

ADMINISTRATORS' ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we have entered the month of November, we are very excited to announce that P.S. 127 has been able to offer our third and fourth grade students a chorus program through a residency with Midori and Friends! The children have begun a weekly program on Tuesday afternoons. The program takes place from 2:40 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. We would like to thank Councilman Vincent Gentile for awarding our school the funds needed to make this program possible!

This month, the teachers have prepared the students' report cards which will reflect their performance in class. Report cards will be distributed at Parent-Teacher Conferences. Please make every effort to attend. The conferences will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 12:40-2:40 pm (afternoon) and 4:30-7:30 pm (evening). As a reminder, our school will follow the district-wide grading system. Each report card will have an explanation of these guidelines. If you have any questions, you are encouraged to speak to your child's teacher.

Open School Week will take place during the week of November 13, 2017. As we are aware, parent-school relationships lead to the educational success of each student. Therefore, we encourage families to visit classes during this week to observe the wonderful things that are taking place in our school.

During this time of year, we reflect on the many things we are thankful for. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the P.S. 127 school community for your commitment and hard work. We are truly grateful for all of your help and amazing support. Together, we dedicate ourselves and make every effort to give our children all that they deserve.

We sincerely thank everyone for their efforts in working together to ensure our students' success and wish all of our P.S. 127 families a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

PARENT COORDINATOR NEWS

As we move into the month of November and begin to get ready for the holiday season, we would like to wish our P.S. 127 Community a very Happy Thanksgiving. Please remember those less fortunate by donating to our Food Drive and Toys for Tots. Fifth grade parents, middle school applications will be coming home this month. Please be aware that all applications have strict due dates, so be sure to check your child's folders. Please also check the calendar for all upcoming events – November is a busy month!



GRADE NEWS

Kindergarten

Autumn leaves are changing colors and falling! During CKCC the children will explore feelings, and how our thoughts affect our feelings, and how our feelings affect our behavior. In Math, we will represent, count, and write numbers 6 to 9, and compare numbers to 10. In Reading, we will learn about our five senses, we will learn to compare and contrast, understand how characters impact the story, and the main idea. In Writing, we will be writing descriptive sentences. We give thanks for all of the wonderful people in our lives!

First Grade

This month, first graders will continue to focus on addition and subtraction strategies in our math program, Go Math! In reading, we will continue to learn new strategies to help us with our comprehension skills such as: creating story structure maps, inferring story characters' feelings, and sequencing story events using transition words. We hope to see all parents and guardians during Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 16, 2017. Have a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

Second Grade

November has "fall"-en upon us, and second graders have been hard at work learning and discovering new things. Our Journeys lessons will find us exploring concepts such as text and graphic features and drawing conclusions. Our Chapter 3 GoMath lessons will revolve around basic facts and addition. We will be crafting informational paragraphs during writing workshop, and we will be learning about the Earth's surface during our science lessons. Additionally, all second grade classes will proudly be presenting their fall assembly celebrating autumn, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving on November 21st. We hope to see everyone there, as we are so thankful for all of the support and

encouragement from the members of our P.S. 127 family!

Third Grade

On November 8th, Grade 3 will have our Imagination Creation Assembly in each class. If You Came to the New World.... Each class will experience the voyage of the Pilgrims as they came to America. Next we have Parent Teacher Conferences on the 16th. Finally, on November 21st, each class will have a Cultural Feast (please check your child's homework folder for all the details). We can't wait to experience a "taste" of the different cultures in our classroom in honor of Thanksgiving.

3/4/5

As we prepare for the Holiday of Thanksgiving, I am very thankful for teaching your children. We have begun Unit 2 in Journeys. Our reading skills will include cause and effect, understanding characters, main idea and details, and conclusions and generalizations. We have begun chapter 3 in math. Our skills will be understanding multiplication, and adding and subtracting decimals. I encourage you to practice multiplication facts with your children daily. I wish all of you a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving.

4th Grade ELA

The fourth grade readers have been working on reading a wide variety of literature pieces in Unit 1! We have read prose, poetry and most recently a play. The common theme has been people in communities reaching out to help others. We hope that everyone in our school community has a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

4th Grade Math

During November, we will be continuing to work on multiplication. We are working towards mastery of multiplication tables. Please review multiplication tables every night with your child. We are looking forward to meeting with parents on

November 16th for Parent Teacher Conferences. We hope everyone has a lovely Thanksgiving!

4th Grade SS/Writing

This month the students will continue to learn about the Native Americans, through project based learning. Students will synthesize the information that they have researched and discussed about the Lenape Societies to demonstrate how the Native Americans in New York State used the natural resources around them. In writing, fourth grade will learn how to write an opinion essay. The students will base their essay on close readings and examination of sources. They will learn how to state an opinion and give strong reasons to support it.

5th Grade ELA

We have had a fun time working on our STEAM projects during reading class. The students worked in groups modifying an existing invention. We are almost finished completing them, and will present them very soon, and display in our classroom. We are excited to see the finished products!!!

5th Grade Math

We have just finished Chapter 2, - memorizing our multiplication facts is what we must do. Place value and decimals are in Chapter 3, We will see how much fun they can be! Parent Teacher Conferences are November 16th. Can't wait to meet all of you!

5th Grade SS/Writing

In writing, the 5th grade will learn how to research and develop an informative writing piece on the ancient Mayan Civilization. In social studies, after designing and creating Mayan masks, the students will now learn about the Mayan writing system and create glyphs to add to their masks.

CLUSTER NEWS

Visual Arts

Kindergarten through Second Grade are creating portraits. Third graders are exploring with lines and shapes to create Halloween scenes. Fourth and fifth grade is creating handmade books.

Science 3-5

Hello everyone! Happy November!!! During this month the 4th grade students will be exploring adaptations while the 5th graders will continue investigating Earth Science. Additionally, 4th and 5th grade classes will begin working on their science research reports. I would like them to think of a question or an area of interest to them and begin collecting information related to their topic. Sources of information include articles, books, websites, video/audio clips, trips, pictures, interviews etc. Be on the lookout for more information regarding this project.

Physical Education

Grades K-5 are working on throwing and catching skills. The students are practicing the skills taught in class by working at various throwing stations. These stations challenge the students' at all different levels. Please practice at home!! Grades 3-5 are working on the components of fitness gram. These components measure the student's cardiovascular endurance, upper body strength and flexibility. The children are taught exercises in class to help strengthen these areas and build their core. Please have your child exercise each night. Be active and eat healthy!!!

Dance

Welcome November! Children have a large appetite for movement. Fortunately, dance class is helping to build each students' confidence and strength. As we continue to focus on the elements of dance, we are learning new choreography that we plan on performing for all parents and friends one day! Grades K-5 are working on using their loco-motor skills to create movement maps for our first steam project.

SUPPORT SERVICES

ENL

Happy Fall to all our ENL Parents and Families! We are grateful for so much, but especially all the students' hard work. We look forward to meeting with parents at the upcoming Parent Teacher Conference. Thank you for your continued support.

AIS/IEP/SETSS

A time for being THANKFUL from SE Support! The implementation of reading logs and journal writing is about to begin! The benefits of student journal writing supports the development of student thinking – it turbo-charges curiosity! I'm looking forward to discussing these assignments and the other work that your children have been engaged with you during the November PTC. At this time, I want to wish all of my P.S. 127 families a wonderful Thanksgiving season!

Speech

Grades K-5 have been working hard on their goals. We continue to incorporate multi-sensory prompting to help each student embed the skills learned into their memory. The lower grades are reinforcing phonemic awareness into all goals to help with reading and writing. The upper grades are using a variety of graphic organizers to help with vocabulary and comprehension of more difficult reading passages. Remember to make any moment a teachable moment. Read with your children, ask them questions, play games and have fun!

PT/OT

It might not feel like it, but fall is officially here! November kicks off the holiday season and offers endless creative ways to promote your child's development of speech and language, fine motor skills, and more (without them even knowing)! Here's a free idea: take a nature walk in your community (while you still can before it gets too cold) to explore and practice their language skills. During your walk, you and your child can use your senses to explore nature, develop vocabulary, and collect leaves or acorns to use for fall crafts.

Guidance

Thank you for helping P.S. 127 celebrate National Bullying Prevention Month in October. We aim to continue to teach our students to show respect throughout the school year! Support from families is always appreciated as we need to work as a team to ensure our students are meeting all of their social, emotional and academic goals. Here are some tips to help you create a respectful atmosphere at home. Behave Respectfully: Create family rules that contain the word RESPECT. An example is "Respect others by keeping your hands and feet to yourself" Speak Respectfully: Ask your child to rephrase questions when they aren't respectful. If your child says "I want snack now", say "I'll listen when you ask nicely." Parents can model the behavior on a regular basis. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book of the Month

Baditude! What to Do When Life Stinks! is a story that teaches children how to change a negative attitude to a positive attitude. The story centers on the main character, Noodle. Everything in Noodle's life stinks, or so he thinks. Homework stinks. Practice stinks. Yard work stinks. And family pictures? They REALLY stink! Author Julia Cook's newest title in the Responsible Me! series is the story of Noodle, a boy whose attitude, "or baditude," is alienating everyone around him. Can Noodle let go of his angst and try to find the brighter side of life? With help from a teacher and his mom, Noodle learns how to turn his 'have tos' into 'get tos' and his baditude into gratitude! Please use this book as a teaching tool. Enjoy!

Message from the Nurse

November is here and Nurse Mary Montalbano is starting her (AOA) Asthma Open Airway education to the 3,4 and 5 graders who have not attended already. The Kindergarten classes have been very excited to learn 15 ways to stay healthy! We are also reminding parents to return all new admission exams and forms ASAP and don't forget to get the Flu Immunization!

Reminders

Nov 1-	Food Drive Kick-Off
Nov 7 –	School Closed – Election Day
Nov 16 –	11:40AM Dismissal for Students PTC 12:40PM-2:40PM 4:30PM – 7:30PM
Nov 13-17-	Open School Week
Nov 17 –	Food Drive Ends
Nov 20 –	Toys for Tots Begins
Nov 21 –	"Day of Gratitude" Used Book Sale

Title 1

Title 1 Parent Committee:

Our next Title 1 event is everyone's favorite: **Desserts Around the World!** On Friday December 1, after Family Friday, join us in the cold lunch room and bring something delicious to share! If possible, bring a sweet treat that reflects your ethnic or cultural heritage, or just bring your favorite dessert! Homemade, store bought... whatever satisfies your sweet tooth! Coffee will be provided, and we'll enjoy getting to know each other and making our community stronger.

On Tuesday Nov 5 at 9 a.m., we will hold a **Parent Workshop on Pedestrian and Street Safety for your Kids**, led by the city's Vision Zero program. Drop off your child at school, then come downstairs to the Cold Lunch Room for a cup of coffee and a light breakfast while you gain confidence in how to talk to your child(ren) about street smarts. FREE to all parents and guardians!

We hope to see you at BOTH events!

PTA

What a great start it's been to this school year! October was busy with so many successful fundraisers and events - thanks to the parents and staff who helped with Class Photos, the Halloween Parade and Fall Photos, School Store, and Cupcake Friday! Your time, donations, and energy are what make this a wonderful, enriching school community!

Upcoming Events:

The **Food Drive** begins Nov 2 and **ends Nov 17**. Canned and dried (non-perishable) foods can be brought to the school and dropped inside the marked boxes located in hallways and lunch rooms. Donations will be used by the Bay Ridge Food Pantry, located at: 6753 4th Ave in Bay Ridge. If your own family is in need of food, the Food Pantry is open on Tues and Thurs from 11-2 pm.

The next **Family Friday** event is Nov 3. Join your child's class for the first period of school, if you're able. Younger children are welcome.

Nov 7 is **Election Day**, which means no school. Don't forget to vote!

Join us for our next **PTA General Meeting** on Nov 16 at 8:45 a.m., where we will hold our Student of the Month ceremony, and you can have a chance to sign up as a PTA volunteer and win a raffle basket while enjoying a cup of coffee.

Class Photo Re-takes will be held Wednesday Nov 15. Instructions to come...

The next **School Store** will take place on Nov 17 after dismissal. Buy treats, school spirit gear, and more!

Our **Used Book Sale** will take place Tuesday Nov 21. Have books that your children are no longer reading? Declutter your shelves, then drop them off at the front office. Students will have a chance throughout the day to purchase gently used books from \$1-\$3 each.

Ask your 3rd and 4th grader about **Jazz In The Schools!** These students enjoyed a jazz quartet performance from the Lincoln Center's Jazz For Young People program. They will attend two more jazz concerts before the end of the year.

The **Brooklyn Italians Soccer** clinic will end on Nov 13 (rain date: Nov 20). Thank you to all our soccer players who participated in this after-school program!

*There will be more chances to volunteer! Send an email to: ps127pta@gmail.com to be placed on a mailing list and join the **PS 127 Parents Facebook** page for updates. Work outside of the home and can't make it to the school? Everyone can help in different ways, so be in touch to find out how you can help! We need errand-runners, translators, and more.*