

Fifty-One Elementary Schools in Northern Manhattan, the Bronx and North and Central Brooklyn Receive Excellence in School Wellness Awards

Borough President's Diaz, Markowitz and Stringer come together to celebrate the efforts of NYC elementary schools who have made nutrition and physical activity a primary part of their school culture

June 10, 2011 - The NYC Strategic Alliance for Health (SAfH) announced today it will honor fifty-one elementary schools as recipients of its 2011 Excellence in School Wellness Award. In conjunction with Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz and Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer, SAfH will host three award ceremonies for each borough's award recipients. A complete list of 2011 Excellence in School Wellness Award recipients can be found at [here](#).

The Birds Nest Foundation (Birds Nest), in partnership with The United States of Food's "Ground Up Campaign," also announced it has donated edible, academic gardens to the award winning elementary schools. "We are very excited to partner with the NYC Strategic Alliance for Health to provide an opportunity for elementary school students to learn about and participate in the process of growing food naturally to teach and learn healthy eating habits in and outside of the home," says Avis Richards, Founder and CEO Birds Nest Foundation.

Brooklyn Ceremony

Friday June 17th
2:00pm - 4:00pm
Brooklyn Borough Hall
209 Joralemon Street,
Brooklyn NY 11201

Northern Manhattan Ceremony

Tuesday June 21st
2:00pm - 4:00pm
The NY Academy of Medicine
1216 Fifth Avenue,
New York NY 10029

Bronx Ceremony

Wednesday June 22nd
3:00pm - 5:00pm
Bronx Museum of Arts
1040 Grand Concourse
Bronx. NY 10456

Upcoming award ceremony

dates, times and locations:

"I am honored again to host the Excellence in School Wellness Awards for our Bronx elementary school award recipients. All across the borough elementary school principals, teachers, students and parents are working cohesively to create healthier learning environments in their school buildings that will hopefully carry on to our Bronx households," said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

"This generous contribution to 51 public schools will go a long way in making our classrooms healthy, risk-free environments for the next generation of New Yorkers. I am proud of our continued partnership through the Go Green East Harlem program, and applaud SAfH for this valuable gift to the City of New York," said Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer.

"Brooklyn is proud to host the Excellence in School Wellness Awards and celebrate the 14 very deserving honorees from our borough. These elementary schools are 'schooling' us all on how to incorporate healthy environments in our classrooms. I join the NYC Strategic Alliance for Health and my fellow borough presidents, Scott Stringer and Ruben Diaz, Jr., in congratulating this year's deserving honorees," said Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz.