

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

ADMINISTRATORS' ANNOUNCEMENT

It is wonderful to see that Spring has finally sprung! We are looking forward to admiring the beautiful gardens bloom and always enjoy watching our students flourish as well.

We would like to thank you for dedicating time to meet with the teachers during Parent-Teacher Conferences. The total number of parents/guardians that attended Parent-Teacher Conferences on March 15th was 467! It is wonderful to see such great dedication – thank you!

We would like to also thank you for taking the time to complete and submit the NYC School Survey. As you know, you are an essential part of our school community and your voice matters. The survey results provide insight into our school's learning environment and contribute to our School's Quality Snapshot.

We are happy to see the success of our after school enrichment programs as they continue throughout the month of April. Our Grade 2 and 5 students are enjoying their work with Ms. Marsala in the "Fun Fitness Club" and Mrs. Guido in the "Art Enrichment Club." Our Grade 3 students are working hard with Ms. Spano to prepare for the District 20 Arts showcase in the "Dynamic Dance Club"; and our Grades 3 and 4 students are singing their hearts out as the practice for their culminating performance in May with the Midori and Friends Enrichment program.

Throughout the school year, the students have been engaged in well-sequenced units of instruction that are fully aligned to the Common Core Learning Standards. We have been working very hard to provide all students with richer learning experiences and we have continued to set high expectations in order to strengthen student work. As we visit classes, we are delighted to see the children's excitement for learning and commend the extraordinary work that they are producing.

The students in grades 3, 4, and 5 have worked diligently as they prepared for the NYS ELA exam which will be administered on April 11th & 12th.

The students will continue to actively prepare for the NYS Math exam which is scheduled for: May 1st & 2nd.

Please be sure that all students who are taking the state exams get a good night sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive to school on time.

Our Spring Gala "Lights, Camera, Auction!" is scheduled for April 26th. We are looking forward to this wonderful event.

Spring Recess this year is from March 30, 2018 through April 8, 2018. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable vacation!

Happy Spring to all of our P.S. 127 families!

PARENT COORDINATOR NEWS

Happy Spring Everyone! Congratulations to grades 3, 4 and 5 on the NYS ELA exams! Next up....NYS Math exams! Good luck to all. I know all the teachers' and students' hard work will pay off. Thank you everyone for planning our 5th Annual P.S. 127 Gala. We know it will be a HUGE success!

MARCH

CLASS	CHILD'S NAME
K-102	CHLOE HAVILAND AAZTLI WEI CHRISTIAN CHAVEZ
K-105	NOAH PALMER MARIA ESTANISLAO
K-106	KIKI ZHOU KAYDEM MARTINEZ
K-107	AIDEN CHEN SHENG XI CAO
K-108	RUBY LANDRUS JIMMY WU
1-101	ADRIAN TRAN GIANNA SOLITARIO
1-103	LUCAS LI AYAH EL-MIMR
1-201	JAYDEN CHEN ZHI CHEN HUANG
1-202	CRISTOPHE SUSI
2-208	NAZIHA GHAMLOUCH WENJIE LEI
2-209	MARWA DOUAH
2-210	MOHAMED JABER JACK PARRA
3-203	YONGYI CHEN TIFFANY YU
3-204	ALANAH RUIZ KEVIN CHEN
3-207	GREGORY RABINOVICH MOHAMED CHALI
3/4/5-206	MARCELINO TORRES
4-301 Rdg	JUDY ELSAYED
4-301 Math	HANEEN TWAITI
4-301 SS/Wtg	ALI KADI
4-302 Rdg	ANGELICA MEDINA
4-302 Math	ISABEL YU
4-302 SS/Wtg	SHAMIR ALMONTE
4-306 Rdg	YASSIN BAKDOUNES
4-306 Math	NEZAR HAJAR
4-306 SS/Wtg	ROSSAN ELSAFI
5-305 Rdg	AMANDA CHEN
5-305 Math	QILIN CHEN
5-305 SS/Wtg	SHARON DONG
5-307 Rdg	LUCY HOLLAUBEK
5-307 Math	BRANDON CHEN
5-307 SS/Wtg	MARIO ORTIZ
5-308 Rdg	YIFAN ZHENG
5-308 Math	ERICA MUOCO
5-308 SS/Wtg	MIA BAEZ
ART	KEVIN LIN 4-302 DENSON ZHANG 1-101
SCI	2-5 SOON HEE DELORENZO 5-307 BRANDON CHEN 5-307
PHYS. ED	C. BERNICE LI 4-302 ANGELICA MEDINA 4-302
DANCE	AVA ARRABITO 2-208 NAZIHA GHAMLOUCH 2-208

GRADE NEWS

Kindergarten

April is a rainbow month of sudden springtime showers, Bright with golden daffodils and lots of pretty flowers.

Hopefully we will get some warmer spring temperatures! Reading! Writing! Geometry! Our Kindergarteners are hard at work.

We would like to wish everyone a wonderful and restful spring break!

We are looking forward to our Spring Trips!

First Grade

First grade is excited to welcome spring for it has been a long winter! In math, we will be learning about 3 dimensional shapes. In reading, we will continue to work on unit 5 in our Journey's program, which will include putting story events in order and understanding characters' feelings by making inferences. In our writing program, we will continue to create fantasy stories. Also, we look forward to reading and writing poetry for national poetry month. We hope everyone has a restful spring break and please remember to replenish all necessary supplies!

Second Grade

Great work continues to bloom in second grade during the month of April! Our math lessons will revolve around measurement, Journeys lessons will focus on skills such as main idea/details and drawing conclusions, and we will be wrapping up our unit on narratives during writing workshop. Second graders can look forward to fun and educational trips during this month, and we would like to wish our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders the best of luck as they get set to take their ELA and Math Tests!

Third Grade

Spring has sprung! We wish all of the third graders good luck on the E.L.A State Assessment on April 11th and April 12th. Be sure to come to school prepared, get a good night sleep each night and eat a healthy breakfast each morning. We are looking forward to April 18th when MakerSpace will be visiting our school along with their S.T.E.A.M. Wagon to create a special project with the third graders. Lastly, in celebration of Poetry Month, we will begin our unit of study on poetry. Each child will have the opportunity to read, analyze and write poetry.

3/4/5

I hope everyone had a Happy and Healthy spring recess. The students in class 3/4/5-206 continue to strive for their goals. The state math test is quickly approaching. Each day, students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 are working on test prep to enhance their test taking strategies. I encourage you to practice all math concepts.

4th Grade ELA

The fourth graders have been working hard to prepare for The New York English Language Arts Exam on April 11th and 12th. I know that you will all do your very best. Remember to get a good night's sleep, have a healthy breakfast and bring your #2 pencils!

4th Grade Math

The Fourth Grade Math Department is finishing up our preparation for the upcoming New York State Mathematics Examination. Our last few topics before the test include: measuring angles using a protractor, and finding area and perimeter of combined figures.

We would like to wish ALL of our students the best of luck on both the ELA and Math Exams!!!

4th Grade SS/Writing

Happy spring! This month in Social Studies/Writing, fourth grade will focus on Industrial Growth and Immigration. Students will explore the complexity of European immigrant experience in New York City during the early 1900's. Students will investigate the various factors contributing to Europeans' decisions to immigrate and their contributions to New York City. Students will explore the living and working conditions under which these immigrants had to endure or adapt. At the end of the Unit, students will use this information to write an informational /explanatory piece. NYS ELA Test – April 11th and April 12t

5th Grade ELA

We hope everyone had a restful spring break!! The ELA State Test is April 11th and 12th, make sure to get a good night's sleep. We will be continuing our Novel study for "Wonder", while incorporating reading skills and strategies.

5th Grade Math

Well, it's that time of the year, Testing time is almost here! But don't be nervous or even a little scared, I promise you, you are well prepared!

5th Grade SS/Writing

5th grade will begin to learn about how Westward Expansion played a huge impact on the growth of our country. In writing we will begin the fundamentals of a Personal Narrative.

CLUSTER NEWS

Visual Arts

Kindergarten and first grade will explore with the style of surrealism. Second grade will be creating posters about the topic to recycle, reduce, and to reuse. Third grade are creating self-portraits in graphite pencil. Fourth grade are creating self-portraits in fauvist style. Fifth grade are creating abstract art in the media of oil pastel.

Science 3-5

Welcome back from Spring Break! The Science Fair was a huge success. I would like to congratulate the winners on a job well done. All the students who participated had fun and did great work. Here are our Science Fair Winners!!

	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Grade 5</u>
1st Place	Fatima Haoui	Kevin Lin	Tomas Kravar
2nd Place	Lenka Krafcik	Donovan Hickey	Bilal Mahmoud
3rd Place	Aela Smith	Izaac Bayolima	Nour Hazar.

The Grade 4 New York State Science Exam is approaching quickly. We will continue preparing for this exam to ensure that our students will do well on this test. The New York State Science Exam is given in two parts. The Performance section will be given during the week of May 21st. The Written section will be given on June 4th. I will be hosting a parent workshop in May where we will discuss both parts of this exam. Please be on the lookout for an invitation to this workshop.

Physical Education

We are finished with fitness gram as of April 11th, 2018. Students did a great job with all the fitness tests. We are now finishing up our Basketball Units. Students enjoyed the stations and practicing various dribbling, passing, and shooting skills. We are looking forward to the last two months of the school year to be engaging in outdoor sports and activities. Also, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students – we are looking forward to our Yoga Workshop.

Dance

Happy April! In dance, students have been working on responding to visual cues using their bodies. All grades are also working very hard on their choreographed dances for the dance festival. This year's dance festival is a Hollywood Theme: Lights, Camera, Dance! Students will be dancing to different Hollywood songs/movies, such as Fresh Beat Band, Descendants 2, Kidz Bop and more. Have a restful break and enjoy!

ELL

NYSESLAT testing has begun. Students that attended our Saturday ELL Academy are received support with developing reading, writing, listening and speaking skills for the upcoming exams. Students are learning strategies to help them do their best. The speaking part of the NYESLAT will administered between April 9th until May 18th. Reading, listening, and writing components will be administered between May 7th until May, 18th. Please take the time to visit <https://www.enaageny.org/resource/new-york-state-english-a-second-language-achievement-test-nyeslat-sample-items-annotations>, where you will find NYESLAT test samples according to your child's level. Good Luck to all our students on the upcoming exams. We are confident that our students will do their best as they continue to improve their English language skills.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Speech

This is month we are working on skills that address vocabulary in a variety of different approaches. The older students are learning to figure out unknown words in context, relating it to information they already know, and connecting it to newly learned ideas. The younger students are developing their vocabulary skills through categorization and semantic relationships. Please continue these skills at home by helping your child identify words that have prefixes (re-, un-, non-) or suffixes (-ed, -ation, -ing) and asking them "what do you think that means?" Discuss the meaning with them. Younger children can name as many items in a category as possible and describe 'why' they go together. Make everyday conversations a 'teachable moment'!

AIS/IEP/SETSS

It's good to be concerned about taking a test. It's not good to get "test anxiety." This is excessive worry about doing well on a test and it can mean disaster for a student. It does not help to tell the child to relax, to think about something else, or stop worrying. But there are ways to reduce test anxiety. Budget your test taking time, don't panic when students start handing in their papers; there's no reward for being the first done. Take slow, deep breaths and realize that you have done, and are doing, your best! Good Luck!!

PT/OT

To those who may not be in the know, April is OT Month! To celebrate and spread the awareness of OT we in the Occupational Therapy department will be sharing a practice we perform called "Mindfulness", with all students of P.S. 127 for the month of April. Mindfulness is a form of meditation and is the art of self-awareness and of being present in the moment. Each morning via the loudspeaker all our students will be guided step by step through brief Mindfulness sessions to help begin their day. For so many students concentrating, and therefore learning, while stressed or distracted is near impossible. Our hope is that by providing a whole school approach to include Mindfulness as part of our school routine we can provide our students with a lifelong skill that can build a foundation for optimal concentration, attention, emotional awareness and overall wellbeing. Happy OT Month!

Counselor

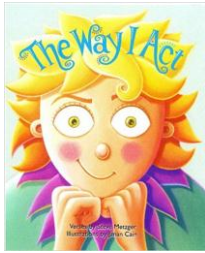
Thank you to everyone who supported the St. Jude Math-A-Thon. Once again, it was a very successful fundraiser. Congratulations to all the participants and as always thank you for your continuous support. In April we will host Purple Day! Purple Day will help us raise money for our P.S. 127 Butterflies. Our team is part of the Bay Ridge Dyker Heights Relay For Life. In March we ordered our purple shirts for students and staff. On Friday, April 20th we host Purple Day. All donations are appreciated, all proceeds will go to Relay For Life.

Student Council Corner

As the spring begins, we continue our fundraising goals. We will be assisting Mrs. Meola in April in hopes of raising money for our Relay For Life team. We are working on a Student Council spirit week which will take place in May. Stay tuned! Our hard work and philanthropy will pay off as we begin to plan our culminating event. We look forward to the end of the year Student Council Ceremony that will take place in June.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book of the Month



By: Steven Metzger

The Way I Act is an enjoyable book for children that explores what it may be like to behave in certain ways. The door is opened for discussion about the consequences of behavior. The Way I Act explores thirteen ways of behaving. This is an excellent book to start a conversation with your child about positive ways to act in a variety of situations.

Happy Reading!

Reminders for 2018:

- April 9** – Back to School
NYSELAT Begins
- April 11 & 12** – NYS ELA Exam
- April 17** – Spring Photos
- April 19** – PTA Meeting
- April 20** – Relay for Life- Wear Purple
- April 26** – School Fundraiser
Lights, Camera, Action
- April 27** – Volunteer Breakfast
- May 1 & 2** – NYS Math Exam
- May 4-** Family Friday
Muffins with Mom
Dance Grades 3 &4
- May 5** – Spring Flea Market
- May 9** - 5th Grade Trip
- May 11** – Mother's Day Plant Sale
- May 17** – PTA Meeting
- May 21- 25** – Student Council Spirit Week
- May 28** – School Closed for Memorial Day

PTA

March was full of some rather crazy weather and so many great events! The PTA wants to extend a heartfelt thank you for all those who made the Someone Special Dance, the Used Book Sale, as well as Cupcake Friday such great events last month. April is upon us and we've got some really spectacular things going on this month. We are in need of volunteers to help so if you are interested or able to volunteer at any event, please let us know!

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:

PTA Elections - Please check your child's folder for more info! Spring Photos are taking place the 17th. Be on the lookout for a flyer in your child's homework folder for more details! Let us know if you are able to help! Family Craft Night is planned for Friday the 20th from 6-8pm.

April's PTA General meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 24th at 2:45pm, right after pickup, be sure to come celebrate our Student of the Month winners and participate in a raffle!

Cupcake Friday is set for Friday the 27th after school in the yard or in the cold lunch room, dependent on weather. Remember to send your child in with \$1 to purchase a delicious cupcake or other baked good. Donations of baked goods and time are needed and appreciated. Keep an eye out for a flyer with more info! Please send in any donations of baked goods with your child on the day of! We can't wait to see you there!

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!

Title 1 Blurb

Join us for our Volunteer Breakfast on Friday April 27 after drop-off. If you've ever contributed in any way towards a PTA-related event as a volunteer, you're welcome to enjoy a full hot breakfast in gratitude for your service! More details to come...

Be on the lookout for post-Family Friday events in May and June, where we'll celebrate our parents each month. As always, we'll have food and fun in one of our lunch rooms. We hope you'll always join us on Family Friday and after!

Also coming up in May: The Harlem Magic Masters (of the Harlem Globetrotters) will be performing at PS 127 with a comedy basketball routine that will give our kids tools for how to be confident and have self-respect. We know the students will love it!

Make sure you support our school by buying a ticket to attend the fundraising event at Cebu restaurant. Every effort to support PS 127 helps your child by making their learning experience richer and fuller. Thank you!