



International School of Brooklyn

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The International School of Brooklyn Sets its Roots in Dynamic Park Slope

Admissions Process and Scholarships Underway for 2005 School Year

March 15, 2005 – Brooklyn, NY – The International School of Brooklyn (ISB), the first French and Spanish immersion preschool in Brooklyn, is setting its roots in the heart of the dynamic and diverse community of Park Slope.

The preschool will open its doors this coming school year at 298 6th Avenue (between 2nd and 3rd Streets) at a venue that is part of Mission for Today, a community center which has catered to various family and kids activities in the past. ISB's new space includes two classrooms, an administrative office, an indoor playspace, and is near local parks and playgrounds.

Starting September 2005, ISB will offer a full-day pre-Kindergarten program for four-year-olds) and a full-day or half-day Nursery program for 3-year-olds. All activities will be conducted in the chosen target language, either French or Spanish.

“We are happy to be in Park Slope, a prime location easily accessible to many families committed to the objectives of our school – a total immersion education for children,” said Rebecca Skinner, co-founder of ISB. “A number of families and children are already participating in ISB French and Spanish Playgroups at this location. Our initial year with language playgroups was easily filled and has been attractive to families interested in bilingual education for their children.”

Admissions and Scholarships. The admissions process is well under way and new slots have opened up for families still interested in applying to the preschool for the 2005-06 school year.

Remarkable for its first year, ISB will have scholarships available to certain families. Families, whose children are French nationals, are able to apply for a scholarship from the French government. ISB hopes to have scholarship opportunities available to families in both tracks by 2006-07.

Open House, Saturday, March 19. Prospective parents can learn more about ISB, tour the location and meet co-founder Rebecca Skinner and other Board members on Saturday, March 19 from 11am to 1pm.

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Other New Developments – ISB playgroups expands to Brooklyn Heights. ISB's successful Park Slope and Cobble Hill language immersion playgroups targeted to 18-month to 3-year olds will expand to a third location – Brooklyn Heights.

Starting this spring, ISB French and Spanish Playgroups will now be available on Saturday mornings at Grace Church, 254 Hicks Street in Brooklyn Heights. The new session begins the week of April 4 and registration is limited to 8-10 children per class. Interested parents should contact Rebecca Skinner at rskinner@isbrooklyn.org.

About The International School of Brooklyn

The International School of Brooklyn (ISB) is an independent, non-sectarian, not-for-profit educational institution where students are taught in a caring, loving and challenging environment in order to become bilingual in French and Spanish at an early age.

ISB will open its doors in September 2005, offering Nursery and pre-Kindergarten classes in two tracks - French and Spanish. Kindergarten will be added in September 2006. ISB intends to serve the local and international community of Brooklyn and New York City.

ISB is co-founded by two bilingual mothers and educators, Dr. Habiba Boumlik and Rebecca Skinner. More information on the International School of Brooklyn can be found on its website: www.isbrooklyn.org.

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