



Bridgeport Public Schools

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Marin School Celebrates the Discovery of Puerto Rico on Nov. 8

Bridgeport, CT – November 6, 2007 – Luis Munoz Marin School will hold its annual Discovery of Puerto Rico Day on Thurs., Nov. 8 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. This event is in celebration of the discovery of Puerto Rico by Christopher Columbus on Nov. 19, 1493.

The festivities will feature 40 guest speakers throughout Bridgeport's supporting community. Following a brief welcome breakfast, the guest speakers will visit classrooms to speak to students about their careers and the importance of striving for goals. They will then join the Marin staff for a Puerto Rico Style Luncheon featuring live music and dancing by Marin seventh and eighth graders at 11:30 a.m.

"This event focuses on the positive role models that are direct products of the Bridgeport Public School System," said Bianca Rivera, event coordinator and chairperson for Marin's Diversity Task Force. It gives the students the opportunity to speak directly to bilingual professionals, many whom have turned their second language acquisition into an advantage for their careers rather than a hindrance. Students will be encouraged to continue their education and pursue fulfilling goals right in their home community of Bridgeport, just as many of the speakers have."

Guest speakers include professionals from a variety of backgrounds, including firefighters, teachers, lawyers, doctors and police officers. Supervisor of Bilingual Education Yvette DeFeo, Bridgeport Police Officer William Miranda and Fire Captain Ismael Pomales will be among the celebration's guests. Many of these professionals graduated from Bridgeport Public Schools.

The mission of the Bridgeport Public Schools and its supporting community is to graduate all students "college ready" and prepared to succeed in life. For more information about Bridgeport Public Schools visit the website at www.bridgeportedu.com.

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