AFTER SCHOOL 2016- 2017

School is Back & SONYC Afterschool Program IS Back!!

Once again Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City is in partnership with MS447 to bring you the School’s Out New York City (SONYC) after school program.  Our goal is to identify your child(ren) interests, match them to activities and help kindle a passion for the fields of stem, arts, literacy, physical activity, leadership and academic success.  Monday – Thursday from 2:35pm-545pm and Friday from 2:35pm- 5pm participants will receive 3 hours of extended learning, dedicated & attentive staff as well as safe space where student voice student choice is paramount.

If you are interested in having your child participate in SONYC review the FAQ and submit an enrollment form to Mr. ANTONIO CAPELLAN program director today!

**SONYC September Calendar - Place Link**

**SONYC Offerings – Place Link**

**SONYC Enrollment Form – Place Link**

**SONYC FAQ- Place Link**

First Day of SONYC – SEPTEMBER 13th - Meet in Cafeteria @ 2:35pm

Preview Period September 13th – September 26th

What is the Preview period?
Preview Period takes place between Wednesday 9/13- to Friday 9/23 and is open to all MS 447 students with a **completed enrollment form**.   During the week, participants will have an opportunity sample all activities we provide.  Each day during preview period participants will be place in groups and taken to **activities offered on that day**. Each day will feature 4 enrichment to choose from. Students will select 2 to preview. Each day offers different activities. **Refer to Schedule in SONYC Offerings Link page 6**. **Please note activities with Asterisks are being finalized and may not be offered during Preview Period.** At the end of preview period, participants will complete activity Selection sheet based on activities sampled and prioritize their activities from 1-4 ( top choice to last choice).  Once preview period is complete, we will use the data on the preference sheets to make your child’s individual schedule which starts 9/26.

Student schedules will be emailed to parents as well as a hard copy given to students to follow.  Participants will keep this schedule through end of January 2017.

**Dismissal Procedure**

 Daily Program Dismissal begins at 5:30pm – 545pm, Monday- Thursday, 5pm on Fridays during September – January

 February – June Dismissal time is 5:45pm- 6pm, Monday – Friday. Participants whom have permission to go home on their own will be released at 5:45pm.

 Participants whom are to be picked up by a parent or authorized pick up person must adhere to the following:

 **PARENTS/AUTHORIZED PICK UP MUST SHOW ID WHEN PICKING UP CHILD. AUTHORIZED PICK UP MUST BE LISTED ON EMERGANCY CONTACT LIST IN ORDER FOR CHILD TO BE RELEASED.**

A. Parents must enter through 345 Dean Street (Blue doors) and sign in with School Safety.

B. School Safety will call SONYC office and inform staff of parent/authorized pick up arrival.

C. Parent/ Authorized person will wait on 1st floor Lobby and SONYC Staff member will bring student(s) down and ask parent(s)/ guardian to sign the child out.

**D.** Should Parents/ Guardian need to speak to Director, we ask Parents to come up to Room 305A

A. Dismissal is **SOLEY on DEAN STREET** after regular school hours of 2:35pm

**Early Pick up by Parent/ Authorized Pick up Person**

Parent(s)/ Authorized Pick up Persons should follow Steps A & B above and then proceed to SONYC office in 305A. SONYC staff will bring child to office while parent signs student out. If parent is in a vehicle and is unable to enter building, parents should sign check “Student will be picked up but has permission to sign out” on Enrollment form. In addition parent must call SONYC office to inform us of their arrival. SONYC staff will escort student to front of 345 Dean Street.

**EARLY Dismissal – Participants with permission to leave on their own**

SONYC understands that participants may have other obligations, family in town and/or parents would like their child home earlier as nighttime comes earlier in the fall/winter than the Spring. Whatever the reason, **all we require is COMMUNICATION**. As stated before, we ask that your child stay to at least 4:30pm which is the halfway point of programming**. Should a participant need to leave before normal dismissal time of 5:45pm, SONYC staff must receive a phone call/ email to** **SONYC447@gmail.com** **or be shown at text message from the participants phone from the parent/ authorized pickup to verify they student is leaving.** We recommend communicating with SONYC a minimum of 30 minutes to an hour prior to student leaving. We recommend a call or email as early as possible so that delays in dismissing your child do not occur**. PLEASE NOTE: INFORMING YOUR CHILD TO LEAVE EARLY IS NOT THE SAME AS INFORMING THE SONYC PROGRAM. WE WANT TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS SAFE. PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT BE DISMISSED UNTIL PERMISSION TO LEAVE HAS BEEN VERIFIED.**