

# NEW YORK CITY AsthmaPartnership

## Asthma-Friendly School Awards 2009

### **GOLD**

PS 11 Kathryn Phelan, Queens  
PS 32 Belmont, Bronx  
PS 52 Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn  
PS 55 Benjamin Franklin, Bronx  
PS 111 Seton Falls, Bronx  
PS 111 Adolph S. Ochs, Manhattan  
PS 132 The Ralph Bunche School, Queens  
PS 140 Edward K Ellington, Queens  
PS 154 Harriet Tubman, Manhattan  
PS 308 Clara Cardwell, Brooklyn

### **SILVER**

P.S.17 Henry David Thoreau, Queens  
PS 31 William T. Davis, Staten Island  
PS 41 New Dorp, Staten Island  
PS 72, Manhattan  
PS/IS 95 The Gravesend School, Brooklyn  
PS 112 Bronxwood, Bronx  
PS 160 Walter Francis Bishop, Queens  
PS 171 Patrick Henry, Manhattan  
PS 176 Ovington School, Brooklyn  
PS 192 The Magnet School for Math and Science, Brooklyn  
PS 206 Jose Celso Barbosa, Manhattan  
PS 208 Alain L. Locke School, Manhattan  
PS 312 The Bergen Beach School, Brooklyn

### **BRONZE**

PS 21 Margaret Emery-Elm Park, Staten Island  
PS 23 Carter G. Woodson, Brooklyn  
PS 164 Caesar Rodney, Brooklyn  
PS 230 Doris L. Cohen, Brooklyn  
PS 254 Dag Hammarskjold, Brooklyn  
PS 375 Mosaic Preparatory Academy, Manhattan

### **HONORABLE MENTION**

PS 11 Highbridge School, Bronx  
PS 112 Dutch Kills, Queens  
PS 193 Gill Hodges, Brooklyn

**THE GOLD STANDARD**

When we asked the question: what made your school a Gold Award Winner similar answers were given:

- “I had to get people excited and motivated about the award!”
  - **Stewart Coddington, School Nurse, PS 11 Kathryn Phelan, Queens**
- “The crucial elements for The Harriet Tubman Learning Center receiving the Gold Award was our synergistic team approach and our unwavering commitment to excellence in all that we do for our children, their families, and the community. There is no “I” in TEAM.”
  - **Ponzella Johnson, School Nurse PS 154 Harriet Tubman, Manhattan**
- “Collaboration between the school administration, nurse and external agencies help create an asthma friendly environment for the entire school community. “Time, effort, and planning is required to complete the application, yet it’s all worth it if we can create a safe environment for our students with asthma especially taking into consideration the asthma rates in the Bronx”
  - **Rhonda Stigliano, Assistant Principal, Belmont PS 32, Bronx**
- “The asthma friendly school award was a collaborative effort between the school staff; everyone had a role in completing the award. It was imperative to develop strong ties within the school community in order to hold workshops and demonstration that support an asthma friendly environment for the students, staff and parents. We were able to attain the gold award by prioritizing asthma education into the student’s curriculum and disseminating information to parents on the services their child can receive if they have a MAF on file. “It was a separate job from my daily duties, but it’s important to keep our students healthy”
  - **Eleanor Toussaint, School Nurse, Edward K Ellington PS 140 Queens**
- “It was time consuming, yet the integration of key school staff members made this award possible. The participation of Kings County Medical Center made the award a reality and using the recommendation listed on the award application served as a guide to suffice the criteria’s!”
  - **Kerry Connors, Health Educator, Sheepshead Bay PS 52 Brooklyn**
- Team effort played an enormous role in completing the award, our staff worked cohesively to implement all the activities required. Our school nurse was wonderful she played a fundamental role in obtain gold for the school!
  - **Irma Medina, School Principal, Adolph S. Ochs PS 111 Manhattan**

***We can conclude that the gold standard for an asthma friendly school is to create a team approach that includes but it is not limited to community partnerships, the custodial staff, principal, physical education teacher, school nurse, teachers and parent coordinator.***