

# HEAT BEAT

HYDRANT EDUCATION ACTION TEAM

## HEAT Returns in 2014 at the Get Green Event!



NYC Public School youth educating others on fire hydrant safety

The Hydrant Education Action Team made its return on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Get Green event. The Get Green event is organized to educate members of the community about making environment friendly choices such as recycling. Students from Archimedes Academy volunteered at the HEAT table and communicated the negative effects of illegally opened fire hydrants. The attendants of the event participated in the HEAT jeopardy game to win either a HEAT collapsible water bottle or a HEAT visor. While some recognized the HEAT team from last season, others newly discovered safe alternatives for staying cool in the heat and learned that a spray cap can be obtained at their local firehouses if they are 18 years of age or older.

## Engaging Parents at CB 4's Learning Fair



Christine Blanch, Sr. Team Leader educating a concerned parent

On Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>, the HEAT Team was invited to the 3rd annual District 9 Parent Learning Fair in Bronx Community Board 4. This event hosted local Bronx agencies that distributed informative giveaways to parents and members of the community. This year the hosting public school was Public School 73X located at 1020 Anderson Avenue. The goal of the Parent Learning Fair is to bring educational resources to the community through fun activities for neighboring families and communities.

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## What Do They Have To Say?



"I often suffer from low water pressure in my apartment in the Highbridge section of the Bronx. It's very inconvenient when the water pressure is low in my apartment and I need to clean my house or cook for my two sons. This is really a big deal and I appreciate that they have a program like HEAT in my community."

-Teresa Oliveras, Bronx Resident



"P.S. 126X had the pleasure of having Ms. Christine Blanch (Senior Team Leader) in one of our fourth grade classes. It was a great experience for the children and wonderful to see how engaged they were during the presentation. I'm sure they will pass on what they've learned to their parents when they get home. They especially loved the giveaways! We hope to have you guys come back to visit." -Samantha Howard, Parent Coordinator

### Did You Know?

NYC Water is Healthy!

NYC Water contains zero calories, zero sugar, and zero fat. Whereas a typical 12-ounce can of soda has about 150 calories and the equivalent of 10 teaspoons of sugar. Sports drinks are sometimes marketed as healthy alternatives but contain as many calories as sugary beverages, and often high levels of sodium.

### Trivia

Q: How many gallons of water are wasted per minute from an illegally opened fire hydrant?

See below for answer.

A: 1,000 gallons per minute

**The Hydrant Education Action Team (HEAT) is jointly sponsored by:**

*The purpose of HEAT is to educate community residents and stakeholders about the problems surrounding the illegal use of fire hydrants.*

