

Middle Schoolers Meet At Getting To Know You Dance

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The Hicksville Middle School hosted its first dance of the school year on Friday, Sept. 18, in the main gym. According to Principal Mara Jorisch, the Getting to Know You Dance, was intended for families and new students entering the school to get to know one another in a relaxed atmosphere.

"It's a nice way for students to see the school in a different way," Jorisch said. "Some of them (the sixth graders) are nervous adjusting to a new school."

She said it was an opportunity for parents to sit and talk with other parents while the kids socialized and for younger siblings, included on the family dance ticket, to see the school that they will attend in the future.

The Getting to Know You Dance featured a DJ, snacks and special lighting effects. The cafeteria offered

punch and iced tea with a table that sold school spirit items, Hicksville sweatshirts and hoodies. The PTSA was also there enrolling new members and selling school pocket calendars.

Kya Anthony, a sixth grader from Burns Avenue who now attends the middle school, came with her dad. She said she attended the dance "to talk with my friends, dance, and have fun."

The Getting to Know You Dance was the first of 10 middle school dances that take place monthly during the school year. Along with music and dancing, the events will feature different themes. Jorisch said the Oct. 23 dance is the "big one" because it is their Halloween dance where the students dress up in costume. The November dance will feature games. All dances are announced on the school's website and run from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday nights.



Senator Jack Martins with Hicksville resident Linda Sheil at the free ID card program.

Seniors Get Free ID Cards

Senator Jack M. Martins, Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano, and Nassau County Legislators Rose Walker and Laura Schaefer recently sponsored a free Senior ID Card Program at the Hicksville Library.

Over 130 seniors received a free wallet-sized ID card which includes their name, personal information (name, address, phone number, date of birth), and an emergency contact name and phone number which could be useful to emergency responders. Seniors can carry the card in their wallet so that first responders will know who to contact if the senior is in an emergency situation and cannot communicate.

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