

ADMINISTRATORS' ANNOUNCEMENT

The students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 have been administered the NYS Math exams on May 1st and May 2nd. We would like to thank all of the members of our school community for working together to not only prepare our children for the NYS ELA and Math exams, but also for making sure that they were in school on time, well prepared, and ready to do their best. With the help and support from each of you, we can proudly say that the administration of the exams went smoothly.

The Saturday Academy for English Language Learners has provided our ENL students with additional instruction to reinforce English language acquisition skills as well as their reading and writing skills. The program offered ongoing support to the students who are currently being administered the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT).

We are pleased to continue having the After School Enrichment Clubs: the Midori and Friends Chorus and Bucket Drumming (Grades 3, 4, and 5), the P.S. 127 Rocks Program (Grades 4 and 5), the Fun Fitness Club (Grade 2), the English Language Learner Enrichment Program (Grade 1), and the STEAM Program (Kindergarten).

During this month, we will be celebrating Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day and recognizing the commitment and hard work of all of our staff members. We are also looking forward to the special activities and events that have been planned this month such as: the Dance for Grades 3 and 4 students on May 3rd, The PTA plant sale on May 10th, the District 20 Visual Arts Showcase on May 14th, our school fundraiser RADIO BINGO on the evening of May 16th, the District 20 Performing Arts Festival on May 17th, and the Midori and Friends After School Chorus and Bucket Drumming culminating event on May 29th. The NYS Science Performance Test will be administered to the Grade 4 students on May 22nd through May 24th and the NYS Science Written Test will be administered to the Grade 4 students on June 3rd.

Thank you again for your active involvement and continuous support. We look forward to seeing you throughout this month and we wish all of the wonderful Moms a very Happy Mother's Day!



PARENT COORDINATOR

WOW!!!! The May newsletter. Now that the State Exams are over, there are many exciting events planned for our children. Please make sure to check the monthly calendar for the event dates.

**Student of the Month
 APRIL**

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>
K-102	ELLA TUNG LIAM TIMG
K-105	ALBERTO AVILA DAVID LEUNG RAY JUN LIN
K-106	RUFAYDA NAGI
K-107	WENYIN CHEN EASON HUANG
K-108	NAEL KHALAYFA
1-101	AIDEN BAYOLIMA TINA XU
1-103	SOFIA MEDINA ARSENI KORCHOVYI
1-202	MARIAM ABU-LAWI
1-201	YACHEN JIANG
2-208	VINCENT KHUZAM HADJAR ZAFOUN
2-209	YAMILET VALENCIA
2-210	MIA OROPEZA UNHUA GUAN
3-203	FRANCESCO VIOLANTE ALBA HASANDEKAJ
3-204	AVA ARRABITO
3-207	AYLINE SALAZAR
3/4/5-206	OTO GALLARDO 4-206
4-301 Rdg	JADEN CHEN
4-301 Math	MATTHEW HO
4-301 SS/Wtg	YA HAN JIANG
4-302 Rdg	ESMERALDA TORRES FLORES
4-302 Math	RONALD PADILLA
4-302 SS/Wtg	XIN YING LIN
4-306 Rdg	NORA BRAHMI
4-306 Math	JACKSON XIE
4-306 SS/Wtg	IBRAHIM YUSUF
5-305 Rdg	ERIK MUNOZ
5-305 Math	MARILYN PINA
5-305 SS/Wtg	SHAWNA WILLIAMS
5-307 Reading	LILA KOSTELA
5-307 Math	ROSSAN ELSAFI
5-307 SS/Wtg	VICTORIA CAO
5-308 Rdg	JOY QIU
5-308 Math	JOY QIU
5-308 SS/Wtg	RIDA AMER
ART	JANETH MARTINEZ 5-305 PATRICK ZHONG 4-301
SC 3-5	RAYAN ACHRI 3-203 CASSIE YEE 3-203
PHYS. ED C.	ALANAH RUIZ 4-302 XIN YING LIN 4-302
PHYS. ED M.	NICHOLAS SCHROER 4-306 DEANNA KADI 4-306
DANCE	HANEEN TWAITI 5-308 SYDNEY SHUM 5-307

GRADE NEWS

Kindergarten

May is a great month to enjoy the outdoors and bring your child to the local library. We continue to stress the importance of having your child read daily at home. During the month of May, all kindergarten students will continue to practice for our Stepping-Up Ceremony. We will be completing our GoMath and Journey's curriculum, which will focus on getting ready for 1st grade." We want to wish all our brave soldiers a Happy Memorial Day and we thank you for all you've done for our country.

First Grade

First graders will be using a Venn Diagram to compare and contrast characters and events in the stories that we read. We will also deepen our comprehension skills by reviewing text and graphic features in our stories, as well as completing story structure maps. In math, we will be learning the various attributes of 2 and 3 dimensional shapes. In writing, we will be creating opinion writing pieces using topic and detail sentences. First grade teachers and students would like to wish the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders good luck on the NYS Math Exams!

Second Grade

Second graders are "spring"-ing into the month of May, and there are many exciting and fun things that will be happening! During our Journeys lessons, we will be exploring skills such as cause/effect and drawing conclusions. We will continue learning about measurement for our Go Math lessons - this time using centimeters and meters. During writing workshop, we will be crafting a variety of informational pieces. Students in the second grade classes will be going on some fun and

educational trips. We look forward to a great month!

Third Grade

April showers bring May flowers! State testing is complete. Thank you to all the third graders for all the hard work you have shown throughout the testing period. May 15th we will be visiting Pizzeria Uno to learn how to make pizza, a very popular dish in Italy. We will be starting a new math chapter, learning about shapes. May 21st, Imagination Creation will be visiting our classrooms to teach us about the water cycle.

3/4/5

This month, we will be reviewing target skills such as sequence of events, and main idea and details. In writing we are blooming into our poetry units. In math, we will be classifying two – dimensional figures. Please continue to read every night and study daily math facts.

4th Grade ELA

We hope that you all had a very restful Spring Break. Good luck to all the fourth grade students on The New York State Mathematics Exam, I know you will do your best and make us all proud!

4th Grade Math

Congratulations to all of our students for completing the New York State Math exam! Now it's time for a little fun (while we prepare for the upcoming Science exam, of course). This month, we are preparing for our I Love NY Assembly and completing our Geometry Map projects. We hope to see you at our assembly on May 31st!

4th Grade SS/Writing

This month in Social / Studies and Writing, fourth grade will continue to study Immigration. In Writing, students will evaluate the way writers organize their informative essays, and analyze information from nonfiction articles, maps, and photographs. They will then interview an immigrant and write an informative essay of their own. In Social Studies, students will work in groups to create a "STEAM" project reflecting the immigration process to America. We will also be practicing for the "I Love NY" assembly, which is scheduled for Friday May 31st.

5th Grade ELA

We have concluded our novel study of the book "Holes", and we will soon begin our final novel study of the year for "Wonder". We will continue to focus on various reading skills and strategies, as well as focusing on point of view and perspectives of the characters.

5th Grade Math

State testing time is finally done, Now it's time to have some fun! Senior activities, fun projects, and more, Wait until you see what we have in store! Happy May!

5th Grade SS/Writing

In Social Studies 5th grade continues to explore the Westward Expansion. While exploring the Westward Expansion We will write a personal narrative showing our adventurers in the form of a journal.



CLUSTER NEWS

Art

K-2 are exploring with creating sculptures from magic model clay. Third grade are creating self-portraits in graphite pencils. Fourth and fifth grade are creating symmetrical illustrations of various artwork inspired by Native American Indian art.



Science

Grade 3 will continue to learn about similarities and differences of animals. Grade 4 will continue preparing for the New York State Science Test. The test is given in two parts. The first part is a Performance test and the second part is a Written test. Testing begins in late May. I will be hosting a parent workshop in May giving more information about the Grade 4 New York State Science test. An invitation will be sent out in the next few weeks. Grade 5 will continue to learn about matter.

Physical Education

We have now ended our Basketball unit and will be starting our Floor Hockey unit. Grades 3-5 will be practicing drills and skills with stick handling, dribbling, passing, and shooting. Kindergarten through grade 2 will be practicing with scooter hockey equipment and practicing directional pathways.

Dance

As May approaches, we are focusing on making pathways with our bodies. Students are using their minds and bodies to follow visual examples of pathways through locomotive movements. Dynamic Dance Club will be performing at our upcoming PTA meeting on May 16th at 8:45 am. They will also be performing on May 17th at the District 20 Performing Arts Festival. We look forward to seeing you at our performance.

ENL

NYSESLAT testing is in full swing!!! The NYSESLAT is administered to all our English Language Learners to measure their speaking, listening, reading, and writing. The speaking portion of the NYSESLAT will be completed by first week in May. The students will be tested in the listening, reading, and writing in the next two weeks. Good luck to all our ENL students. We are confident that students will do their best as they continue to improve their English language skills.

SUPPORT SERVICES

OT/PT

Hello Families! We hope you had a restful spring break. This month our program will be continuing to focus on developing our students' problem solving skills and developing strategies for our students with attention difficulties. If you see your child at home struggling in these areas you may be able to help them by giving clear and simple directions, giving them 'brain breaks' between hard assignments, or setting a timer for work sessions. There are many strategies that can be the right fit for your child. See how these work for your child or even for yourself and see how your productivity improves!

Speech

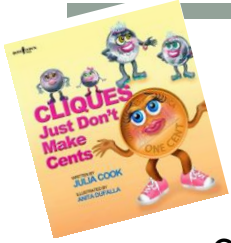
Now that the tests are over, the weather is warming up, and we are looking towards the summer it's time to review goals and focus on carrying over what the kids have learned and continuing their hard work in other settings. Grades K-2 help your children with the phonological awareness (sounds). Play games with letter tiles, changing one letter of a four letter word to make a new word (ex: card - cart). You can make the words harder or easier. As you walk, look for words they can read on street and store signs. 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). This will help put images in their head which helps them get a better grasp on what they are reading. Remember, you can make any moment a teachable moment. Enjoy the beautiful weather!!

AIS/IEP/SETSS - SETSS is BLOOMING into fun and new activities....

NYS Math exam is approaching fast and we are all prepared! By the second week of May, the students will finally be able to take a little breather. The SETSS schedule will get back on track and will resume in mid-May. All sessions continue with multi-sensory, hands on activities that strengthen the student's cognitive skills. Come see how we grow! Reminder – ALL 4th grade students will be taking the NYS Science Exam! The performance portion of the exam starts from May 22 – May 31st. The written portion of the exam is June 3rd. Wishing all our little scientists the best of luck!

Counselor

As we wind down the school year let's start thinking about our Spring Goals. In the Fall we start the year off with motivation and try to reach goals we set for ourselves. By now, we may have reached those goals. Should we be happy with our success? Sure! But should we still challenge ourselves? Yes! Start to think of some spring goals you may have for yourself that you can strive to complete by the end of the school year. Students who challenge themselves are most ready to be promoted to the next grade =).



Book of the Month
MAY

Cliques Just Don't Make Cents
By: Julia Cook

Cliques Just Don't Make Cents written by author Julia Cook is a book that helps kids understand the emotional toll that cliques can have on those who are excluded from popular social groups. It also teaches children how to build better relationships.

Penny tries to hang with the Coin Clique, but she usually feels left out. The other coins, especially Quarter and Half Dollar are best friends, do everything together, and tell Penny that she isn't worth much. Then one day Penny lands in a pocket with the beautiful, gold dollar coin. Dollar is different from the silver coins too, and she starts to teach Penny how special and valuable she really is. With Dollar's help, Penny learns to feel as shiny on the inside as she looks on the outside.

This book is a wonderful tool to use with our school's social-emotional RULER approach. Please take some time to discuss this book at home with your child and the lesson they have learned.

Title 1:

2019 Title 1 Parent Committee
/PTA Events:
(all take place after Family Friday)

June 7 - Annual Volunteer Breakfast. All are welcome.

All events include coffee, snacks, and smiling faces! Hope to see you there.



Student Council Corner

Happy Spring! As we move into the end of the year we are busy completing our final fundraisers. Our students are so successful at helping our community & I am so proud! A look ahead into May, Spirit week is coming up the last week of May where we will celebrate with some fun filled days as well as have Purple Day- Relay For Life Day in which we will wear our team T-Shirts to raise money for our Relay For Life Team.

PTA

- May 8** – Senior Trip for 5th Grade
- May 10** – Mother's Day Plant Sale
- May 14** – 5th Grade Talent Show & Wax Museum
- May 16** – PTA Meeting - Apple Bank Manager to discuss the benefits of opening an account for our children.
- Ms. Spano's Dance Club Performance
- Radio Bingo – information flyer was sent home
- May 17**- District 20 Performing Arts Festival at McKinley JHS
- May 29** – Midori's Culminating Performance
- June 7** - Annual Volunteer Breakfast. All are welcome.
- June 22** – Relay for Life

Sweet Shop every Friday.
Thank you.

As always we appreciate all your donations and participation.
Happy Mother's Day!



May Notes from Nurse Mary



Spring has sprung all around us! Please remember your allergy medication as ordered by your MD before school. If any medication (ordered by your MD) is needed at school a 504 form is needed and available at the nurse's office and online. Please have MD and parent sign and parent bring form completed with medication to the nurse. Remember to dress for the weather and bring a sweater. Enjoy the Spring Season!