a new Con Edison pilot program in which the utility company will put some of its wires underground, similar to Manhattan. The trial will be occurring near Flatlands Avenue, Avenue K and the East 50s.

The meeting also featured a long discussion of the Salvation Church of God, located at 5601 Avenue N. For months, the civic has been trying to come up with solutions for a contentious parking situation.

Most of the parishioners come from Queens and Long Island and since the church doesn't have a parking lot, churchgoers end up double parking along Avenue N and East 56th Street. Sometimes they even park in residents' private driveways or in Mary Queen of Heaven Church's private parking lot down the block.

Mill Basin Civic President Paul Curiale has tried to get in touch with the pastor many times, but the congregants continue to illegally park. The pastor has avoided meeting with the civic and local police officers, but Curiale said he was determined to make it happen. "It's really inconsiderate," Curiale said. "And to know then that you guys are going to church? It's not the good Christian example."

Neighborhood Coordination Officer Felicia Grant said that if a car is blocking your driveway, you should call 311. Once the report is formally made, you can call a towing company of your choice to have the car removed, at the expense of the car owner.

If the car is parked on private property, however, you should call the towing company directly to have it removed, as the police cannot deal with cars wrongfully parked on private property.

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Multi-Sensory Storytelling for Tr mative Healing Canarsie at

By Bristol Hendrix

Brooklyn FAM (Festival of Arts and Music) is a nonprofit organization with the aim of creating empathic connections within Brooklyn. Recently, the organization hosted a family-friendly event in Canarsie Park that was a big hit with the community.

Jenn Chen, the founder and creator of Brooklyn FAM, saw a need to connect families in her community, so she created the first family-friendly cultural event in Prospect Park. About 10 families were expected at that initial event in the spring of 2021, but the concert featured a Gambian musical group that drew over 200 people. Afterward, people kept asking Chen when the next event would take place, so she decided to turn this one-time concert into a full nonprofit. Now, Brooklyn FAM hosts multi-generational family-friendly events all over Brooklyn from March to October each year.

They've hosted cultural events in Flatbush, Brownsville and most recently Canarsie. At prior events, they started working on a quilt with Sylvia Hernandez, who is making a master community quilt with each piece from these smaller events forming the shape of Brooklyn.

The group took over Canarsie Park on September 16th.

Canarsie resident and professional Dance Educator and Choreographer Jessica St Vil-Ulysse requested Brooklyn FAM host the event in the park. St Vil-Ulysse and Chen worked alongside Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, and they were able to secure funding for the cultural immersion. Each year, Brooklyn FAM selects a theme for its events, and this year's theme is "Multi-Sensory Storytelling for Transformative Healing."

The event featured folk dancing, storytelling, steel drum classes, and arts and crafts, as well as Soca aerobics. Taste of Canarsie, a partnership with Canarsie restaurants and the Canarsie Merchants Association, was also introduced at the event. Guests could purchase a food pass for many of Canarsie's eateries, including Canarsie Blend, The Xperience Coffee House & Juice Bar, Golden Krust and Honey Bee's Kitchen, among others. As these local restaurants shared their best dishes, so did local Canarsie businesses.

Twelve-year-old Jetha, who has been with a Canarsie Girl Scout troop since she was a small child, was excited to participate in the festivities. She showed the *Canarsie Courier* a pollinator garden within the park that the Girl Scouts planted and maintained. Jetha and her troop were also there to raise awareness about their chapter and the growing opportunities for young girls in Canarsie.

Families flooded the park to take in the sights and sounds of various Caribbean artistry. If you missed the Canarsie event, don't worry! There's still time to catch the annual flagship Brooklyn FAM event on Sunday, October 22nd in Prospect Park, where Zahra & Friends will be the main performers. Visit "Bklyn Fam" on Instagram or brooklynfam.org for more information.





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Flatlands Volunteer Ambulance Corps is Welcoming New Members

By Amanda Salazar Southeast Brooklyn has many volunteer opportunities available to its residents, from picking up trash in Canarsie Park and doing crafts with children at the Mill Basin Library to planting flowers at the Marine

unteer opportunity that's unlike all the rest. The Flatlands Volunteer Ambulance and First Aid Corps (FVAC) is a volunteer-run ambulance service that responds to emergency medical calls — and it's looking for more members.

Park Salt Marsh. But there's one local vol-

Currently, FVAC has around 30 volunteers, allowing it to run relatively consistent shifts seven nights a week, plus shifts on Thursday mornings and Saturdays and Sundays. In order to expand to 24/7 service, as is the goal, the organization needs new members to take up the call to action.

"That's similar to other organizations around the city. There are a number of active volunteer organizations around the city, and they're all having the same problem, just attracting and retaining members," decadeslong FVAC volunteer Joe Auerbach told the Canarsie Courier. "We're trying to get more consistent because that's one thing we hear. I go out into the neighborhood, and they say, 'We called you and you weren't there,' which does happen if you don't get enough active members."

FVAC responds to emergency calls, performs first aid, supports the city's ambulances when needed and conducts wellness checks.

To join FVAC, visit FVAC.org. Go to the Membership tab, click "Become a Member" and fill out the form. Volunteers aren't required to have any medical experience, though a driver's license is necessary.

Once the form is reviewed and accepted, applicants go through dispatcher training. The dispatcher works out of the FVAC base at 4623 Avenue N fielding calls. After that training is complete, the volunteer goes through attendant training by riding in the ambulance and learning from experienced volunteers. An attendant must be proficient in various skills, including administering oxygen, splinting, moving patients around on stretchers and more. The highest-ranking member on each shift is the crew chief. All new members go through the same training, regardless of whether they are already certified by the city or state as an emergency medical technician or a paramedic.

Interested residents are encouraged to apply, as more volunteers mean the community can be better served.

"I just find it a very rewarding type of way to be able to spend my time," Auerbach said. "I've always said, as long as I'm the one pushing the stretcher and not the one on it, it's a good day."

If you need medical attention, you can reach FVAC at 718-338-0444.



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Flatlands Basketball Courts Upgraded at Fox Playground On Friday, October 6th, NYC Parks was selected in consultation wit

On Friday, October 6th, NYC Parks Commissioner Sue Donoghue joined Brooklyn Nets and New York Liberty owner, Social Justice Fund Founder Clara Tsai, Councilwoman Farah Louis and members of the community at Fox Playground, located at Avenue H, between East 54th and East 55th Streets, to celebrate the renovation of the park's basketball courts. The upgrades include new rims and backboards, improved playing surfaces and vibrant murals, beautifying the space and creating a safe environment for youth recreation. Fox Playground was selected in consultation with NYC Parks as part of the Social Justice Fund's racial justice initiative. Anti-gun violence programming will be also provided at the courts by Foster Park Sports, expanding healthy and safe opportunities for local youth. This project was funded by \$1.4 million from the Joe and Clara Tsai Foundation's Social Justice Fund and also includes work at the Breukelen Ballfields in East New York, which is anticipated to be completed sometime this fall.

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Editor's Note: The following letter was sent by Ira Kluger of the Canarsie Historical Society to State Senator Roxanne Persaud on September 6, 2023.

Dear Senator Persaud:

Diana and I were very pleased to see you at the Charles Rogers Street co-naming ceremony. It was a very special day.

Until I learned that a bill renaming the President Street and Franklin Avenue subway stations to reflect their proximity to Medgar Evers College and to honor the college's namesake, Medgar Evers, was passed by the New York State legislature and signed into law, I was unaware that the New York State Legislature had Beach. the authority to rename subway stations.

I would like to propose that the East 105th Street Station on the "L" subway line (commonly referred to as the Canarsie Line) would be renamed East 105th Street - Vanderveer's Crossing.

The portion of the line that extends from Atlantic Avenue to Rockaway Parkway was originally operated by a private company known as the Brooklyn and Rockaway Beach Railroad. The original route continued past Rockaway Parkway and ended at the Canarsie Pier, where the passengers would transfer to a ferry which would transport them to Rockaway



1628 Kings Highway (East 17th Street), Brooklyn, NY 11229



During the railroad's early years, the East 105th Street Station was known as Vanderveer's Crossing, signifying that the Old Mill Road, which led to Vanderveer's Mill, crossed the railroad tracks at that point. A grade crossing remained in place at that location until 1973.

The Vanderveer family, being the operators of the local grain mill, which was frequently referred to as the Red Mill, was extremely prominent in Canarsie Although the mill is long gone, the Vanderveer House, located at 106-02 Flatlands Avenue is extant.

A web page entitled Watercourses: Looking for the Lost Streams, Kills, Rivers, Brooks, Ponds, Lakes, Burns, Brakes, and Springs of New York City (https://watercourses.typepad.com/watercourses/water-fresh-creekfresh-kill-canarsie-brooklyn/) states the following:

"A local landmark was the Vanderveer Mill, also known as the Red Mill because it was painted barnred. This was a tide mill built either in the late 1600s or sometime around 1770; I haven't yet been able to determine when exactly it first started operating. (It may have been that an earlier mill operated in the late 17th century, and was replaced by the better-known Red Mill around 1770). It lasted until 1879 which it burned down (According to Brooklyn by Name: How the Neighborhoods, Streets, Parks, Bridges, and More Got Their Names, By Leonard Benardo & Jennifer Weiss; NYU Press, 2006). It was built by Cornelius Van Der Veer (or Van Der Veer), or possibly his descendents [sic]. He and his descendents [sic] also owned a massive farm covering much of today's Flatbush and Canarsie, Brooklyn.'

The Vanderveer family genealogy, which is cited on the Watercourses web page cited above, states:

'Cornelius Janszen Van Der Veer b. 1622 or~1642 d. bef 22 Feb 1703 aka Cornelius de Seeuw, Cornelius de Zeeuw, Cornelius Dominicus

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Unfortunately, very few people realize that Vanderveer's Mill played an extremely significant role in black history. The Brooklyn Public Library's web page (https://www.bklynlibrary. org/locations/jamaica-bay/black-canarsiehistory#:~:text=Introduction%20to%20the%20 Exhibit, Brooklyn%20for%20over%20three%20cen turies) states:

"The following is the transcript for Black Canarsie: A History, a library exhibit that was on display at Jamaica Bay Library from February 1st through February 29th, 2016. It has been uploaded here for educational purposes. Colored Colony: A Free Black Community Grows in Canarsie (c.1863-1961)

After slavery was abolished in the State of New York, many free blacks living in Flatlands continued to work as farmhands or servants for the old Dutch families who had previously owned them. Yet as the eighteenth century progressed, a new generation of African Americans would come to settle the meadows of Canarsie and establish a free black community known as [the] "Colored Colony."

In Brooklyn's Last Village: Canarsie on Jamaica Bay, Merlis and Rosenzwieg [sic] describe African American life [in] the Canarsie neighborhood that was home to between thirty and fifty black families from the middle nineteenth to the early twentieth century.

Many black families settled in small cottages fronting Baisley's Lane [which ran from east [sic] 95th Street to Rockaway Parkway]. By the late 1800s, the section near Rockaway Parkway, Skidmore Lane ..., and Avenues J and K grew into a sizable settlement. Residents of Weeksville (now Ocean Hill) would walk via Hunterfly Road to Canarsie to visit their relatives on Sundays after attending church.

The Civil War and its social tribulations left an indelible mark on Canarsie's Colored Colony. As reported in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, Canarsie attracted many black families who had fled Manhattan in the wake of the New York City Draft Riots (July 13-16, 1863), the worst episode of civil unrest in the nation's history. The riots resulted from the outrage of the white working class at new provisions in the federal Enrollment Act that allowed moneyed citizens to be exempt from conscription into the Union Army by way of a paid substitute, usually a poor Irish or German immigrant. Scapegoating blacks as the cause of the war and fearing increased job competition in the wake of emancipation, the mob loosed its furor on the African Americans of New York, lynching black men in the streets and burning an orphanage for black children to the ground. This violent insurrection prompted the flight of hundreds of African Americans from the city to the relative sanctuary of its outlaying regions, among them the village of Canarsie in Flatlands.

Once arrived in Canarsie, many fleeing the riots took refuge in the old mill on Fresh Creek Inlet that was built by John C. Vanderveer in 1801. Used for the storage of hay, the barn-red mill also became a place of asylum for freed slaves from the American South, leading some to believe that the structure may have been a stop along the Underground Railroad."

A map, prepared by Surveyor R. L. Williams in 1906, which is in the possession of the Library of Congress, and can be accessed via https://www.loc. gov/item/2005626329/, documents that the area surrounding the East 105th Street subway station was at that time referred to as Vanderveer Crossings. In addition, attached is a masthead of a Canarsie Courier published in December 1964, documenting that the name Vanderveer Crossing remained in use as late as that time.

Given the foregoing, I am respectfully requesting that you introduce legislation calling for the subway station currently known as East 105th Street to be renamed, so that it will henceforth be known as East

105th Street - Vanderveer's Crossing.

I thank you and for your assistance with this matter and eagerly await your response.

> Very truly yours, Ira M. Kluger | **Co-President Canarsie Historical Society**





East Flatbush

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By Melissa Clark

They say the teacher makes the difference, not the classroom. Brooklyn Science and Engineering Academy (BSEA) Principal Angela DeFilippis knows all too well the significance of a positive relationship between student and educator. The East Flatbush middle school, located at 5404 Tilden Avenue, held a 10 Year Anniversary celebration on Wednesday, October 11th, to celebrate its many successes.

Growing up in Brooklyn, DeFilippis admits that she was not the best scholar; however, as she reached high school and noticed that teachers provided specialized instruction in activity tasks, particularly in science, this motivated her to delve into education. After carefully considering pursuing her doctorate as a pediatrician, she eventually would combine the best of both worlds and lead a school of her own.

Proposing a new school to the Department of Education was no easy task, but DeFilippis was determined to get a head start on staffing and funding, as well as décor for the academy. The principal told the *Canarsie Courier*, "I made sure that I was very strategic when we received money for the school. I had three major principals: the first was to make every decision with the students part of it, invest in good people to work at the school and being creative."

To conserve funds, DeFilippis did not purchase new furniture for the school; she would get donations from offices that were refurnishing their spaces. It was important for DeFilippis and her staff to bring comfort to the academy. She recalls her former elementary school was painted beige; she didn't feel excited to be there. She said, "I wanted this school to be like a home to these students." They also needed to conserve more than enough funds for computers and everyday needs to operate a school.

BSEA opened its doors on September 4, 2014, and this school is all about collaboration. Teamwork is essential, especially regarding creativity, solutions and expanding science in other concepts.

The school is proud to announce that they were part of a student exploration program with Space X (Elon Musk study), and one of the student's experimental designs will launch into space in November.

So, what does Principal DeFilippis learn from her students? She wouldn't know what impact and hard work she and her faculty have made if it wasn't for the students. "You make sure that academically, the students get to where they need to go, but it's important to make school fun," she said.

In celebration of its 10th anniversary, the school held a carnival providing food, face painting and games in the schoolyard. Families, students and alumni attended to support the academy and community. Former students expressed the positive attributes that BSEA had on their lives.

A parent of a longtime student stated, "I love this school; everyone is so friendly, and it has a lot to offer."

The anniversary party celebrated 10 years of education, friendship, learning and success! It was a celebration to remember and more to look forward to.

A huge thank you to Councilwoman Farah Louis (District 45) for presenting a \$1.1 million check from the Mayor's office to BSEA. This will help fund a cosmetic upgrade for the gymnasium and fitness center. Principal DeFilippis would also like to extend her sincere gratitude to Milk Uniforms, the founding teachers and the school secretary, Jennifer Petrotta.

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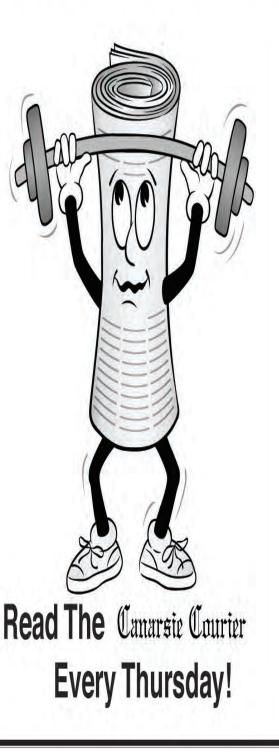


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