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**"Make a true estimate of your own ability, then raise it 10 percent"**  
Norman Vincent Peale

## October Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our curriculum conferences as well as our first PTA meeting. For those of you who could not attend, we discussed our PS 5 vision and mission statements, created collaboratively by school staff, parents, and District 31 staff in order to ensure that we maintain a clear path of success for all of our students. Please visit our school website where you it is posted. As stakeholders in your child's education, we welcome all perspectives and encourage ongoing feedback in the development and implementation of our vision. As you know, our SLT (School Leadership Team) has a very important role in decision making, goal setting, and reflecting upon our progress toward our school goals. This year, our SLT parent members are Nicole Barone, Antonette Blasi, Sandee Campanella, Michelle Carlini, Jennifer Lombardo, and Melissa Minakakis. You can reach out to them in addition to myself, Mrs. Fioribello, and Mrs. Apostolopoulos, if you would like to see a topic added to the SLT agenda or would like to attend one of our meetings.

As you know last year, our school implemented a grading policy using percentages rather than using Levels 1-4. Percentages allow parents and students to see the exact growth that is made throughout the school year and provides a more precise grading that aligns to the DOE's mandatory guidelines.

On another note, we have many engaging activities that the students will be participating in this month. Ballroom dancing has begun for our students in grades four and five and the Junior Achievement program, facilitated by the students at Tottenville High School, will soon begin. The children will learn about earning, spending, sharing, and saving money. Following their participation in the program, students will be able to build on their understanding of money basics and apply those skills to daily life as well as recognize the significance of money management in making life decisions.

I hope to see many of you in the field at our annual Halloween March of Dimes Festivities on Thursday, October 31, 2019. For those of you who did not attend last years' PTA meetings, our School Leadership Team has decided to only have class parents' help with the Halloween party in the classrooms. All other parents are invited to the field to see the children walk around the field, but will not be coming back into the school for the class parties. We have several reasons for this decision and if you would like to know more about this decision, please bring it up at our next PTA meeting. As usual, we are looking forward to having the Tottenville Band march down to PS 5 for another spectacular performance! I would like to thank Mr. Lamort, Mr. Scarmato, and Mrs. Battista for collaborating with us in so many ways. I would also like to extend a big THANK YOU to all of our parents who are helping to organize the Pumpkin Patch and the allergy free class parties. We are all looking forward to a safe fun-filled day!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Arcuri