

# Barnum School

BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*Barnum Tigers Roar-r-r-r To Achieve*



## Greetings from Barnum School!

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class of 2010 has the opportunity to benefit from an exciting in-the-field learning experience. Both students and staff are preparing for what we hope will be our second annual Washington D.C. trip, and we would like to enlist your support in this ambitious endeavor. Our plan is to take thirty Barnum School 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Washington D.C. for a three-day immersion in civics, science and government. In addition, we want to introduce these young people, at the most critical time in their lives, to the powerful dream of a college education with visits to both Georgetown University and Howard University. This trip requires commitment from our students and significant planning, coordination and fundraising from parents, teachers and administrators. We are willing to put in the time and effort because we believe it is the most authentic and effective way to foster the academic achievement and personal development that our students need to be "college ready." We hope, with your help, to make our second annual Washington D.C. trip a reality.

## Here are important details about our program:

- *Students:* Thirty Barnum School 8<sup>th</sup> graders (100% eligible for free and reduced lunch)
- *Curriculum:* Social Studies, Language Arts, Science, Health – fully integrated
- *Itinerary:* Leave, Thursday, June 3, 2010; Return, Saturday, June 5, 2010 (2 nights)
  - U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
  - U.S. Capitol Tour with Representative Jim Himes' Office
  - Tour of the Washington Monument
  - Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Korean War Memorial
  - Smithsonian Museums
  - Campus Tours of Georgetown University and Howard University
- *Trip Planner:* Student Adventure Tours (a highly respected student tour group dedicated to assisting underserved communities with education-based trips)
- *Total Cost:* \$14,100 (\$470 per student)
- *Source of Funding:* Students and their families, when able, will fund 30% of the total cost through a six-month savings program, fund-raisers, and support from community leaders.

The Barnum community cannot raise the funding necessary on our own. We need help. We are looking for individuals and organizations who understand how powerful of an experience this will be for our students and who would like to support our efforts financially.

A gift of any amount to support our trip will be deeply appreciated and help us get one step closer to Washington, D.C. If you are able, please consider giving at a scholarship level. With a scholarship of \$470 you will fully fund 1 student. With a partial scholarship of \$235 you will help 1 student get 50% closer to this amazing experience. Finally, with a scholarship of \$150 you will offset the individual contribution for 1 student who is unable to financially contribute to the cost of the trip.

Thank you in advance for your interest in the great things we are doing at the Barnum School. If you have any questions, would like to talk more about the trip, or make a contribution, please contact me at (914) 450-2273 or [mfried@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:mfried@bridgeportedu.net). Contributions can be made out to Barnum School.

Very sincerely,

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