



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Kevin S. Parker

## Senator Kevin Parker Hosts Annual Harvest Fest – Back-To-School Celebration!

KEVIN S. PARKER August 29, 2016

| ISSUE: **EDUCATION**



**BROOKLYN, NY (8/29/16)** – On Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> State Senator Kevin Parker hosted his 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Fest Back-To-School Celebration at Paerdegat Park in Brooklyn. This longstanding community event was held in partnership with Sesame Flyers International, Inc., MetroPlus, Gap Inc., and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Delta Rho Omega Chapter. Senator Parker distributed over 1,700 backpacks filled with school supplies to students throughout Central Brooklyn as well as other parts of New York City. During the event

families were treated to free food, fun raffles and educational giveaways. The event included live entertainment and cultural art performances by Ifetayo Cultural Arts Academy, as well as other local organizations. Attendees also enjoyed Zumba fitness instruction by the Flatbush YMCA. Other entertainment included The Empire State Marching Band who did a phenomenal job escorting Senator Parker into the event. Other activities included Archery tutorials by Hidden Gems Archer, which for many children was their first time learning and participating in Archery.

“The Annual Harvest Fest – Back-To-School Celebration is one of my favorite events. Every year families from the community come together in fellowship with one another,” said Senator Kevin Parker. “The cost of school supplies can be challenging especially for families with more than one child in the household. I am happy to provide the basic essentials to ensure students start the school year prepared and ready to work,” concluded the Brooklyn lawmaker.