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BLUEPRINT NEWS

TOP NEWS OF THE MONTH



FESTIVAL IS EARLY THIS YEAR!

**8th ANNUAL NEW YORK CITY
PUBLIC SCHOOL
FILM FESTIVAL**

**MARCH 25
2026**
Museum of the
Moving Image
Astoria, Queens

Student Filmmakers!
Submissions are now open

The NYC Public School Film Festival includes special screenings of student works, career and educational expo featuring film & tv companies, special industry keynote, panels for middle school families looking for information about specialized high schools as well as free access to the Museum's exhibitions.

Categories Include:
Animation • Documentary • Experimental
P.S.A. / Advocacy • Short Feature / Narrative



Creativity and Curiosity: 2025-26 Citywide Media Arts Professional Learning Days

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

1000 Fifth Avenue

New York, NY 10028

Join colleagues at the Metropolitan Museum of Art to view the exhibition “Man Ray: When Objects Dream.” In the winter of 1921, Man Ray pioneered the rayograph, a new twist on a technique used to make photographs without a camera. **Led by arts teachers from district 75, we will learn how to read a student’s IEP, and how to tailor media arts education techniques like Green screen and stop motion for diverse populations.**



All sessions will address and align with the NYC DOE Blueprint: Moving Image, NYS Media Standards and Citywide Instructional Priorities.

CTLE credits are available.

****PLEASE NOTE: REGISTER BY January 23rd [HERE!](#)** Please address questions regarding workshops to Jennifer Herbert, JHerbert@schools.nyc.gov.



2026 BATTLE OF THE BOROUGHES (BOTB) MINECRAFT CHALLENGE

Get ready for the 2026 Battle of the Boroughs (BOTB) Minecraft Challenge, a fantastic, citywide K-12 scholastic esports competition that engages students in shaping the future of their city! This year, the challenge invites students to use their creativity and computer science skills in Minecraft Education to design innovative solutions that promote progress, food equity, and collective action in their communities.

The BOTB Challenge perfectly aligns with NYC Schools' goal of ensuring all students have access to high-quality computer science and AI education, fostering future-ready skills like critical thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving.

It provides a powerful, engaging, and equitable opportunity for students to see the real-world impact they can have on New York City.

Key Competition Dates

Please mark these important dates for the 2026 competition:

- January 16, 2026: Deadline for Round 1 submissions
- February - March 2026: Battle of the Boroughs Round 2 in-person events
- May 2026: Mayor's Cup Finals

Don't miss the chance to showcase your students' creativity and vision! For more details and resources on how you or your staff can participate, visit schools.nyc.gov/minecraft.

For any questions, please email Minecraft@schools.nyc.gov.