

STUDENT OF THE

MONTH

ADMINISTRATORS' ANNOUNCEMENT

The students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 have been administered the NYS Math exam May 1st and May 2nd. We would like to thank all of the members of our school community for working together to not only prepare our children for the NYS ELA and Math exams, but also for making sure that they were in school on time, well prepared, and ready to do their best. With the help and support from each of you, we can proudly say that the administration of the exams went smoothly.

The Saturday Academy for English Language Learners has provided our ENL students with additional instruction to reinforce English language acquisition skills as well as their reading and writing skills. The program offered ongoing support to the students who are currently being administered the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT).

We are delighted to continue having the Midori and Friends Music program for our students in Grades K-2 and pleased to continue having the After School Enrichment Clubs: the Midori and Friends After School Chorus for Grades 3 & 4 students, the Dynamic Dance Club for Grade 3 students, the After School Fitness Club for Grade 2 students and the After School Art Club for Grade 5 students.

During this month, we will be celebrating Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day and recognizing the commitment and hard work of all of our staff members. We are also looking forward to the special activities and events that have been planned this month such as: Muffins for Moms on May 4th, the District 20 Visual Arts Showcase on May 10th, "Jazz For Young People" from Lincoln Center performance for Grade 3 on May 11th, the School Carnival on May 15th, the Midori and Friends After School Chorus culminating event on May 17th, the District 20 Performing Arts Festival on May 18th, the Grade 2 Midori and Friends culminating performance on May 22nd and the Harlem Magic Masters Performances on May 30th.

The NYS Science Performance Test will be administered to the Grade 4 students on May 23rd through May 25th and the NYS Science Written Test will be administered to the Grade 4 students on June 4th.

All classes are working hard with our Dance Teacher, Ms. Spano to prepare for the P.S. 127 Annual Dance Festival that will be held in June. We are looking forward to this school-wide event.

Thank you again for your active involvement and continuous support. We look forward to seeing you throughout this month and wish all of the wonderful Moms a very Happy Mother's Day!

PARENT COORDINATOR NEWS

WOW!!!! The May newsletter. Now that the State Exams are over, there are many exciting events planned for our children. Please make sure to check the monthly calendar for the event dates. Parents - please keep in my mind that the Carnival is free and during the school day. Sports Night is an afterschool activity which will require you to purchase tickets in advance. No tickets will be sold at the time of the events. We would like to thank our school community for making our 5th Annual School Gala a HUGE success!

CLASS	CHILD'S NAME
K-102	MIGUEL MENDOZA TRAVIS XIE
K-105	CECILIA HUANG ALESSANDRA BRITO
K-107	YAO YUAN WEI HOU SHEN MAO
K-108	SOFIA MEDINA-XIQUE KATHERINE TOLEDO
1-101	DAVID HUANG ISABELLA PONCE-DIAZ
1-103	KAYLA GUEVARA YEHIA ABDEH
1-201	ANXUAN WU
1-202 R	ITAJO GHAMLOUCH LUCA HO
2-208	GUADALUPE DE LA ROSA FLORES AARON DONG
2-209	ETHAN CHEN
2-210	HAO XIAN CHEN ALBA HASANDEKAJ
3-203	ESMERALDA TORRES-FLORES DORENTINA DACAJ
3-204	YUSEF ABDELHAKIM NERISSA XUE
3-207	JAYDEN YEE
3/4/5-206	JAMESON LONG
4-301 Rdg	ARIEL GONZALEZ
4-301 Math	JUDY ELSAYED
4-301 SS/Wtg	ARIEL GONZALEZ
4-302 Rdg	KAIHUA LIU
4-302 Math	KAIHUA LIU
4-302 SS/Wtg	ALBIONA FIDA
4-306 Rdg	ROSSAN ELASFI
4-306 Math	YASSIN BAKDOUNES
4-306 SS/Wtg	KATELYNN KELLEY
5-305 Rdg	SOFIA GULLEN
5-305 Math	SEBASTIAN OLIVIERI
5-305 SS/Wtg	ALI HAMOUCHE
5-307 Rdg	HENRY BRAVO
5-307 Math	BILAL MAHMOUD
5-307 SS/Wtg	SARA ELALI
5-308 Rdg	LAUREN WASHINGTON
5-308 Math	NORA ABDEH
5-308 SS/Wtg	YI FAN ZHENG
ART	DAVID LOZADO MORENO 4-301 MOHAMED JABER 2-210
SCI 2-5	MIA BAEZ 5-308 AMADEUSZ SZYMBORSKI 5-308
PHYS. ED C.	WASEEM ALTWAITI 5-307 DOA ALMATHEEL 4-302
PHYS. ED	M. SEAN SOLITARIO 4-306 ALI KADI 4-301
DANCE	SHAMIR ALMONTE-MANCILL 4-302 DOAA ALMATHEEL 4-302

GRADE NEWS

Kindergarten

May is a great time to enjoy the outdoors and bring your child to your local library. We continue to stress the importance of having your child read daily at home. During the month of May, all kindergarten students will continue to practice the steps to our dance festival and their Stepping-Up ceremony. We will complete our GoMath! and Journey's curriculum, which will focus on "getting ready for 1st grade". We want to wish all our brave soldiers a Happy Memorial Day and we thank you for all you've done for our country.

First Grade

First graders will be using a Venn Diagram to compare and contrast characters and events in the stories that we read. We will also deepen our comprehension skills by reviewing text and graphic features in our stories, as well as completing story structure maps. In math, we will be learning the various attributes of 2 and 3 dimensional shapes. In writing, we will be creating opinion writing pieces using topic and detail sentences. First grade teachers and students would like to wish the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders good luck on the NYS Math Exams!

Second Grade

Second graders are "spring"-ing into the month of May, and there are many exciting and fun things that will be happening! During our Journeys lessons, we will be exploring skills such as cause/effect and drawing conclusions. We will continue learning about measurement for our GoMath lessons - this time using centimeters and meters. During writing workshop, we will be crafting a variety of informational pieces. Students in the second grade classes will be going on some fun and educational trips. We look forward to a great month!

Third Grade

April showers will bring May flowers, happy spring to all. Congratulations to all our Third Graders for completing all the New York State assessments!!! There will be a Crazy Dance Party on Friday, May 4th in the Multi-Purpose Room, so don't forget to fill out the permission slip. In math, we will continue our Geometry study and in reading we are finishing our poetry anthologies. We still have some class trips planned for May and June so please check your child's homework folder each evening. See you next Family Friday.

3/4/5

This month, we will be reviewing target skills such as sequence of events, and main idea and details. In math, we will be classifying two-dimensional figures. Please continue to read every night and study daily math facts.

4th Grade ELA

The fourth grade students are working Unit 4 in Journeys. In this Unit we will read a variety of texts, from biographies, to historical fiction, to Greek mythology! We are very excited to begin working on our I Love NY assembly this month! Our show will take place on Thursday May 31. We hope to see you there!

4th Grade Math

Congratulations to all of our students for completing the New York State Math exam! Now it's time for a little fun (while we prepare for the upcoming Science exam, of course). This month, we are preparing for our I Love NY Assembly, in addition to the P.S. 127 Dance Festival! We hope to see you all at these fun events!

4th Grade SS/Writing

This month in Social Studies, fourth grade will continue to study Immigration. In Writing, students will evaluate the way writers organize their informative essays, and analyze information from nonfiction articles, maps, and photographs. They will then interview an immigrant and write an informative essay of their own.

In Social Studies, students will work in groups to create a "STEAM" project reflecting the immigration process to America. We will also be practicing for the "I Love NY" assembly, which is scheduled for Thursday May 31st.

5th Grade ELA

The ELA test is finally done and we now have a lot of fun senior activities to look forward to. Our Senior trip to see the Broadway show, SpongeBob, and enjoy a meal at the Hard Rock Cafe will take place on May 9th. We will be finishing our study of the novel, Wonder. We have learned so much about ourselves and the meaning of kindness throughout the study of this cherished book and hope we take what we learned with us through life and spread kindness to others.

5th Grade Math

State testing time is finally done, Now it's time to have some fun! Senior activities, fun projects, and more, Wait until you see what we have in store! Happy May!

5th Grade SS/Writing

The 5th graders are exploring the history of America and the Westward Expansion of the U.S. colonies in Social Studies and will be creating a diorama depicting different aspects of this move west. In writing the students will create their own pioneer journal, writing from the perspective of a child traveling on the Oregon Trail west so that they may delve into the hardships and struggles unique to that experience crossing the country.

CLUSTER NEWS

Visual Arts

Kindergarten will explore with magic model clay. First grade will observe and draw objects to create a still life picture. Second grade will create posters about the importance of recycling. Third grade will learn about cubism style art and analyze Pablo Picasso's artwork. Fourth grade will create various pieces of art which will be inspired by Native American art. Fifth grade will be creating various pieces of art influenced from different cultures.

Science 3-5

Welcome to May!! I would like to remind the 4th grade families that the 4th grade students will be taking the New York State Science Examination this month. This test is administered in 2 parts. The first part of the test is the Performance Test which will be given in small groups during the week of May 23rd. The written portion of the test will be administered on Monday, June 4, 2018. Please join me for a parent workshop on Tuesday, May 15th where I will discuss the Grade 4 State Science Test in more detail. Invitations for this workshop will be sent out very soon. Be on the lookout for it. We have been preparing for the test throughout the year. Additionally, I will be working to continue to prepare students for this exam. Please review science vocabulary at home as it serves as an excellent review for the test. Thank you, for your continued support!!!

Physical Education

We have now ended our Basketball unit and will be starting our Floor Hockey unit. Grades 3-5 will be practicing drills and skills with stick handling, dribbling, passing, and shooting. Kindergarten through grade 2 will be practicing with scooter hockey equipment and practicing directional pathways. We are looking forward to sports night with the students and for them to display their best skills while having fun!

Dance

Happy May! Spring is here and that only means one thing...our Dance Festival is scheduled for June 13th and all grades have been rehearsing each week for their performance. We can't wait to show you what we have been working on for our Hollywood: Lights, Camera, Dance Festival!

ELL

NYSESLAT testing is in full swing!!! The NYSESLAT is administered to all our English Language Learners to measure their speaking, listening, reading, and writing. All students have completed the speaking portion of the NYSESLAT. The students will be tested in the listening, reading, and writing in the next two weeks. Good luck to all our ENL students. We are confident that students will do their best as they continue to improve their English language skills.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Speech

Now that the tests are over, the weather is warming up, and we are looking towards the summer it's time to review goals and focus on carrying over what the kids have learned and continuing their hard work in other settings. Grades K-2 help your children with the phonological awareness (sounds). Play games with letter tiles, changing one letter of a four letter word to make a new word (ex: card - cart). You can make the words harder or easier. As you walk, look for words they can read on street and store signs. Grades 3-5 help your children understand what they are reading. After they read a story, have them draw/write three to six events that happened in the right order (like a comic book style). This will help put images in their head which helps them get a better grasp on what they are reading. Enjoy the beautiful weather!!

AIS/IEP/SETSS

SETSS is BLOOMING into fun and new activities.... Now that the NYS ELA and Math tests are coming to an end, the students can take a little breather. The SETSS schedule will get back on track and will resume in May. All sessions continue with multi-sensory, hands on activities that strengthen the student's cognitive skills. Come see how we grow! Reminder – all 4th grade students will be taking the NYS Science Exam! The performance portion of the exam starts from May 23 – June 1st. The written portion of the exam is June 4th. Wishing all our little scientists the best of luck!

PT/OT

OT Month was a success with the students participating in Mindful Mornings. Each morning the students were guided in brief meditation sessions to start their day off feeling calm and centered. Many students shared with the staff how comfortable and relaxed they felt each morning after the meditation sessions which goes a long way to developing optimal concentration, attention, emotional awareness and overall well-being. We in the OT department just want to thank the teachers and the students (of course) for trying this as a school. If you would like any tips, resources, or strategies, give the OT department a call and we can provide you with them so you can practice Mindfulness at home.

Counselor

As we wind down the 2017-2018 school year, let's start thinking about our Spring Goals. In the Fall, we start the year off with motivation and try to reach goals we set for ourselves. By now, we may have reached those goals. Should we be happy with our success? Sure! But should we still challenge ourselves? Yes! Start to think of some spring goals you may have for yourself that you can strive to complete by the end of the school year. Students who challenge themselves are most ready to be promoted to the next grade =)

Student Council Corner

Happy Spring! As we move into the end of the year we are busy completing our final fundraisers. In April we raised over \$500.00 from our Math-A-Thon! Our P.S. 127 Butterflies raised over \$1,000.00 for Relay for life through multiple events. Our students are so successful at helping our community & I am so proud! A look ahead into May, Spirit week is coming up May 21st-25th, where we will celebrate with some fun filled days as well as have Purple Day- Relay For Life Day in which we will sell items throughout the week to continue to raise money for our Relay For Life Team.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book of the Month

Thanks for the Feedback, I Think is a great story that can be used to help students understand ways to accept criticism and compliments the right way. The story written by author Julia Cook is an entertaining story that follows a boy named RJ, as he goes about his day doing the things he enjoys, such as blowing bubbles, playing soccer, and hanging out with friends. But when a couple of friends give him compliments, he just isn't sure how to respond! As RJ continues through the day, he hears from his teacher and parents that while there are many things he's doing very well, there are also some things he needs to work on. His first reaction is to argue and make excuses. Throughout this must-read story, RJ learns what it means to receive positive and negative feedback, and how to respond appropriately to that feedback. This is a wonderful story to read to teach children how to accept and grow from criticism and compliments at home, school and with friends and goes along with our CKCC theme for the month of May, Our Feelings. ENJOY!

Reminders for 2018:

- May 9** - 5th Grade Trip
- May 10** - District 20 Visual Arts Showcase at PreK Center 6-8PM
- May 11** - Jazz Assembly & Mother's Day Plant Sale
- May 15** - Carnival
- May 17** - PTA Meeting @ 8:45AM
- May 17** - The After School Midori & Friends Program Music Performance 6PM
- May 18** - District 20 Performing Arts Festival at McKinley JHS 9:30-1:30PM
- May 22** - Grade 2 Midori & Friends Music Performance 9AM
- May 21- 25** - Student Council Spirit Week
- May 28** - School Closed for Memorial Day
- May 30** - Harlem Magic Masters Performances
- June 1** - Grade 1 Midori & Friends Music Performance 9AM
- June 7** - School Closed for Students
- June 8** - Student Council End-of-the Year Ceremony

Title 1 Blurb:

Join us in the last two months of school after Family Friday as we celebrate our parents! On May 4th, it's **Muffins for Mom** (and Grandmom...), and June 1 is **Donuts for Dad** (and Grandad)... Of course, families come in all shapes and sizes, and none of these gatherings are exclusive. ALL parents, guardians, and family members are invited to both events to enjoy hot coffee and community.

The Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast took place April 27 - thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the PTA's efforts this school year. Whether you helped sell treats during lunch, attended other fundraising events throughout the school day, donated used books or cupcakes, arrived early to set up and stayed late to clean, or made shopping trips to Costco for supplies, we could not have had the same success without each and every one of our volunteers! In particular, we want to thank Jessica Corbin for her service as VP of the PTA this past year and wish her the best as we say goodbye.

Also in May: NYU Langone's Dental Health Center will offer free dental screening to our students. The Harlem Magic Masters (of The Harlem Globetrotters) will be performing for the entire school as a huge treat. We can't wait!

PTA

The PTA wants to thank all who made April's events (Spring Photos as well as Family Craft Night and Cupcake Friday) so successful! May is here with some great weather and we've got some really awesome events planned this month. As usual, we are in need of volunteers to help, so if you are interested or able to volunteer at any event, please let us know!

We're thrilled to offer another after-school soccer club for 1st-5th graders at PS 127! This Spring, we will be welcoming the Brooklyn City F.C. program (<http://brooklyncityfc.org>) as our coaches. The program begins May 7 and will run for 7 weeks on Mondays and Tuesdays until 4 pm. Cost is only \$60 per player (that's \$5 per lesson!), paid in cash or check (made out to "Brooklyn City F.C."). Space is limited, so please returning the flyer that went home with your child asap to reserve a spot. If you need more information, visit the front office or contact Ms. Vento the Parent Coordinator at 718-833-2323.

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:

- Mother's Day Plant Sale** - Scheduled for May 11th, please check your child's folder for more info!
- Carnival** - Set for May 15th. 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!
- May's PTA General Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday the 17th at 8:30am, right after drop off, be sure to come celebrate our Student of the Month winners and participate in a raffle!
- School Spirit Week** begins on the 21st and ends on the 25th with something different each day!
- School will be closed** on May 28th for Memorial Day!

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!