

ADMINISTRATORS' ANNOUNCEMENT

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! We would like to thank you for all of your warm wishes. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and a restful Winter Recess.

The start of a new year brings time to reflect on the past and begin to consider what can be. During this time many set "New Year's Resolutions" or goals that they would like to accomplish over a certain period of time. Some are successful, while others eventually fall by the way side. Either way, taking time to set goals and make a plan to achieve those goals are worthwhile endeavors.

At P.S. 127, we are constantly learning new practices, using student achievement data to make decisions about instruction, collaborating with each other to individualize what is needed for each child, and setting goals for future work.

As a school community, our ultimate goal is to increase achievement for all of our students. By proudly working together, we will continue to strive and ensure all of our students are excelling in their learning.

We are excited about the valuable opportunities that lie ahead in the New Year. We look forward to providing students with additional specific goal-oriented programs that will address the needs of our students such as, a Test Prep program, a Saturday Academy for English Language Learners and various enrichment programs such as, Midori & Friends After-School Chorus and "Jazz For Young People" from Lincoln Center.

Throughout the school year, we will continue to promote social and emotional learning and expose students to an Inspirational Quote each week which has given them an opportunity to explore the meaning and its positive message.

All families are encouraged to be actively involved in their children's education by communicating with school staff on a regular basis to support student learning and build a valuable partnership that is so important to student academic success.

We would like to remind you that each Tuesday afternoon from 2:40-3:15 pm is dedicated to parent communication. This is one of the times set aside for you to make appointments, or to call your child's teacher. If you need any assistance with this, please reach out to your child's teacher or our parent coordinator, Mrs. Rosann Vento. Thank you for your continuous support.

Again, we wish you and your family a very Happy and Healthy 2018!

PARENT COORDINATOR NEWS

Happy New Year to all. The second part of the school year is off to a very exciting start. There are many events on the calendar. Please make sure to check them each month so that you and your child do not miss out on any of the events.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER

CLASS	CHILD'S NAME
K-102	SAFAA DOUAH ZAIN JAWAD
K-105	HANA BRIO SO LEASON BECKFORD
K-106	BENJAMIN ESCOBAR JESSICA QUI
K-107	HONG YU YU TINA XU
K-108	CHELSEA CHEN GUSTAVO MARTINEZ-SANCHE
1-101	ISABELLA PONCE-DIAZ JUSTIN COJ-HERNANDEZ
1-103	EYAD EL SAYED EVAN VASQUEZ
1-201	JULIAN DELGADO KELLY MEI
1-202	ARYA TURNER MATILDE RAMOS
2-208	JASON LIU SELINA DONG
2-209	THOMAS LIU
2-210	CASSIE YEE ALVIN DONG
3-203	GABRIELLA PERALTA GIUSEPPE LEONE
3-204	CRISTOFER CASTRO TRINITY CHEN
3-207	XIN YING LIN IBRAHIM YUSEF
3/4/5-206	ABOBAKER KASSIM
4-301Rdg	ANTHONY TORRES REYES
4-301Math	HALEY MENDEZ
4-301 SS/Wtg	KLAI DI LAMCE
4-302 Rdg	VICTORIA YANG
4-302 Math	DANIEL VAZQUEZ
4-302 SS/Wtg	ANGELICA MEDINA
4-306 Rdg	ELIZABETH TORRES
4-306 Math	GODFREY CHEN
4-306 SS/Wtg	RIDA AMER
5-305 Rdg	JAYLEE CARTAGEA
5-305 Math	AMANDA CHEN
5-305 SS/Wtg	GABRIELLE TARANTOLA
5-307 Rdg	MIRIAM FERRAJ
5-307 Math	DIOLA DACAJ
5-307 SS/Wtg	AMY GAO
5-308 Rdg	NATALIA MARCZAK
5-308 Math	MIA BAEZ
5-308 SS/Wtg	BRIAN ZHONG
ART	LENKA KRAFCIK 3-207 EMMA RIVERA 3-207
SCI 3-5	CATHERINE CHAN 4-306 GODFREY CHEN 4-306
PHYS. ED	CHARLES FERGUSON 4-302 ALBIONA FIDA 4-302
PHYS.ED	STANLEY ZHU 1-101 SOFIA LECLER K-102
DANCE	KLAI DI LAMCE 4-301 JOY QIU 4-301

GRADE NEWS

Kindergarten

This month, kindergarten students will be working on narrative writing. We will get to use more sensory words to describe objects. We will also practice on blending sounds to read words. Our GoMath lessons will be concentrated on learning how to represent, count and write number 11 to 19. It is the first month of the New Year, and we are ready for getting busy and working hard all month long! Happy New Year!

First Grade

First graders are looking forward to learning in 2018! In writing, we will be working on writing an informational writing piece on polar bears using various texts. In math, we will be representing numbers using tens and ones. We will be using manipulatives such as longs and cubes to make numbers. We will also be using the less than, greater than and equal symbols to compare numbers. In reading, we will be sequencing story events, finding cause and effect relationships and using details to draw conclusions.

Second Grade

Welcome back to school! We hope everyone had a happy and restful winter vacation. Second graders will continue their learning adventures as the New Year begins. In our Journeys lessons we will be exploring reading skills such as drawing conclusions and analyzing text and graphic features. Our GoMath lessons will find us practicing 2-digit subtraction with and without regrouping. We will be crafting various persuasive/opinion pieces during writing workshop. A new year is here,

and we're giving a cheer! 2018 will be bright and we're starting the year off right!

Third Grade

Welcome to 2018! Our Test Prep Academy and ENL Academy are in full swing. We are continuing to study the continent of Africa and are moving on to the continent of Asia in February. In math, we are studying related facts of multiplication and division, so please continue to drill at home. Hope to see everyone on Family Friday to join in on our S.T.E.A.M. activity based on the book of the month.

3/4/5

Welcome back, I hope you had a wonderful and restful Winter Break. The students in class 3/4/5-206 continue to strive for their goals. We will be continuing Unit 2 in Journeys. Our reading skills will include Cause and Effect, Understanding Characters, Main Idea and Details, and Author's Purpose. We will also be starting Chapter 5 in math. Our skills will be understanding multiplication facts, using multiples and patterns, and multiplying decimals. I encourage you to practice multiplication and division facts with your children daily.

4th Grade ELA

Happy New Year! The fourth grade students will be starting a new Unit on natural disasters. We are looking forward to our STEAM project that we will work on in February.

4th Grade Math

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a restful Holiday Break. During January, we will be

transitioning into the Volume 2 GoMath workbook and the Volume 1 book will be sent home. This marks the beginning of the critical area: Fractions and Decimals.

4th Grade SS/Writing

This month in Social Studies fourth grade will continue to study Colonial New York. Students will learn how English settlements in North America grew to become thriving colonies. They will also learn about the similarities and differences in the geography and economies of the colonies. They will focus on how the colonists lived and understand how the colonies grew and changed over time. In Writing, students will evaluate the way writers organize their informative essays, and analyze information from non-fiction articles, maps, and photographs. They will then use what they have learned to write informative essays of their own.

5th Grade ELA

Happy New Year! The fourth grade students will be starting a new Unit on natural disasters. We are looking forward to our STEAM project that we will work on in February.

5th Grade Math

Happy New Year! 2018 is going to be a great year. Test Prep is beginning and before we know it the state tests are here! Remember, hard work pays off!

5th Grade SS/Writing

Happy New Year! January will be filled with continuing our European exploration and finishing our opinion essays on Christopher Columbus.

CLUSTER NEWS

Visual Arts

K-1 are exploring with winter scenes. Second and third grade will be creating posters for "Respect FOR All." Fourth grade will learn about master artist Henri Matisse and will create self-portraits in the style of Fauvism. Fifth grade are creating illustrations of dancers which were inspired by master artist Edgar Degas.

Science 3-5

Happy New Year!!! We are looking forward to an exciting year in Science class. In the next few weeks we will begin to work on our Science Fair Projects!! Parents of students in grades 3-5 please join me for a Parent Workshop on January 23rd at 3:00 in the multipurpose room where I will discuss the requirements for Science Fair projects. The New Year is a great time to reset and regroup. Please make sure that students are coming to class prepared with all of their supplies including enough sharpened pencils for the day. All the best in the year ahead!!!

Physical Education

Grades K-3: Students are still working on soccer drills and ready to play various cooperative soccer games to practice skills taught in class. Towards the end of the month we will be introducing the basic skills of volleyball. For the lower grades we will start with hitting and striking before moving onto bumping and setting. Grades 4-5: Students continue to work on the components of New York City Fitness Gram. We have completed the PACER and trunk lift. We are working on push-ups and curl-ups now. Next will be our flexibility test, the Sit and Reach. The children will also have an opportunity to play fun cooperative soccer games.

Dance

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed your break. In dance, students are working on loco motor and non-loco-motor skills in an obstacle course. We are also continuing learning various dance styles and choreography. Students in 5th grade have the opportunity to research and discuss different dance styles and famous dancers as well. Stay warm!

SUPPORT SERVICES

ENL

Happy New Year! We hope all our students and families had a restful Winter Break! The NYSESLAT will be held in April and May 2018. We are beginning our Saturday ELL Academy January 6th to help our students prepare for the exam. As always, we are available for questions and conferences every Tuesday afternoon.

AIS/IEP/SETSS

SETSS rings in 2018! I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy their wonderful family and friends over the vacation. As the New Year rings in, the SETSS students will continue working on vocabulary, sentence writing, reading comprehension strategies, and new math concepts. To reinforce all the skills that the students are learning, listed are a few websites to use at home. www.turtlediary.com, reallygoodstuff.com, jumpstart.com.

Speech

We are starting off the New Year with a boost of energy. The students are reviewing their goals to stay focused and enthusiastic. We continue to scaffold the skills taught in the classroom to build a stronger base of knowledge for the students meeting their language goals in a small group. Speech goals targeting articulation continue to be addressed with hands-on fun activities and funny stories containing target sounds. We're hoping you all have a happy and healthy new year.

Counselor

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school and welcome to 2018! Take this time to think of your 2018 New Year's Resolutions. It is a great time to refresh and think of what old habits you can change or what new good habits you can introduce. There's always room for improvements ;)

Student Council Corner

We're kicking off the New Year with another fundraiser that will be led by the student council. Make a Wish foundation fund raiser will take place 1/19/18. Student Council members will meet early this month to discuss our plan of action. Memos will go home to families and staff in the middle of the month. Keep a look out! We are also hosting our annual "Words Have Power Day", which helps our students understand that words have power to build you up and words have power to tear you down. Let's help P.S. 127 build up our students with kind words.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book of the Month

The Most Magnificent Thing is a charming picture book about an unnamed girl and her very best friend, who happens to be a dog. The girl has a wonderful idea. "She is going to make the most MAGNIFICENT thing! She knows just how it will look. She knows just how it will work. All she has to do is make it, and she makes things all the time. Easy-peasy!" But making her magnificent thing is anything but easy, and the girl tries and fails, repeatedly. Eventually, the girl gets really, really mad. She is so mad, in fact, that she quits. But after her dog convinces her to take a walk, she comes back to her project with renewed enthusiasm and manages to get it just right.

For the exploration of character education, this book offers a perfect example of the rewards of perseverance and creativity. The clever use of verbs in groups of threes is both fun and functional, offering opportunities for wonderful vocabulary enrichment. These precise action words are likely to fire up the imaginations of youngsters eager to create their own inventions and is a great tie-in to learning about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEAM). Enjoy!

Reminders for 2018:

Jan 11 – College Awareness Day
Jan 12 – Grade 3 Jazz for Young People
Jan 15 – MLK Jr. Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Jan 18 – PTA Meeting @ 8:45AM
Jan 19 – Bake-A-Wish
Pampered Chef Fundraiser
Jan 26 – Movie Night
Jan 30 – WORDS HAVE POWER
Feb 16 – 23 – SCHOOL CLOSED for
Mid Winter Break

Title 1

Another FREE parent workshop coming your way! Join us on Friday January 5, after Family Friday, for the Safe Streets Workshop. Led by the Department of Transportation, we'll discuss ways to help your child become Street Smart as pedestrians and bike riders. A light breakfast and coffee will be served.

We'll then celebrate the Lunar New Year after the following Family Friday on February 2, so be on the lookout for a flyer with details about this food- and fun-filled event!

Happy New Year from the Title 1 Parent Program!

PTA

Happy New Year! What an exciting winter we are having! The PTA would like to thank all of the amazing parent volunteers that helped during December's fundraising events. Thanks to the generosity of our parent volunteers and staff, the Holiday Fair & Bake Sale went off without a hitch and we captured some memorable holiday photos. Thank you for all you do!

December's PTA General meeting welcomed Michelle Costin as Recording Secretary, Bonnie Lee as Corresponding Secretary and Arin Cacciolo as Chair for the Fundraising Committee. Welcome and thank you for your commitment and dedication to our school community!

Upcoming Events:

Kids can celebrate their day off from school on January 15th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by not only remembering his life and the important work he did, but also by celebrating the diversity of our communities and participating in the Martin Luther King Day of Service. We are so fortunate to be a part of such a culturally rich community that has so many opportunities to give back and it is never too early to teach kids the importance of volunteering and donating to make our communities even better!

January's PTA General meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 18th at 8:45am, be sure to come celebrate our Student of the Month winners and participate in a raffle! We look forward to seeing you there!

January is full of great opportunities to get involved! The 19th boasts two events: Bake-a-Wish is being held during lunch with proceeds being donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and a Pampered Chef Fundraising event will be held in the evening! Our next movie night is scheduled for January 26th from 6-8pm. Bring the family down for a great night filled with popcorn, treats, movies and memories. Be sure to keep an eye out for flyers in your child's homework folder for more information regarding these upcoming events.

February kicks off with a Someone Special Dance that is planned for Friday February 9th. It's designed for the lower grades: K-2. Instead of a "Father-Daughter" or "Mother-Son" dance, PS 127 recognizes that families comes in all shapes and sizes, so we invite our Kindergarten through 2nd grade students to invite that "Someone Special" to attend an evening dance together!

As always, we need parent volunteers to help plan and execute these special events. Please shoot an e-mail over to ps127pta@gmail.com if you're able to help and join us on the PS 127 Parents Facebook page for updates on upcoming events and opportunities! The PTA is always open to new ideas for fundraising, enrichment and more!