

### ADMINISTRATORS' ANNOUNCEMENT

As the New Year approaches, we would like to take the time to thank all of our wonderful students, staff and our P.S. 127 families for supporting us and helping our school to be a remarkable place of learning.

We would also like to take the time to reflect upon our efforts in creating a community of kindness and caring. We thank all families and faculty for their contributions to our fundraisers and for donating their time to the many great causes in our school.

On Friday, December 1st, following Family Friday, all families were invited to Desserts Around the World. This annual events allows the member of the school community to bring in and sample treats from various cultures while gathering together and enjoying time together.

On Tuesday December 12th and Wednesday, December 13th, the students will have an opportunity to visit the annual "Holiday Fair" organized by our wonderful PTA and dedicated volunteers.

Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00 pm in the multi-purpose room. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Once again, we wish you all a wonderful Winter Recess as we get ready for a great start to the New Year! Happy Holidays!!



### PARENT COORDINATOR NEWS

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday. As we enter the New Year, we have many wonderful events planned. Please make sure to check the calendars. Have a wonderful winter break and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR.

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH

#### NOVEMBER

CLASS	CHILD'S NAME
K-102	EMMA CASELLA JIN KANG
K-105	PHOEBE ZHENG JOYCE LEI
K-106	DIELLA KHAHAYFA RONALD ZHAO
K-107	RAINNA DAI JIMMY YANG
K-108	JENNA MENDEZ STEVEN MENDEZ
1-101	DENSON ZHANG JIAN FU LI
1-103	GIULIANA LEONE ALI HAOUJ
1-201	WINNIE ZHENG BOYU LIN
1-202	ENZO TOLEDO
2-208	ABRAHAM RIVERA AMIRA MAHMOUD
2-209	LAYAN NTEIFEH ALLISON CHIQUITERO
2-210	AIZA ASHRAF RAYAN ACHRI
3-203	DAUGHTRY ATTIANESE ELENA LESSIS
3-204	AELA SMITH NICHOLAS SCHROED
3-207	SELINA ZHENG MATTHEW HO
3/4/5-206	JADE ORTIZ
4-301 Rdg	KLAI DI LAMCE
4-301 Math	ANTHONY TORRES
4-301 SS/Wtg	DAVID LOZADO
4-302 Rdg	DANIEL VASQUEZ
4-302 Math	KEVIN LIN
4-302 SS/Wtg	CHARLIE FERGUSON
4-306 Rdg	SEAN SOLITARIO
4-306 Math	ZOE NI
4-306 SS/Wtg	JESSE AJA-SIGMON
5-305 Rdg	AMANDA CHEN
5-305 Math	SHARON DONG
5-305 SS/Wtg	TIFFANY YANG
5-307 Rdg	JUSTIN TONG
5-307 Math	SARA ELALI
5-307 SS/Wtg	BRANDON CHEN
5-308 Rdg	DANIELLE MANGANIELLO
5-308 Math	MARCUS TAYLOR
5-308 SS/Wtg	RACHEL JIANG
ART	DIOLA DCAJ 5-307 KAYLEE YEE 5-305
SCI 3-5	DANIEL VAZQUEZ 4-302 CHARLIE FERGUSON 4-302
PHYS. ED	RONALD PADILLA 2-209 RYAN YANG
DANCE	HANA BRIOSO K-105 ALEXIA CARLETTA K-105

## GRADE NEWS

### Kindergarten

The wind is blowing colder, time to bundle up, Winter is on its way! During CKCC the children will learn the ABCD Problem-Solving Plan, and how they can relax and calm down. In Math, we will represent, count, compare, add, and write numbers up to 10. In Reading, we will discuss what can be learned from the pictures in a selection, how pictures support the text (words), as well as how the parts of a story work together. In Writing, we will continue to write descriptive sentences using adjectives.

### First Grade

This month, first graders will be working on using text and graphic features to analyze a text, creating story structure maps to organize the different parts of a story, and putting story events in order in our reading program. In math, students will continue to work on addition and subtraction strategies within 20. In writing, first graders will be writing informational writing pieces as well as "how to" writing pieces. On December 12th the first grade teachers will be hosting a parent workshop to discuss writing and math strategies to meet common core standards in room 1-103 at 2:50pm. During the holiday break, please be sure to replenish ALL

### Second Grade

The month of December is here and it's "snow" secret that second graders will be very busy and working hard all month long! During our Journeys lessons, we will be exploring concepts such as understanding characters and fact/opinion. Our Go Math lessons will revolve around 2-digit addition. We will continue crafting our nonfiction pieces writing workshop, and taking the time to celebrate and reflect upon the writing process. As 2017 draws to a close, we also would like to take the time to wish everyone in the P.S. 127 family a happy and restful winter recess! We look forward to

continuing the fun learning adventures in 2018!

### Third Grade

Greetings!! This month we are traveling to the Staten Island Museum to create our own African masks as we launch our unit of study on Africa. In ELA, we are working on the skills of cause and effect and sequence of events. In mathematics, we continue our immersion in multiplication and introduce division. We wish all our families a happy and healthy holiday season.

### 3/4/5

As the holiday season approaches 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 Conclusions and Generalizations. We will also be continuing Chapter 3 in Math. Our skills will be Understanding Multiplication, and Adding and Subtracting Decimals. I encourage you to practice multiplication and division facts with your children daily. I wish all of you a Happy and Healthy winter recess.

### 4th Grade ELA

This month we begin Unit 2 in Journeys. Several selections in Unit 2 deal with the arts and how people express themselves. Characters throughout the unit dance, make art and write letters that reflect their personalities. We are fortunate that we will work with an artist from the Materials for the Arts Residency Program to express ourselves through collage.

### 4th Grade Math

During the month of December, the fourth grade will be working on division. Please continue to work on the multiplication facts every night until mastery. We hope everyone has a happy and restful Winter Recess.

### 4th Grade SS/Writing

This month in Social Studies, fourth grade will begin to study the Colonial and Revolutionary Period in New York. Students will learn how European exploration led to the colonization of New York State. We will map the voyages of Verrazano, Hudson, Cartier, and Champlain. Students will investigate the interactions and relationships between Native American groups, Dutch and fur traders, French missionaries, and early settlers. In Writing, students will continue to work on their opinion essays based on close reading and examination of sources. We will focus on citing evidence from a text. Students will identify why textual evidence is important in writing and discussions and use evidence to make logical inferences about texts. Happy Holidays!

### 5th Grade ELA

5th graders are working towards getting ready for their state exams by working on DOK questioning strategies, cause and effect, and comparing and contrasting characters' actions, feelings, and motives within a story.

### 5th Grade Math

Our decimal unit is almost done, Who new decimals could be so much fun? We have learned how to round, compare, subtract, and add. We can even balance a checkbook for mom and dad!

### 5th Grade SS/Writing

In writing, the 5th grade will learn how to develop an opinion essay. In this essay, students will express their opinion on whether Christopher Columbus was a Hero or a Villain. In social studies, students will learn about European Exploration and how power, wealth, and morality led to the beginning of the United States of America.

## CLUSTER NEWS

### Visual Arts

The students from Kindergarten through grade 5 are exploring oil pastels to create winter pictures. Enjoy your Winter Break!

### Science 3-5

Hello Everyone!!! We will be having fun in Science this month. 3rd graders will be studying Energy; the 4th graders will be studying Ecosystems. The 5th graders will be looking at Earth's changing surface. I have been communicating with some parents in grades 3-5 using the Remind messaging system. This system allows me to alert parents when a test is coming. Please sign up now if you haven't done so yet. If you need help signing up please let me know. Happy Holidays!!! Enjoy the winter vacation!!!

### Physical Education

Grades K-2: Students are learning the basic fundamentals of soccer. They are learning how to dribble with the inside and outside of their feet. As soon as we have mastered trapping the ball and keeping the ball close to us, we will move onto dribbling with top of toes. (laces) Grades 3-5: Students are learning the fundamentals and rules of soccer. The upper grades are learning how to dribble with the inside, outside and top of the toe. (laces) They're eager to move on to passing, shooting and playing and an actual game of soccer. Grades 4-5 are also working on New York City Fitness Gram. They have completed the PACER. We are now moving on to push-ups and sit-ups. Please encourage your child to practice push-ups and sit-ups at home!

### Dance

Happy December! Children have a large appetite for movement. Fortunately, dance class is helping to build each students' confidence and strength as an individual. As we continue to focus on the elements of dance, this month we are focusing on our loco-motor movements, making movement maps and obstacle courses for our S.T.E.A.M projects. We are also learning new choreography that we plan on performing for all parents and friends one day! Stay warm and happy holidays to you and your family!

## SUPPORT SERVICES

### ENL

Happy Holidays to all of our families! The New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) will be held in April and May of 2018. We will be offering the Saturday ELL Academy again to help our students' prepare for the test. Please look for the notices in your child's folder. As always, we are available for questions and conferences on Tuesday afternoons.

### AIS/IEP/SETSS

SETSS is FaLaLa~ing into December... Rosemarie Fusco SETSS/IEP Teacher/AIS After several months of working with the students, vocabulary is still a weak area for lots of them. Here are some tips to increase vocabulary to do at home. Have a wonderful and safe holiday!!

- Engage your child in conversations every day including new and interesting words in your conversation.
- Read to your child each day defining an unfamiliar word for your child.
- Help build word knowledge by classifying and grouping objects or pictures while naming them.

### 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. The following are a few ideas for activities to do with your children when you're reading, watching TV, or even driving in your car: Look for words and:

- \*ask your child to come up with rhymes
- \*break down or combine words to create compound words
- \*find words that begin or end with a given letter
- \*come up with a list of words that describe something
- \*play 'i spy' to have them describe (using their senses) what they see or letters from the alphabet
- \*ask children to retell a book they read or a show they've seen

We hope all of you have a happy and healthy winter break. Make every moment a teachable one.

### Guidance

Now that winter is fast approaching let's get some ideas in our head for ways to keep active with our families. Children need movement, children enjoy hobbies, and children need to maintain friendships in order to become socially appropriate citizens in their community. Help your children remain social this winter by introducing new hobbies, setting up indoor play dates with friends, or sit down with your family and research free or low cost family fun activities around NYC. Encourage your children to be socially active and participate with others.

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Book of the Month

You and Me is a loving tribute to how fate brought two best friends together. An adorable cat muses about the "what-ifs" in life: "What if he had slept late that one special morning? What if he'd missed his train on that fateful day?" Then he might never have met his favorite person in the world, and his entire life would be different! Two friends delight in the incredible power of serendipity in this charming tale.

This book could also spark interesting conversations about the role of chance in our lives, as well as true friendship. Enjoy!

### Reminders

#### Toys for Tots until December 15th

Dec 12 & 13 – Holiday Fair

Dec 15 – P.J.s for P.J.

School Store

Cupcake Friday at Dismissal

Dec 25 – Jan 2 – Winter Recess – ENJOY

Jan 5 – Safe Streets Pedestrian Parent Workshop for parents after Family Friday

### Title 1

#### Title 1 Parent Committee Upcoming Events:

Thank you for your presence and delicious contributions to Desserts Around the World!

The **Anti-Bullying Workshop for Parents will be held Tuesday December 12, from 3-3:45 pm** (during Parent-Teacher Engagement Time). This FREE after-school workshop was chosen for your convenience: pick up your child(ren) at dismissal, then enter the front doors of the school to sign in. FREE childcare activities will be provided for your students by our teachers. FREE snacks/beverages will be provided for all. Have younger siblings? Bring them too, and we'll keep them occupied with quiet toys nearby. Come learn about understanding bullying behavior and its causes, resiliency strategies to protect your child from bullying, and how to create a safe learning environment for our children. Students of parents/guardians who attend will receive McKinley Money for use in our monthly School Stores! We hope you'll make every effort to attend. The **Safe Streets Workshop on Friday January 5th** will be held immediately after Family Friday. This FREE workshop will detail strategies for teaching your children street smarts and safety - important topics for our urban living! FREE refreshments/snacks will again be provided. Small children are always welcome.

### PTA

What a great Fall we've had, thanks to our parent volunteers and school staff! The Halloween Parade and Pumpkin Patch were adorable, the Food Drive donated almost 100 lbs of food items to the local food pantry, the School Store will continue to sell new items, and the Used Book Sale emptied your shelves and brought cheap books to our students! Family Fridays, Desserts Around the World, and Movie Night were big hits as well. Thank you for your support!

And now: Winter fun is here! Be on the lookout in your child's HW folder for information about our two-day **Holiday Fair from December 12-13**. This is a student favorite! Each class will be able to shop from a wide selection of holiday gift items ranging from \$1-\$10 each. Kids love to buy gifts for their family members and friends, and parent volunteers are being requested to price items, organize tables of merchandise, and help students shop. Please consider offering one hour of your time or the entire day, if possible!

Other upcoming PTA events:

**Dec 14 - PTA General Meeting, 6 pm** - our first evening meeting of the year! Elections for Corresponding and Recording Secretary positions will be held.

**Dec 15 - School Store** (New item: silly pencils, pencil sharpeners, wrist slap sticks, and more!)

**Dec 19 - Holiday Photos**

In addition, the PTA funds you raise go to various enrichment opportunities for our students. The Nature Company will bring live animals to our 2nd graders this month, and the 3rd/4th grades have enjoyed their first of a three-part jazz concert series. Have new ideas for enrichment or fundraising? Please let us know! Email [Ps127PTA@gmail.com](mailto:Ps127PTA@gmail.com) and join our (online) Fundraising Committee.