

ADMINISTRATORS' ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great pleasure that we write to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year. We hope everyone is healthy, revitalized, and eager to begin another school year. Whether you traveled or stayed nearby, we hope you were able to participate in many meaningful family activities that enriched your life and created special memories.

We are looking forward to a year filled with wonderful opportunities for our entire school community to come together in support of our students. We will continue to help each of them build successful futures through fostering individual determination and striving for educational excellence at P.S. 127. Together, we will work hard and follow our school motto, that is, to BELIEVE! ACHIEVE! and SUCCEED! because Excellence is our Goal.

Those of you that were with us last year and during previous years know that we encourage parental participation in our school. We also know that many of you work during the day and find it difficult to get to the school to volunteer or go on trips, etc. Don't worry - you can still be an active part of our school family. Please make an effort to keep channels of communication open with your child, your child's teachers, the school administration, our PTA, and certainly with our Parent Coordinator, Rosann Vento.

September 13th was Back to School Night which was very successful. Thank you for taking the time to join us and learn more about the many ways we can work together to support the children throughout the school day and beyond. Our first "Family Friday" was held on October 6th. We enjoy welcoming family members to join us and participate in the children's learning. "Family Friday" is a wonderful way for us to work together as a community and strive for student success. In addition, we showed our support for Breast Cancer Awareness by wearing denim and pink on that day.

On October 14th many of our students and staff will proudly march behind the P.S. 127 banner at the annual Ragamuffin Parade along Third Avenue. We look forward to having a nice day, enjoying this wonderful tradition, and showing our school spirit!

At P.S. 127, we work toward the shared goal of establishing a supportive and collaborative environment where together, we value each other and prepare our children for a successful future.

We wish all the members of our school community a very prosperous and productive school year!

PARENT COORDINATOR NEWS

As we move into the new school year, there are many wonderful events coming up. Please make sure to check the school calendar so no events get overlooked. To our 5th grade parents -please make every effort to attend the middle school open houses so when the time comes, it will be useful for you and your child to make a decision.

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH
 October 2017**

CLASS	CHILD'S NAME	
K-102	SOFIA LECLER	
K-105	ITZAE ARENAS	
K-106	GEORGINA SCHROER	
K-107	GABRIELLA BARD	
K-108	ADDISON LEE	
1-101	MATTHEW HOWE	
1-103	SEBASTIAN CHEN	
1-201	MICHAEL GAO	
1-202	MAX CACCILOLO	
2-208	MARIAH HERNANDEZ	
2-209	LILY PETERSON	
2-210	CORINNE CHEN	
2-211	OLIVE BARKET	
3-203	AMY LIN	
3-204	JUN YANG LIN	
3-207	TIFFANY NI	
3/4/5-206	ISABELLA PALAZZOLO	
4-301 Reading	ANDREW YANG	
4-301 Math	ANGELIKA LESSIS	
4-301 S.S/Writing	QUETZALLI ARENAS	
4-302 Reading	WESLEY TUNG	
4-302 Math	JULIAN VRANICI	
4-302 S.S/Writing	KAYLA CHU	
4-306 Reading	AYA ABEDROUF	
4-306 Math	EARVIN WANH	
4-306 S.S/Writing	DEANNA KADI	
	LIANNA CHEN	
	ETHAN LEE	
	MIRANDA TJON	
5-305 Reading	ISABELLA SCHOELLER	
5-305 Math	HANEEN TWAITI	
5-305 S.S/Writing	KLADI LAMCE	
5-307 Reading	REWAN YOUSSEF	
5-307 Math	JENNY LIN	
5-307 S.S/Writing	CHARLIE FERGUSON	
5-308 Reading	DEREK CHEN	
5-308 Math	ZOE NI	
5-308 S.S/Writing	CATHERINE CHAN	
	CATHERINE CHAN	
ART	BILAL HAMED 5-305	
	ZHAO ZHANG 5-305	
SCI 3-5	HANEEN TWAITI 4-301	
	KLADI LAMCE 4-301	
PHYS. ED	NOAH ANGELUCCI 4-302	
	MARIAM FARRAJ 5-307	
DANCE	JOEL ROJAS PEREZ 3-203	
	GABRIELLA PERALTA 3-203	

GRADE NEWS

Kindergarten

Kindergarten students will be observing leaves changing colors during our nature walks. In math, children will be working on counting, writing and representing numbers 1-5. The children have begun labeling their drawings in writing which will be displayed on our bulletin boards outside of the classroom. In reading, students will complete letter and sound recognition and apply their skills to their writing. We look forward to seeing the children dressed up in their costumes during our Halloween Trick-or-Treat Parade. Have a wonderful Spook-tacular month!

First Grade

Throughout October in reading, we will be working on finding the main idea and details in our stories, understanding characters, story structure, and text and graphic features. In writing, first graders will be writing complete sentences using descriptive words. In math, we are learning how to find the difference using different strategies. Please provide additional support by devoting extra time to review work and study with your child, as well as read each night!

Second Grade

Welcome back to school! We hope everyone had a happy and restful summer! We look forward to a fun and exciting year with all of our second grade students! During these first few weeks, we will be taking the time to review important school and class routines and procedures. We also will be embarking on an awesome learning journey! We will be exploring reading concepts such as sequence, compare/contrast and author's purpose. We will be learning about number concepts during our GoMath lessons, and we will be crafting narratives during writing workshop. It's going to be a wonderful year, and we can't wait to see what each day brings!

Third Grade ELA

Welcome back to another exciting school year! We are so glad to be working with you this year. We have many fun, educational and interesting things planned for this year. All parents received a welcome letter which included the class procedure and expectations from their child's teacher. Please be sure to check your child's homework folder daily as many important notices will be going home this month.

3/4/5

Welcome back! I hope you are all well rested and had a great summer break. I am very eager to learn all about the students and to share with them my expectations for Grades 3/4/5. We will be working on some of these reading skills for the first two months: story structure, understanding characters and summarizing. You can also access the text on line at Thinkcentral. In mathematics we are going to be reviewing place value, estimating, rounding and doing mental math addition, subtraction multiplication, and division. I encourage you to practice multiplication facts with your children daily. I am goal setting so the students can be actively involved in their education. I look forward to a very exciting and successful school year.

4th Grade ELA

The fourth grade will continue to work on Unit 1 of Journeys in the month of October. Several selections in this unit deal with people who help others. We recently read "My Brother Martin", a biography that tells about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life as a boy. You can support your child's learning by discussing how Dr. King's work changed the lives of people in our country.

4th Grade Math

During October, 4th grade Math students will begin Multiplying by 1 digit. This is a very important concept that should be reinforced at home. Students should study multiplication facts every night! We will begin having 3 minute multiplication fact quizzes every week. We hope

everyone has a happy and safe Halloween. :)

4th Grade SS/Writing

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer. The students are very eager to start exploring the historical world around them. In Social Studies, we are learning about the geography of New York State and how the Native Americans influenced the development of New York. In Writing, students will identify the features of a descriptive paragraph. They will focus on creating paragraphs using vivid details, sensory words, and concrete words. As we move into October, students will begin Narrative writing. I look forward to an exciting and productive year with your children.

5th Grade ELA

We have a fun and exciting month ahead! We have been preparing for our Invention STEAM project by reading different selections and completing many activities to enhance our knowledge on the inventing process. Parents, be aware that your little inventors will be looking for ways to improve upon an invention that already exists and modify it to fit a new need in society today.

5th Grade Math

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great summer and that you are ready for a fabulous school year. Our 2018 Seniors are in for an exciting time in their lives. Everyone get ready to "Believe, Achieve, and Succeed"!

5th Grade SS/Writing

The 5th graders will become authors by bringing their fictional narratives alive. Exploring the Mayan culture while creating, developing and designing our very own Mayan ceremonial masks in Social Studies. This will give us great insight into the lives and culture of early civilizations. Looking forward to an exciting year!

CLUSTER NEWS

Visual Arts

Kindergarten through third grade are learning about various artists and are exploring with various lines and shapes. Grades 4 and 5 are participating in the "Annual Fall Poster Painting Contest." Posters will be selected from the fourth grade and will be judged by part of a team from the Bay Ridge Community Council. Three students from the fifth grade will be chosen to paint their fall scene on the glass window of Lens Appliance Store on Seventh Ave. This is a very exciting event. The winners will receive metals for their outstanding work in late November and a special ceremony for this event will take place at Fort Hamilton High School. Good Luck to the fourth and fifth grade students.

Science 3-5

Welcome back!!! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer vacation! This year I will be teaching science to grades 2, 3, 4 and 5. I am very excited to begin this year and look forward to working with all of you to help our students believe achieve and succeed!

Physical Education

Grades K-2: Students have been introduced to the locomotor movements. (run, walk, jog, slide, leap, gallop, jump, hop, skip) They will continue to work on these movements for the next couple of weeks. The children are practicing these movements through organized games. Grade 3: Students are learning about the game of kickball! Kickball is very similar to baseball except there is no bat. The children are very excited to play their first game. Grades 4/5: Students are in the beginning phases of NYC Fitness Gram. They are preparing for the PACER. (Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run) This assessment seems to be the favorite of all the assessments! The kids constantly need to be reminded that it is not a competition!!! Eat healthy & exercise!!!

Dance

I can't believe we are already in our second month of school. Students in grades K-5 are working on the Element of Dance called 'Space'. We are learning about our surroundings and our personal space. Activities vary depending on the grade level. We are focusing on how we can use our personal space to make movement. Each grade is working on a different choreographed dance that we hope to be able to perform for parents one day.

SUPPORT STAFF NEWS

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Welcome back parents!!!! We are excited and looking forward to working with your children to tackle challenges together. We look forward to a great year and we are available to answer questions and concerns via phone call and conferencing on Tuesday afternoons.

AIS/IEP/SETSS

Falling into SETSS ~ Welcome back to the 2017-2018 school year. With the start of the school year, SETSS students will be "falling" into a variety of new programs. I will be teaching the students using new modalities of learning and enriching them with new experiences. By putting our best feet forward, I am confident that the students will have a successful school year.

Speech

We would like to welcome our new speech therapist, Ms. Kate Loonam. Ms. Kate will be working with us Thursdays and Fridays this year. We are well on our way to working with our students, helping them become aware of their goals and settling into the routine. We are addressing their goals through curriculum related materials. We hope to push them further this year and close the gap between where they are at and what is expected of them. We know this will be a productive year. Please continue to read with your children and question them on what they read.

PT/OT

Welcome back to school! We hope all your families had a great summer! If you have any questions about Occupational Therapy Services, and how your child may benefit from them, please give us a call at 718-833-2323, and ask for the OT department.

Guidance

On September 29th, P.S. 127 wore gold / yellow to Go Gold for Pediatric Cancer. All of the members of the school community were invited to wear gold / yellow, and to make a donation to support pediatric cancer. This month is Socktober. We will be collecting new socks all month long for the homeless.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book of the Month

But Why Can't I? by Sue Graves, is a perfect book for children of all ages starting a new school year. Children sometimes find it hard to follow rules. This encouraging book joins Noah and his babysitter, Jenny, who shows him how rules help keep people safe, healthy, and happy.

This book is part of a series: The Our Emotions and Behavior series, which uses cheerful brightly illustrated stories to help kids understand how their emotions and actions are related—and how they can learn to manage both. At the end of each book, a two-page series of pictures invites kids to tell a story in their own words. A special section for adults suggests discussion questions and ideas for guiding children to talk about their feelings.

Enjoy!

Reminders

If you have internet service at home you can always go into the Department of Education website for information. It is a huge resource with something for everyone. The internet address is <http://schools.nyc.gov>. There is valuable information that is provided by the Department of Education. Just type in our school number and follow the links to our site. Take a peek when you have some time. You may want to check it periodically for citywide announcements and news about our wonderful public schools. In addition, we have our school website (www.mckinleypark127.org) which will also provide you with useful school information and special events.

Title 1

We are a proud Title 1 School! Keep an eye out for Title 1-sponsored events in the coming school year. They usually consist of a mix of community-formation events (featuring good FOOD!) and workshops/resources for parents. We have some new workshops in the works, so stay tuned for notices about these FREE offerings for parents.

Our Title 1 Parent Committee seeks to connect our diverse families who come from all walks of life and to support parents in ways they need. If you have ideas for workshops, educational resources, or gatherings, please let us know - and join our committee!

PTA

The PTA thanks YOU! We're grateful to those families who submitted their *PTA Dues* of \$10 per family. Paying your dues is strictly voluntary and is not a condition for membership, but each donation makes a huge difference in making sure that our students receive free or discounted enrichment opportunities throughout the school year. Any amount helps -- and it's never too late to submit your Dues, so please do so asap if you haven't already submitted an envelope to your child's teacher!

The PTA needs YOU! We can't do these wonderful events and fundraisers without the amazing help of our parents! Go to SignUp.com to look at upcoming *volunteer opportunities* and submit your name for participation. And/or *join our email list* by sending an email to: ps127pta@gmail.com

Keep an eye out for flyers announcing the following

Upcoming Events:

- Oct 6 - the first **Family Friday** of the year. Join your child's class during the first period of the day on the first Friday of every month. A **Class Parents Meeting** will follow in the Hot Lunch Room.
- Oct 13 - the first **School Store** will begin after school! Set-up will be outside (weather permitting) and will include Fruity Friday items, t-shirts, used books, etc. Parent volunteers are needed!
- Oct 14 - the **Ragamuffin Parade** on 3rd Ave. Free Fruity Friday coupons will be given to attendees! Show your PS 127 pride and march with us!
- Oct 19 - our first **General PTA Mtg** will feature David Aja-Sigmon as a guest speaker who will inform us about the November Canned Food Drive benefiting the Bay Ridge Food Pantry.
- Oct 27 - **Cupcake Friday**. Donations of homemade or store-bought cupcakes AND volunteers are always needed.
- Oct 31 - **Halloween Parade**. Come watch your child's classroom parade in costume around the school yard. The **Pumpkin Decorating Contest** winners will be judged and announced that day. Top 3 winners will receive gift cards from Kaleidoscope Toy Store on 3rd Ave. **Fall Photos** will also be taken that day.
- Nov 10 -the first **Movie Night** of the year! Film title and movie times TBA.
- Nov 21 - the first **Used Book Sale** of the year! Start checking your bookshelves for old/unused children's books to donate to the school.

Reminders:

- Cherrydale Catalog Sales** have begun and will continue until October 20th.
- The **School Leadership Team (SLT)** has TWO (2) parent positions available to be filled asap. If you're interested, please submit your name and contact info to the front office before the **October 19 General PTA Meeting**, during which time the vote will take place. Candidates must be present at the General PTA Meeting during the vote.

Want to share your ideas? Have questions? Please join the informal and private PS 127 Parent page on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PS127/>) and/or contact the PTA by leaving a note in the front office.

Thank you!
The PTA Executive Board
Maha Jawad - President
Jessica Corbin - Vice President
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Diana Vargas - Corresponding Secretary
Vanessa Aja-Sigmon - Recording Secretary