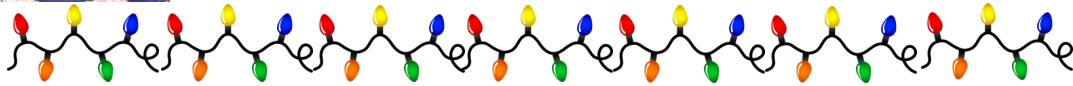


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The Yung Wing Public School
Parent Teacher Association - PS 124
40 Division Street New York, NY 10002



December 2017

Dear PS 124 Families, Staff & Friends,

Here at PS 124 we believe in the importance of developing children's *character* to become the most well-rounded and complete individual they can as they progress through their educational career. In the month of November our staff began professional development around a text called, "A Mindset for Learning." Over the coming months our school will focus on teaching all of our students "attitudes" or "stances" needed for academic success.

The first "attitude" we have begun work around is empathy. Empathy—the power to understand perspectives other than your own—is an essential skill for all children to master. As children master their own emotions and understand the perspectives of others, they will also be able to control, develop, connect, and motivate themselves more effectively.

Here are some ways you can support your children at home in developing empathy:

- **Reflect on empathy and caring.** When you're together, notice with your child if someone exhibits strong empathy—or shows a lack of empathy—either in your daily life or in a book or on television. Discuss why acts of empathy are important and why lacking empathy can be harmful.
- **Help kids discover what they have in common with other people or ways in which they are different from others.** One way to encourage empathy is to make children conscious of what they have in common with others. Another is to get out and meet people from different backgrounds, and learn about what life is like in different places.
- **Be an example.** Know that your children watch you. They learn from your character and behaviors as much as they do from their teachers in school. Be a consistent example of empathy, and exude a caring, compassionate, understanding attitude. They'll follow your lead.
- **Work on identifying feelings.** For children, name their difficult feelings such as frustration, sadness and anger and encourage them to talk to you about why they are feeling that way. It is important that attention is given to helping children find the words to explain their feelings.
- **Provide opportunity for your children to practice empathy.** Hold family meetings when there are family challenges or conflicts, and in those meetings give children a voice and encourage them to take the perspective of other family members. Listen carefully to your children's views and ask your children to listen carefully to the views of others.

Wishing you and your family a very happy and healthy New Year!

Melissa Helman

Congratulations to our school's Spelling Bee winners!

Victoria Rivera 5-326
Zelin Zhang 5-329
Weng Ying Chong 5-327

They will be representing PS124 at the Manhattan Borough Spelling Bee in January, 2018.

5th Grade Graduation Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous support of their fundraising events during this school year. It is sincerely appreciated! For 5th grade parents, please send in your child's baby picture to be included in the yearbook as soon as possible to the 5th grade mailbox or by email to yungwingps124@gmail.com. Notices for the collection of Senior Class dues will be going home soon – please look out for it. Senior class dues are due to the 5th grade committee mailbox by December 15, 2017.

Warmest wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year!

December 2017

* Mark your calendar *

December 5

School Tour/Open House (5:30-6:30pm)
Please sign up at 212-966-7237 x1004

December 6

5th Grade tour MS131 (8:45-10:30am)

December 12

Safety Meeting (8:20am) **(New Date)**
5th Grade Bake Sale (2:30-6:00pm)

December 13

Kindergarten Sing-A-Long (8:30am)

December 14

School Tour/Open House (8:30-9:30am)
Please sign up at 212-966-7237 x1004

December 19

SLT Meeting (3:30 pm)

December 20

Winter Festival Performance (8:30am)

December 21

PTA General Meeting (8:15am)
NDI Mid-year (9:10-10:10am)
—For 5th Grade parents only—

December 25—January 1

NO SCHOOL—Winter Recess

January 2, 2018

School resumes

For more up-to-date information, please visit the PS124 website: www.ps124.org

Reminders:

1) The Tribeca event that occurred near so many public schools on Halloween reminded us of the importance of having strong communication with families during emergency situations. With nearly all parents connected to Class Dojo, this is the quickest way for the school to reach the most amount of families at once. In the event of an emergency or weather-related school closures, please be sure to check Class Dojo for updates.

If you have not already connected with us onto Class Dojo, please contact Christina Pun immediately. Thank you for connecting with us!

2) Students may only be picked up by individuals (above the age of 18) listed on the Blue Emergency Cards. We will ask for photo identification and cross-check against information on the Blue Emergency Card to ensure the safety of the students. Please remind all individuals listed on your child's Blue Emergency Card to always come to school with a picture identification card. Your child will not be released without identification verification.

3) Please be advised that all families driving to school must safely and promptly drive away once students have been dropped off. Cars that remain after students had been dropped off cause other cars to double and triple park on Division Street. At times, this situation causes our school bus to quadruple park! Not only is this unsafe for our students, it causes all kinds of traffic problems.

Please be reminded NYC Traffic officers may issue tickets. School staff will be curbside to remind families in efforts to remedy the situation.

4) All visitors to our building are issued a visitor sticker by our school safety agents. This sticker must be prominently displayed on your upper body as you walk through the building. This helps school staff distinguish intruders from people who belong in our building.

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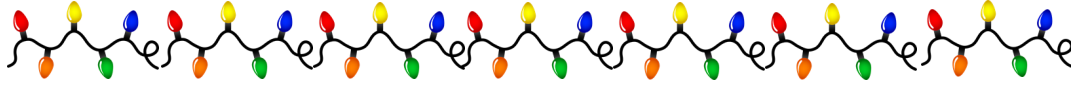
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Happy
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致 PS 124 家長, 教職員工和朋友們,

在公立一二四小學, 我們相信發展兒童性格的重要性, 使他們能夠在完成教育事業中成為最全面和最完整人格的人。在十一月份老師們在專業培訓時圍繞著一個名為“學習的心態”的文本討論。在未來的幾月中, 我們學校將專注於教導所有學生學習成功所需的“態度”或“立場”。

我們開始學習的第一個“態度”就是同情心。同情心就是理解除了你自己之外其他人的觀點的能力, 是所有兒童都應掌握的技巧。當孩子們掌握了自己的情緒並理解他人的觀點時, 他們就能夠更有效地控制, 發展, 聯繫和激勵自己。

這裡有一些方法可以幫助你的孩子在家裡培育同情心:

- **討論同情和關懷。** 當你和孩子在一起的時候, 讓孩子留意, 如果有人表現出強烈的同情心 - 或者缺乏同情心 - 也許在你的日常生活中或書本或者電視上。討論為什麼同情行為是重要的, 為什麼缺乏同情心會是有害的。
- **幫助孩子們發現他們與其他人有什麼共同之處, 或者與其他人有什麼不同之處。** 鼓勵同情心的一種方法是讓孩子意識到他們和其他人的共同之處。另一種是走出去遇見不同背景的人, 了解不同地方的生活。
- **做一個榜樣。** 要知道你的孩子看著你。他們從你的性格和行為中學習, 就像他們在學校的老師一樣。作為同情的一貫例子, 散發出關心, 同情, 理解的態度。他們會有樣學樣。
- **學習識別感受。** 對於孩子來說, 說出他們的挫折, 悲傷和憤怒等困難的感受, 並鼓勵他們跟你談談他們為什麼這樣感覺。注意幫助孩子找到解釋他們的感受的單詞是非常重要的。
- **為你的孩子提供實踐同情的機會。** 在有家庭挑戰或衝突的時候舉行家庭會議, 並在這些會議上給孩子發言權, 並鼓勵他們採取其他家庭成員的觀點。仔細聽取你的孩子的意見, 並要求你的孩子仔細聽取他人的意見。

祝各位有個健康愉快的新年!

Melissa Helman
副校長

十二月五日

參觀本校 (下午 5:30-6:30)
必需先預約: 212-966-7237 x1004

十二月六日

五年級參觀 131 初中(早上 8:45-10:30)

十二月十二日

學校安全會議(早上 8:20) **(新日期)**
五年級糕餅售賣(下午 2:30-6:00)

十二月十三日

幼稚園假日音樂會(早上 8:30)

十二月十四日

參觀本校(早上 8:30-9:30)
必需先預約: 212-966-7237 x1004

十二月十九日

學校領導小組開會 (下午 3:30)

十二月二十日

冬季音樂會 (早上 8:30)

十二月二十一日

家長大會(早上 8:15)
NDI 中期表演(早上 9:10-10:10)
—限五年級家長—

十二月二十五日 - 一月一日

放寒假

2018 一月二日

返校上課

欲知學校最新資訊, 請登錄: www.ps124.org

恭喜學校拼字比賽得獎者!

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他們將代表PS124參加2018年一月曼哈頓區拼字比賽。



五年級畢業委員會感謝大家在本學年慷慨支持我們的籌款活動。衷心感謝! 五年級家長請盡快將您孩子嬰兒照交到學校辦公室五年級郵箱或通過電子郵件發送到yungwingsps124@gmail.com。收取畢業會費的通知會很快派回家 - 請留意查看孩子的書包。在 2017年12月15日前將畢業會費交到辦公室五年級委員會郵箱。

提醒事項:

1) 萬聖節前夕, 在這麼多公立學校附近發生的Tribeca恐攻事件, 提醒我們在緊急情況下與家長保持緊密聯繫的重要性。幾乎所有的家長都與學校Class Dojo鏈接, 這是學校能夠在最短的時間最快的方式可以聯係到所有的家長。如遇緊急情況或與天氣有關的學校關閉, 請務必查看Class Dojo的更新內容。

如果你還沒有鏈接學校Class Dojo, 請立刻與潘小姐聯絡。感謝您與我們聯繫!

2) 只有在藍色緊急卡上列出的18歲以上的成人可以接領學生。我們會要求出示有照片的身份證明, 並交叉核對此人的名字是否在緊急聯絡卡上, 才可以接孩子, 以確保學生的安全。請提醒你填寫在緊急聯絡卡上的親友, 一定要帶有照片的身份證來學校。未經身份驗證, 不可以接領孩子。

3) 請注意, 開車接送孩子上下學的家長在放下孩子後必須安全及時地將車開走。否則會導致其他車輛在地威臣街雙排甚至三排停車。在這種情況下更影響校巴停車! 這不僅對我們的學生安全有影響, 而且會造成各種交通問題。

再次提醒家長們, 紐約市交通局執法人員可能會開罰單。學校工作人員將在路邊提醒家長, 努力糾正這一情況。

4) 所有進入大樓的訪客都會在校警處拿到一張訪客貼紙。你必須將貼紙貼在上半身明顯位置。這有助於大樓內教職員工辨識你的身份。

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