

# BRAMS PTSO Notes & NEWS

December 2011 & January 2012

## Walk-a-thon Success!

Congratulations to the BRAMS students and teachers who made our first ever walk-a-thon such a fantastic success! Participants raised over \$4,200! The event involved walking



in the parking lot on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Stations were set up for students to participate in basketball relays, jump rope, hula hoop and Zumba. It was a great time!

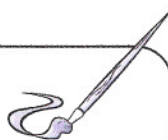
Special thanks to our four highest fundraisers:

- ★ Megan Metzger \$150.00
- ★ Jade Berrios \$132.00
- ★ Nickeya Make \$101.00
- ★ Margeret Pello \$100.00

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, students who raised at the \$12 & \$20 levels were rewarded with popcorn & a movie on the big screen, and an ice cream social.



## BRAMS Website undergoing revision



Our school website is being revised... check it out at: [www.Rossarts.org](http://www.Rossarts.org)



New Haven School Change  
NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## What Do You Think?

The New Haven Public School System is listening! This January marks the start of NHPS's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Climate Survey. The Survey is part of the School Change Initiative, which seeks to dramatically improve student performance and prepare New Haven public school students to

attend and succeed in college. School Change builds on past successes with

**the goal of making New Haven the best urban school district in America.**



With the Climate Survey, Parents, Students, Teachers, and Staff are all given

surveys which ask questions in the areas of Academic Expectations, Collaboration, Communication, Engagement, and Safety & Respect. This is a really important opportunity for parents to give feedback about their opinion of their child's school! Results are used by the school Principal to identify areas that are working well and areas that need improvement.

Look for the survey which will be sent home in January. Parent opinions are really important... so **don't miss this opportunity to say what you think!**

### More Information Available...

You can find more information about School Change and Climate Surveys on the NHPS website. Take a look at BRAMS results for the past 2 years, and also notice that BRAMS is a Tier 1 Middle School. Go to:

[www.NHPS.net](http://www.NHPS.net) then select "About NHPS" & "School Change Initiative." From there you can read more about the initiative or look at individual school results under the School Performance section by choosing "School Tiering" or "School Surveys."

## PTSO Meeting Schedule

- ✓ February 8<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ March 7<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ April 4<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ May 9<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ June 6<sup>th</sup>



(There will not be a meeting in January.) All meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. in the BRAMS library. Come join us!

## Student Council



2011-2012 marks the inaugural year for our new BRAMS Student Council! Student Council leads our school in community service projects, issue awareness events, and school wide themed school day activities.

### Student Council Goals:

- ✓ Develop a strong spirit within the student body
- ✓ Contribute to a positive school culture.

Thirty students were chosen for the council based on student's application, attitude, and ability to apply themselves in the arts and academics. Executive Board candidates were able to experience



the challenges of a public election as these positions were voted on by the entire student body. Council members interested in a

leadership position made a poster for the cafeteria, and then made a two minute taped speech which was played in homeroom and throughout the day before the vote.

Congratulations to the new executive board and members of the student council:

- ❖ Taylor Nelson, *President*
- ❖ Hunter Congdon, *Vice-president*
- ❖ Jessica Intellisano, *Secretary*
- ❖ Natasha Ghazali, *Treasurer*

(See the full list on page 2.)

The Student Council is now in the process of making goals, developing ideas and organizing fun activities for the current school year. The Council is very excited and has many opportunities for **everyone** to get involved!

Thanks to staff supervisors Ms. Olsen, Mrs. Steele, and Mrs. Patton for your work with these students!

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## Magnet Schools

Starting in January, the NHPS magnet school application process begins. If you have, or know of, a child who will be changing schools next year, don't miss this great opportunity to learn about Betsy Ross and other New Haven magnet schools!



- New Haven Citywide Magnet Fair (for New Haven Residents): January 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. Floyd Little Athletics Center, 480 Sherman Parkway (next to Hillhouse.)
- Interdistrict Magnet School Fair: January 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 pm. Hill Regional Career High School, 140 Legion Avenue.
- BRAMS Open House: January 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 am.; February 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 pm

BRAMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were able to learn more about opportunities in New Haven when they went on a field trip December 12<sup>th</sup> to the High School Recruitment Fair.

Applications will be available starting January 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information call (203) 946-7415 or go to: [www.newhavenmagnetschools.com](http://www.newhavenmagnetschools.com)

## Canned Foods Drive



BRAMS Student Council and National Junior Honor Society together are sponsoring a canned food drive to be donated to the local food bank. The Homeroom with the most cans or dried goods will win Pizza! Please help our community by supporting this effort!!!

## \*\*\* Upcoming Events \*\*\*

December 15<sup>th</sup> - "It's A Wonderful Life" 7p.m. BRAMS Auditorium (snow date 12/21)

December 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair sponsored by PTSO

December 16<sup>th</sup> - Midterm closes

December 19<sup>th</sup> - RISE Rewards Day: Bowling

December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Chorus performs at Anthony's Ocean View, 10:20 - 12 noon.

December 23<sup>rd</sup> - BRAMS staff brunch with student entertainment

December 23<sup>rd</sup> - early dismissal, 1:30 p.m.

December 26<sup>th</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Break, no school

January 6<sup>th</sup> - Three Kings Day, no school

January 16<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, no school

January 27<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period ends

January 30<sup>th</sup> - early dismissal, 1:30 p.m.

Cookie Dough fundraiser coming in March!



## 2011 - 2012 BRAMS Student Council

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- ★ Madison Jisonna
- ★ Malicka Sylla
- ★ Meghan Barillaro
- ★ Mike Loalbo
- ★ Edward Garcia
- ★ Kloe McCrory

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

- ★ Natasha Ghazali, *Treasurer*
- ★ Maya Krzeminski
- ★ Kelcye Brookshire
- ★ Sarah Altschuler
- ★ Jessica Intellisano, *Secretary*
- ★ Gabrielle Christofor
- ★ Benjamin Rutherford
- ★ Brian Burt
- ★ Kirsten Sabia



### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

- ★ Hunter Congdon, *Vice-president*
- ★ Vincent Ciacciarella
- ★ Twyla Green
- ★ Darcus Henry
- ★ Taylor Perry
- ★ Stephanie Persiani
- ★ Reaiah Rutherford
- ★ Darryl Willis

### 8<sup>th</sup> grade

- ★ Chris Castro
- ★ Leyshla Colon
- ★ Karahn Green
- ★ Samiah Green
- ★ Maya Henderson
- ★ Taylor Krzeminski
- ★ Taylor Nelson, *President*

