

INTERNATIONALS CONNECT

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NEW WEBSITE!

Internationals Network is excited to announce the launch of our new website.

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www.internationalsnps.org

Brooklyn International High School

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Brooklyn International High School (BIHS) students got a chance to choose one of a diverse set of classes, nicknamed "Selectives." Classes meet each Monday for an hour during the school day, while the teachers of each team have common planning time. The five offerings this year are Theater Games, Robotics, Capoeira, (a martial arts/dance activity,) a group website design class called "What's a Wiki?" and Global Village (for grades 9/10) and College Access (for grades 11/12.)

At our first Parent/Teacher Association meeting on September 24th, over 75 families were represented. Parents expressed their support of allowing students to choose one activity that provides fun along with education.

Students like the chance to spend some time each week with a group of students from classes other than their own. Pam Taranto, principal, designed the program to meet the teachers' needs to have more time for team planning, as well as to enrich student experiences through non-threatening, non-traditional areas. The programs has proven to be quite a success.

Internationals Student: Semi-Finalist of National Council of Teachers of English Norman Mailer Writing Contest

Last spring, Orubba Almansouri's (BIHS student), English teacher, Fred Wambolt, entered one of her stories in the National Council of Teachers of English Norman Mailer writing contest (high school division). She will be receiving a trophy as one of the semi-finalists for the entire country!

They wrote this to Orubba: "Out of the extraordinarily rich pool of work submitted, yours was deemed to show considerable promise, and fell within the top 3% of entries received from High School writers." They've also invited her to submit the story to the National Gallery of Writing.

To see her article in full, go to www.youthcomm.org/NYC%20Features/March2009/NYC-2009-03-03.html

INTERNATIONALS IN THE NEWS

Los Angeles Times:

[Oakland campus caters to refugees, immigrants](#)
[Audio slide show: A chance to learn](#)

[Student Voices: How Has Performing Shakespeare Helped You Appreciate His Work?](#), **English Journal**, Volume 99, Number 1 September 2009, pages 35-36. Copyright 1990 by the National Council of Teachers of English. Posted with permission. www.ncte.org

San Francisco Chronicle:

[New S.F. high school nurtures immigrant youth](#)

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