

# VIRGIL I. GRISSOM SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

*MS 226 holds keys to "Success"*



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Author, poet and motivational speaker, Renée McRae, visited MS 226 Virgil I. Grissom school, South Ozone Park, this past month meeting with sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students. Affectionately known as Ms. Renée, she presented her assembly program, "You Hold the Keys to Your Success," which is designed to assist students in understanding how to navigate through issues of peer pressure, fear, low self esteem, self-identity, etc., to a place called Success. Using poetry, success quotes, stories and what she calls "success equations," Ms. Renée guides students into an understanding of how to make choices that make sense for posi-

tive outcomes. Students were poetically entertained, inspired and encouraged to identify their talents and interests, and to pursue an education that will enable them to create and live the life of their dreams.

Having been so well received, Ms. Renée was invited back to work with specific classes and is now facilitating a 10-session poetry-writing workshop series titled "Step/Write Into Your Greatness." The program focuses on life lessons, career-path choices and presentation skills, as well. It culminates on June 19th in a celebration of the students' writings printed in an anthology and the students being proud, published poets.



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