

ADMINISTRATORS' ANNOUNCEMENT

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year. Hopefully, Spring is right around the corner and we will be able to open our windows and feel some fresh, warm air.

February is a short and also, a busy month.

The Test Prep programs have been planned and are already in session. We placed students into separate groups to give us an opportunity for smaller classes and to pace the instruction based on the needs of the children. The teachers will be working with the children to practice and enhance their ELA and Math skills, and better prepare them for the State Exams this Spring.

Additionally, the Saturday Academy for English Language Learners has been also planned and is already in session. The Academy supports our English Language Learners in Grades 1-5 to continue to facilitate their English Language Acquisition and to better prepare them for the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) which requires proficiency in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. During the month of February, we will celebrate "Respect for All" week which is a time to reflect on the many important social and emotional attributes we try to foster in each of our children in order to help build a strong community. Each day, students and staff are asked to wear different colors to represent the importance of good citizenship, friendship, love, and respect!

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting some after-school enrichment programs, The Dynamic Dance Club-which is being offered to Grade 3 students and taught by Ms. Spano, The Fun Fitness Club-which is being offered to Grade 2 students and being taught by Mrs. Marsala, and The Painting Club-which is being offered to Grade 5 students and being taught by Mrs. Guido. These programs will be organized throughout the month of February, and will begin during the month of March. Please look out for information in your child's homework folders.

On behalf of our staff, we would like to thank you for your continuous collaboration and commitment to our school!

Enjoy the Mid-winter Recess which is scheduled for February 16th – February 23rd.

School will resume on Monday, February 26, 2018.

PARENT COORDINATOR NEWS

In the month of February, our school will be participating in RESPECT FOR ALL WEEK. During this week, the children will wear a different color everyday symbolizing a special meaning. They will also be doing lessons in their classrooms on how to be respectful of their fellow classmates. Please reinforce these lessons at home. Please remember to check the monthly calendar for all our activities planned for this month.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

JANAUARY

CLASS	CHILD'S NAME
K-102	MAYA KIDALA
	NOAH ALSEMI
	JONATHAN MARTINEZ
K-105	MYA BEAUPLAN
	OLIVIA BUCKLEY
K-106	SONIA LI LIAM WONG
K-107	AMY DAI
	BRIAN FENG
K-108	SOFIA RUIZ
	MIA SOLIS
1-101	ABIGAIL RAKHAMIMOV
1-103	SUMMER RABAH
	DIMITRA EFTHIMIOU
1-201	MOHAMMED HALOUI
	ANGELA DAI
1-202	SHELLEY JIANG
	MOHAMMAD KABTOUL
2-208	MATTHEW RUSSO
	MAH LIN
2-209	JENNIFER BAQUIAX GARCIA
2-210	ALI KHAN
	NATALIE MENDOZA
3-203	OSCAR CHENG
3-204	SMAA NAGI
	KARINA RZESZUTKO
3-207	PATRICK ZHONG
	JADEN CHEN
3/4/5-206	YAHAN JIANG
	IZAAC BAYOLIMA
4-301 Rdg	KOSTELA LILA
4-301 Math	KOSTELA LILA
4-301 SS/Wtg	JOY QUI
4-302 Rdg	KEVIN LIN
4-302 Math	DEREK CHAN
4-302 SS/Wtg	JUSTIN LI
4-306 Rdg	ASHLEY ZHENG
4-306 Math	ROSSAN ELSAFI
4-306 SS/Wtg	SEAN SOLITARIO
5-305 Rdg	JESSICA MARTINEZ
5-305 Math	MIRIAM ZAHAN
5-305 SS/Wtg	MIRIAM ZAHAN
5-307 Rdg	SOOH HEE DELORENZO
5-307 Math	JUSTIN TUNG
5-307 SS/Wtg	JUSTIN TUNG
5-308 Rdg	MIA BAEZ
5-308 Math	YI FAN ZHENG
5-308 SS/Wtg	SARAI PEREZ ROJAS
ART	ELENA LESSIS 3-203
	ALFRED WU 2-210
PHYS. ED –	TOMAS KRAVAR 5-307
	JOY QIU 4-301
PHYS ED. -	LILY PETERSON 1-101
	JAYDEN YEE 3-207
DANCE	CHARLES MCELENY
	ISABELLA PONCE DIAZ

GRADE NEWS

Kindergarten

This coming month, Kindergarten will learn about the things that scientists study, and we will focus on learning about the growth process of animals, insects, and plants. In writing, we have been using sequencing words to describe events. Come and check out our excellent work in the school hallway. In math, we will be learning the numbers that are greater than 20. 2018 is the year of the dog! On February 15th, Our Chinese students in K107 will be performing the whole grade assembly to celebrate Chinese New Year. Kindergarten students would like to wish everyone Happy Valentine's Day and the Lunar New Year.

First Grade

First graders will begin to write personal narratives this month. We will also be focusing on skills in reading such as main idea and details, comparing and contrasting as well as drawing conclusions. In math this month, we will be focusing on comparing numbers as well as adding two digit numbers with the aid of base ten blocks. In addition, class 1-202 will be putting on a performance on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 9:20 am. We look forward to seeing them while they present "The Nightingale." We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable winter break and remember to replenish all your supplies.

Second Grade

Second grade students are "full of heart" as we welcome the month of February, and all of the wonderful things we will be learning. In our Journeys lessons, we just wrapped up Unit 3 and will be exploring Unit 4 strategies and skills such as story structure and sequence of events. During our GoMath lessons, we will be learning about three-digit addition with and without regrouping. During writing, we will

be crafting various narrative pieces. We also would like to take the time to wish everyone a happy and restful midwinter recess!

Third Grade

In February we celebrate Black History Month. Each child will be writing a research paper on a chosen famous African American. We have begun studying fractions in math. Our next voyage in social studies is the study of China. On February 15, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. third grade will be performing A-Z Facts through the Continents. Please complete the test prep packets. Enjoy your break!!

3/4/5

This month, in math we are busy learning all about division and multiplication. In writing, students are publishing their opinion pieces. The state tests are quickly approaching, and we will be preparing for these exams. I encourage you to practice multiplication, division, and read with your children daily.

4th Grade ELA

This month we are closing our Unit on Natural Disasters. We will end with a culminating activity rooted in Science Technology Engineering Art and Mathematics. Students will be presented with a problem that they need to solve; they will need to construct a "building" that will withstand an earthquake using household items. We can't wait to see what they will design! We would like to wish everyone a Happy Chinese New Year and a Happy St. Valentine's Day!

4th Grade Math

During the month of February, fourth grade students will continue their study of fractions. We are also preparing for the NYS Math test on May 1-2 during test prep programs. We strongly urge all students to attend. Have a great winter recess!

4th Grade SS/Writing

This month in Social Studies, Fourth grade will continue to learn about the Colonial and Revolutionary period in New York. Students will investigate the growing conflicts between England and the thirteen colonies over political and economic rights that led to the American Revolution. We will focus on how New York played a significant role during the Revolution, due to its geographic location. In writing, students will learn about the writing process, and how to write essays in response to prompts. We will compare and contrast stories on similar themes and topics. Students will continue to learn how to analyze a prompt, gather text evidence, organize ideas, drafting, and revising and editing.

5th Grade ELA

In February we will continue to focus on the reading skills of Main Idea and Details, while reading nonfiction texts. Also, we are going to begin preparing for NYS ELA Test by focusing on reading skills and strategies.

5th Grade Math

I cannot believe February is on it's way, It seems like school had just stated the other day. Our hearts are filled with fraction fun, New skills to learn for everyone! I know on our tests, we will do our best!

5th Grade SS/Writing

In February, we be discussing the effects that European exploration had on the development of creating a new nation. Additionally, in writing, we are learning test taking skills and preparing for our up and coming New York State ELA assessment.

CLUSTER NEWS

Visual Arts

Kindergarten will be creating pictures of the rainforest in mix media. First and second grade will be creating still life pictures. Third grade students are creating banners for "Respect for All." Fourth grade is creating self-portraits in fauvist style in the media of oil pastel. Fifth grade will be creating abstract illustrations which were inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe's paintings.

Science 3-5

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the upcoming Science Fair at P.S. 127. All students in grades 3, 4 and 5 are expected to complete an experiment for the science fair. Students may use the internet, library or their textbook to get ideas for their project. Display boards will be on sale during the lunch period. The cost is \$5.00 per board. All projects are due on March 5, 2018. Three projects from each class will be selected to participate in the School Science Fair. Parents of class winners will be notified in writing on March 15th. The class winners will present their projects to the school judges on Monday, March 19th. The judges will select a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner for each grade. The winners will be announced at the Science Fair March 21, 2018. All this information including rubrics, checklists and some resources will be distributed to the students in the upcoming week. Good luck to all!!! I look forward to seeing everyone's hard work!!!

Physical Education

Grades K-2: All grades are currently working on scooter skills and the safety rules while riding on a scooter. The children love playing various games while incorporating skills taught in class. The kids love playing on the SCOOTERS! In a few weeks we will be moving onto basic volleyball skills. Grade 3: Students are learning about the basic fundamentals of volleyball. The children love to learn how to bump and set the volleyball over the net. We even get competitive and play who can keep the ball off the ground the longest. Grades 4-5: We are near the end of Fitness Gram! Yay! Continue working on the upper body and abdominal strength exercises. The children are so excited to finally be done and onto SPORTS. Within the next two weeks, we will learn the basic skills of volleyball. Eat healthy and Exercise!

Dance

As February approaches, we are continuing to work on our choreography skills. We are also working on our performances for our Assembly Performances that are coming up soon! I am also offering a Dance Club for grade 3, which will be starting within the next few weeks. Enjoy Midwinter Recess break.

SUPPORT SERVICES

AIS/IEP/SETSS

K-3 SETSS in February is fab, fabulous, and fantastic! This past month, the Shades of Meaning strategy has assisted my students to better understand the subtle differences between related words. The students have begun to identify a continuum of words related to a theme or idea. It has started to expand the students' vocabulary by teaching synonyms and revealing the hidden inferences behind words. I'm looking forward to see where all their new words take each and every one of them.

Speech

Parents, you can help make such a difference in your child's learning. During speech sessions we focus on their goals in fun ways that help them academically. Try some of these games at home:

Grades K-2 help your children with the phonological awareness (sounds). Play games with letter tiles, changing one letter of a four letter word to make a new word (ex: card - cart), have them identify letters in the neighborhood as you're walking, look for words within words (Tony has the word 'to' in it), etc. You can make the words harder or easier.

Grades 3-5 help your children understand what they are reading. After they read a story, have them draw/write three to six events that happened in the right order (like a comic book style), draw a picture from their favorite part of a story, describe what the character saw as he/she looked around. This will help put images in their head which helps them get a better grasp on what they are reading.

Counselor

During the week of February 12th – 15th, 2018 our School will be celebrating Respect For All Week. This annual event takes place city wide to continue school's ongoing efforts to promote inter-personal and inter-group respect and to prevent bullying and bias-based behavior.

During Student Council meetings we've discussed ways to celebrate Respect For All Week and ways to make it more meaningful. Resources were provided for classrooms, posters will be created by students, and Student Council members will make daily announcements throughout the week. We will also be selling pencils during lunch periods on Monday for \$1.00 each. All proceeds will go to PACER National Bullying Prevention Center.

In addition to our schools efforts, I have also joined with the great kindness challenge. On Monday we challenge our staff and students to do as many kind acts as possible =) Each day of the week will be represented by a different color; we ask that our staff and students wear these colors on these days to help spread RESPECT!

Monday – Yellow is for the Golden Rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." WEAR YELLOW!

Tuesday - Green is for the environment. Respect your environment. WEAR GREEN!

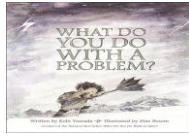
Wednesday – Red is for Love. Love and Respect your family and friends. WEAR RED!

Thursday – Blue is for loyalty and Respect. Be a true blue friend. SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT AND WEAR BLUE!

Thank you for your continued support in helping to create a safe and supportive school community.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book of the Month



What Do You Do With A Problem? Is a wonderful book written by Kobi Yamada to inspire children to feel good about themselves. A child frets about a problem that won't go away. "I wished it would just disappear. I tried everything I could to hide from it. I even found ways to disguise myself. But it still found me." With a backpack and umbrella, the child tries to escape the problem while the storm swirls, awash with compass points scattered across the pages. The pages brighten into splashes of yellow as the child decides to tackle the problem head-on and finds that it holds promise for unlooked-for opportunity. A straightforward, effective approach to helping children cope with one of life's commonplace yet emotionally fraught situations. This book can be utilized to support our CKCC Theme of "Problem Solving".

Enjoy!

Reminders for 2018:

- Feb 9** – K-2 Someone Special Dance
- Feb 12-15** – Respect for All Week
WEAR THESE COLORS PROUDLY
Mon – Yellow, Tues – Green,
Wed – Red, Thurs – Blue
- Feb 15** – PTA Meeting 8:45AM
- Feb 16** – SCHOOL CLOSED for Lunar New Year
- Feb 16 – 23** – SCHOOL CLOSED for
Mid Winter Break
- March 2** – Family Friday
Pajama Day
Multi-Cultural Fair
- March 5** – Dr. Seuss Birthday
Spirit Week
Math-A-Thon Kick Off

PTA

January began with a monumental snow storm and concluded with a super blue blood moon, something that hasn't been witnessed in these parts in over 150 years! What a great way to end a wonderful month. Last month, the PTA held some memorable fundraising events including our very first Pampered Chef event as well as a fun filled Movie Night. Both events were tremendously successful and we want to thank all of our parent volunteers as well as our extraordinary staff for making these events such a success! Without your dedication and generosity, something would really be missing here at P.S. 127.

Moving forward, we recognize that flu season is in full swing and The PTA is currently accepting donations of spray disinfectants and disinfecting wipes to be used by parent volunteers to clean door knobs, hand rails, etc as well as to distribute to teachers and staff. Please consider sending some in with your child labeled for the PTA. Additionally, in order to keep germs from spreading it is of the utmost importance that if your child exhibits any flu or cold symptoms that they be kept home for a minimum of 24 hours after symptoms have subsided. In this way, we hope to stop the spread of illness and promote a healthy and happy school environment.

January's PTA General meeting was held on the 18th and allowed for the purchase of two new smart boards to be utilized in room 1-103 and the guidance office. Thank you to all who attended and voted in favor of this new purchase!

As a reminder, the PTA will be selling various snacks (chips, crackers, cookies, etc) on Tuesdays and popsicles and ice creams on Fridays during all lunches. All items are \$1 each with the funds collected being used towards school enrichment activities, smart board purchases and so much more! Please let us know if you are able to help sell on these days and thank you for your continued support!

Upcoming Events:

Grades K-2 "Someone Special" Dance is set for Friday the 9th from 5-7pm. Please plan on attending this FREE event with your student. With a Valentine theme, refreshments and treats for purchase, a photo booth opportunity and all the dancing one can handle, this event is sure to be a hit with the little ones and their someone special. So get dressed in your best and come and dance the night away with your child! We can't wait to see you there! Respect for all Week takes place starting the 12th and concludes on the 15th with a different color shirt being worn each day. Be sure to check your calendar to know which color is proudly being worn.

A special Valentine themed school store will be held during lunchtime on February 13th. Be sure to send in some extra money for your student to purchase various Valentine items and keep an eye out for a flyer in their homework folder with more information!