

ADMINISTRATORS' ANNOUNCEMENT

We continue to dedicate ourselves to delve deeper into supporting the learning of all students around our shared vision.

As always, we strive in reaching all students at all levels of learning by scaffolding instruction in each classroom as well as having a Saturday Academy for English Language Learners (ELLs) and differentiated Test Prep Programs.

Each day, students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 are working on test prep and enhancing their test taking strategies. Teachers of Grade 3, 4, and 5 have facilitated workshops for parents/guardians to learn more about the state exams and how to better prepare their children. Time will continue to be dedicated for further discussion among teachers and parents/guardians of students in each testing grade.

In March, we look forward to participating in Read Across America Spirit Week and taking part in many fun activities that relate to books written by Dr. Seuss, the beloved children's author. To start off Read Across America, we will refer to Dr. Seuss' Sleep Book and celebrate his birthday by wearing pajamas to school on March 1st and bringing a favorite bedtime story to share. On Pajama Day, all members of the school community are invited to participate as readers or listeners.

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting three new after-school enrichment programs. The STEAM Enrichment Program is being offered to Kindergarten students and will be taught by Mrs. Postler; the Fun Fitness Club is being offered to Grade 2 students and will be taught by Mrs. Marsala; and the Enrichment Program for English Language Learners is being offered to Grade 1 students and will be taught by Mrs. Dari.

We look forward to seeing you at Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, March 14, 2019 (12:40 - 2:40 pm and 4:30 - 7:30 pm). For those parents/guardians who will not be able to attend, please schedule a conference with your child's teacher(s). As a reminder, Parent Engagement time is available every Tuesday from 2:45 pm – 3:30 pm.

Your School. Your Voice. Take your School Survey!

**Please remember to complete the NYC School Survey.
 Our goal is to have all of our P.S. 127 families respond and
 gain insight into our school learning environment.**

Thank you.

PARENT COORDINATOR

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**Student of the Month
 FEBRUARY**

CLASS	CHILD'S NAME
K-102	BENJAMIN ESCOBAR- ALFARO MICHELLE LIU
K-105	DAHLIA KOWARIK HUGO KORNS MICHAEL CAGGIANO
K-106	JOSEPH LINKSMAN
K-107	VINCENT YANG EVELYN HE
K-108	CHARLIE GARCIA LA PAIX ALEKSANDRA ONISHCHENKO
1-101	MARIAH HERNANDEZ SUNA LIN
1-103	YARA ALSAIDI PHOEBE ZHENG
1-202	MARIA KATSAROS
1/2-201	EVAN ZHANG 2-201
2-208	ISABELLA PONCE DIAZ RITAJ GHAMLOUCH
2-209	HANAN ALI
2-210	JIAN FU LI KHLOE RODRIGUEZ
3-203	CASSIE YEE GUSTAVO VAQUERO-CRUZ
3-204	ALI KHAN
3-207	JENNY WU KAROLINA WANG
3/4/5-206	ANDREW LAMBRAKOS 4-206
4-301 Rdg	PRESTON CHAN
4-301 Math	AHMAD KOWARIK
4-301 SS/Wtg	AHMAD KOWARIK
4-302 Rdg	JOEY JOUNDEYA
4-302 Math	XIN YING LIN
4-302 SS/Wtg	RONALD PADILLA
4-306 Rdg	JULIANA TWAITI
4-306 Math	NICHOLAS SCHROER
4-306 SS/Wtg	LENKA KRAFCIK
5-305 Rdg	JANETH MARTINEZ
5-305 Math	ANGELICA MEDINA
5-305 SS/Wtg	DOAA ALMATHEEL
5-307 Rdg	ALBIONA FIDA
5-307 Math	BJORN KULE
5-307 SS/Wtg	JESSE AJA-SIGMON
5-308 Rdg	KLAIDI LAMCE
5-308 Math	KEVIN LIN
5-308 SS/Wtg	REWAN YOUSSEF
ART	ALABAKER KASSIM 5-206 JENNY LIN 5-305
SCI 3-5	BJORN KULE 5-307 ROSSAN ELSAFI 5-307
PHYS. ED	ALAN EPHSTEIN K-108 DIANA HASANDEKAJ 1-103
PHYS. ED	FIONA WANG 3-207 TERRENCE LUANG 3-207
DANCE	ABIGAIL RAKHAMIMOV 2-208 STANLEY ZHU 2-2



GRADE NEWS

Kindergarten

Winds of March, we welcome you.
There is work for you to do.
Work and play and blow all day,
Blow the winter cold away!
Kindergarten is working hard on reading and writing. Please continue practicing letters/sounds/sight words and reading with your child each day. In math, we will be working on counting and writing numbers up to 20 and beyond. This month we welcome our parents for parent/teacher conferences on March 14. We look forward to sharing the student's progress with them. Enjoy this month of March. As always, thank you for your support and cooperation!

First Grade

First Graders are on the "March" to a month filled with great learning! We will continue to develop reading skills in our Journey's program, such as sequencing story events using text evidence, inferring the authors purpose, and finding cause and effect relationships. In writing, we will be writing fictional stories with make believe characters and quotation marks. We look forward to strengthening our math skills this month by measuring using nonstandard measuring tools as well as measuring time to the hour and half hour. Class 1-202's assembly will take place on March 12th at 9:15 in the Multi-Purpose Room, see you there!

Second Grade

March 2019 is here! We hope that everyone had a happy and restful midwinter recess, and are ready to "March" into the new month with excitement and enthusiasm for all that we will be learning! In our Journeys lessons, we will be exploring skills such as identifying text and graphic features and character traits using text evidence. Chapter 7 GoMath lessons will revolve around money and time, and during writing workshop we will be crafting a variety of narrative pieces. It's going to be a great month!

Third Grade

In like a lion and out like a lamb, welcome to March! In Mathematics we continue with our unit of study on fractions. The students will be learning how to compare fractions and solve multi- step word problems with fractions. In Reading we are working on Main Idea and Details and immersing ourselves in non-fiction texts. We are completing our Biographies on famous African Americans in celebration of Black History Month. Test prep has begun to help get the students ready for the New York State Exams. The Grade 3 teachers also continue to do testing as a genre in the classroom. In Social Studies we are exploring the continent of Asia and focusing in on the country of China.

3/4/5

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4th Grade ELA

We hope that all of our friends and classmates had a wonderful Winter break! The fourth grade students have been working very hard on building reading comprehension skills all year. We are beginning to prepare for the upcoming English Language Arts Exam in April. Wishing all of you a very Happy St. Patrick's Day.

4th Grade Math

We hope everyone had a restful Midwinter recess! Our 4th graders will be finishing up with fractions this

month. Our next area of study will be geometry. Please continue to review math concepts every night until mastery.

4th Grade SS/Writing

This month in Social Studies students will learn about the Constitution and the creation of the national government. Students will examine how the principles and ideals in the Constitution affect the lives of people in the United States and New York. They will learn how the Constitution organizes the functions of government and how it safeguards our individual liberties. In writing, students will learn about the writing process, and how to write essays in response to prompts. We will compare and contrast stories on similar themes and topics. Students will continue to learn how to analyze a prompt, gather text evidence, organize ideas, drafting, and revising and editing.

5th Grade ELA

I hope everyone had a restful Mid-Winter Break. We are beginning Test prep in reading. I will be modeling strategies, and continuing to teach various reading skills to the children to prepare them for the ELA State exam in April. Children will be completing assignments at home, as well.

5th Grade Math

The 5th grade will continue learning about fractions while beginning their preparations for the NYS Math exam. Please remember to review math concepts with your children nightly.

5th Grade SS/Writing

The 5th grade will continue with their Opinion writing pieces while getting ready for their upcoming State Exam. In Social Studies, the 5th grade will be moving full STEAM ahead completing the Boston Tea Party challenge. Stay tuned for the winners of this challenge!

CLUSTER NEWS

Art

Kindergarten is learning about the importance of recycling and various materials that are available to create art. First and second grade are creating books from recycled paper. Third grade are creating "Respect for All" banners. Fourth grade will learn about surrealism are style. Fifth grade are creating symmetrical abstract expressionism art inspired by George O'Keefe.



Science

Physical Education

Students are learning the basic fundamentals of basketball (dribbling, shooting, passing, court, etc.) They are learning how to dribble with their dominant and non-dominant hand and how to properly shoot the basketball into a hoop. The students are able to practice all skills by working in really fun stations that focus on the skills taught. Competitive games will start as soon as the students have mastered the basic concepts taught in class. Of course, the children are very excited to play against each other. 4th & 5th Grade is almost finished with NYC Fitness Gram!!!

Dance

I hope you had a restful midwinter recess with your friends and families. In dance, students will be working on their space, time and energy and applying these elements of dance in their everyday lives. Dance club students are working towards their performance in May. Unfortunately, due to the work in the schoolyard, there will not be a spring dance festival this year.

ENL

Happy March! Spring is around the corner and so is the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT). We are hosting a Parent workshop on March 12th, 2019 to provide more information on how to prepare and what to expect. The Saturday Academy will continue until May 4th. As always, we are available for questions and conferences every Tuesday afternoon.

SUPPORT SERVICES

OT/PT

Hello Families! March is here! It's nothing new to say but school is definitely tough these days - our students get a fair share of homework, activities, may be included in sports after school, and more. There never seems to be enough time in the day to accomplish everything. In Occupational Therapy we are using the power of movement breaks to help boost their productivity and build more confidence in their schoolwork. If we work till our 'tank' is empty then there will not be enough energy to last the day. It's very important for our students to take mini-brain breaks and get some movement to sustain their energy for the day. So for the month of March we are advocating for our students to take small breaks between periods to give them a chance to move and rest their brain in-between hard assignments. Try it yourself and see how much for productive you feel when you give yourself a chance to rest and catch up with yourself!

Speech

SPEECH: Spring is quickly approaching. We'll be using more movement in our sessions to get the students up and active. When the weather permits, we hope to take the kids outside once in a while. The fresh air will heighten their senses! We are using games like Chipper Chat, Communicate Junior, The Say and Do series, and the No-Glamour series of language skills to help them develop their speech and language skills. We are scaffolding their lessons through multi-sensory activities. Studies have proven that multi-sensory activities allow the brain to perform at its best. Have a great March.

AIS/IEP/SETSS - SETSS is Roaring Into RIGHT answers...top six tips to help students feel like they are Multiple-Choice Champions before a big test:

1. Reread the question. Make sure you understand what is being asked.
2. Come up with an answer to the question before looking at the list of choices.
3. Read ALL of the answers and cross out the choices that don't make sense.
4. Underline the section in the text or question that supports your reasoning.
5. Look carefully at similar-sounding answers. Find the more precise answer.
6. Select "All of the above" if two or three answers seem correct.

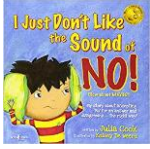
Counselor

In March we are kicking off our P.S. 127 St. Jude Math-A-Thon ! Every year our grades 3-5 students do a wonderful job in supporting important causes that we sponsor in order to help others in need. The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital MATH-A-THON is an educational program that includes fun, free math curriculum supplemented by Scholastic that also features comic book characters.

Start date is : Monday, March 4, 2019. The MATH-A-THON will continue for 3 weeks, ending on **Friday, March 22**

2019.

Book of the Month
MARCH



**I JUST DON'T LIKE THE
SOUND OF NO!**

I Just Don't Like the Sound of NO! written by author Julia Cook, will help children laugh and learn along with RJ as he understands the benefits of demonstrating positive social skills both at home and in school.

'NO' is RJ's least favorite word . . . and he tries his best to convince his dad, his mom, and his teacher to turn "No" into "Maybe" or "We'll see" or "Later" or "I'll think about it." Even though he doesn't have much success, RJ keeps arguing until his teacher suggests that he try to join her classroom's "Say YES to NO Club". If RJ can learn how to accept "No" for an answer and to disagree appropriately with his teacher and parents, he can add his name to the club's Star Board. RJ finds that lots of praise and some rewards come his way when he uses these skills the right way!

Included in the book are tips for parents and educators on how to teach and encourage kids to use the skills of accepting "No" for an answer and disagreeing appropriately.

ENJOY!

Title 1:

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

April 5 - Our First Annual "Spring Fiesta!" Celebrate Latino culture with food and dance!

June 7 - Annual Volunteer Breakfast. All are welcome.

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



Student Council Corner

Respect For All Week was a success, we raised over \$60.00 for PACER center against bullying by selling our RESPECT Pencils. Thank you to everyone who supported us and helped show RESPECT!

PTA

Sweet Shop every Friday .

3/15 - Lucky charm bags

3/19 -Used book sale

4/5 - Our First Annual "Spring Fiesta!" Celebrate Latino culture with food and dance!

6/7 - Annual Volunteer Breakfast. All are welcome

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Note from the Nurse