



P.S.101Q THE SCHOOL IN THE GARDENS

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QUEENS SCHOOL P.S. 101 CELEBRATES 100 YEARS WITH COMMEMORATIVE ASSEMBLY AND FUN-FILLED JOURNEY TO 1914

NYC Schools Chancellor Carmen Farina, Queens Councilwoman Karen Koslowitz, District Superintendent Beverly Ffolkes-Bryant and representative from Congresswoman Meng's office on hand to participate in the milestone event

April 25, 2014: The School in the Gardens, P.S. 101Q is celebrating their momentous 100th birthday with events that gather school children, alumni, top educators and politicians together for a once-in-a-lifetime trip to May 20, 1914 – the day the school first opened its doors as a NYC Public School.

The milestone centennial celebration will begin at 8:30 am with an outdoor assembly featuring presentations by NYC Schools Chancellor Farina, Queens Councilwoman Karen Koslowitz, and Congresswoman Meng's office. In a nod to the times, a barbershop quartet will ring in the festivities and the day will feature an immersive, entertaining trip to May 20, 1914 for students, community members and alumni. Maypole dancing, soapbox car construction, silent films, mini-museums, and storytelling will offer a glimpse of this special school's long history.

Ceremony host Monique Paniagua, Principal of P.S. 101Q proudly states, "Confucius once said, 'If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed; if in terms of ten years, plant trees; if in terms of 100 years, teach the people.' As we celebrate P.S. 101Q's centennial, we celebrate 100 years of teaching people and look forward to teaching for the next hundred years. We've grown generations of beautiful minds that have changed the world!"

"I want to wish a very Happy 100th Birthday to the School in the Gardens," said Queens Borough President Melinda Katz. "The school has been consistently high-performing and has a warm, welcoming atmosphere conducive to shaping young minds and preparing our children to lead successful lives and be outstanding contributors to our society. I commend the teachers, administrators and staff members of the School in the Gardens and wish their fine institution many more years of success."

Illustrious alumni of P.S 101Q include:

Burt Bacharach, 6-time Grammy winner and 3-time Oscar winner

Carroll O'Connor, 5-time Emmy winner

Chieli Minucci, 3-time Emmy winner and Grammy nominated jazz musician

John Cassavetes, Emmy nominated and 3-time Oscar nominated actor and director

William Ryden, Pulitzer-prize nominee for his ragtime compositions

For more information on P.S. 101Q centennial plans, including pictures of the school and students throughout history, click <http://alumni.ps101q.org/>

****Please contact Kristin@kkscomm.com for interview requests and credentials for inside tours**

ABOUT P.S. 101 Q

The mission of P.S.101Q, The School in the Gardens, is to provide a rigorous, well-rounded educational program that will foster the development of literate, creative, culturally aware, and technologically competent learners. We will create an environment that promotes excellence in achievement, in which students strive to meet or exceed the New York State Standards. We will encourage a love of learning through innovative and challenging programs. Parents and staff will work together to ensure that all children reach their academic potential in a safe and nurturing environment. All members of our school community will celebrate individual differences and promote good citizenship.

ABOUT FOREST HILLS GARDENS

One of America's oldest planned communities; Forest Hills Gardens is modeled after the English planned garden suburb community Hampstead Garden Suburb. The community, founded in 1908, consists of about 800 homes, townhouses, and apartment buildings, mostly in Tudor, Brick Tudor or Georgian style, in a park-like setting designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., son of noted landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted and partner in the Olmsted Brothers firm.

*Celebrating **100** years of growing beautiful minds*



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