

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

**FEBRUARY**

CLASS	CHILD'S NAME
K-102	GABRIEL PAKIN
	CHLOE QIU
	HAOLONG WU
K-105	MARIAM ABU-LAWI
K-106	MAHJABIN ARABY
	VICTORIA HICKEY
K-107	CALVIN BAZEMORE
	CATHRYN ZOU
K-108	DANIEL WANG
	CHRIS TADROS
	SHERRY ZHENG
1-101	ALICIA SOTO
1-103	OLIVIA LIN
	SELINA LIN
1-201	MOHAMED TOURAITY
	YUXI (MIA) WANG
1-202	JINGYI YANG
	ALINA CHANG
2-208	RACHEL WONG
2-209	MARK SATYABHASHAK
	VINCY NG
2-210	REMA DIRINI
	HILDEN DONG
3-203	KAROLINA FENG
	ALFRED HAZIM
	DANIELLA RUIZ
3-204	FIONA JIANG
	RONALD PADILLA
3-207	JULIANA TWAITI
	ALISA TRAN
3/4/5-206	JOSELIN AMAYA
4-301 Rdg	JOY QUI
4-301 Math	SYDNEY SHUM
4-301 SS/Wtg	ANTHONY TORRES
4-302 Rdg	REWAN YUSEF
4-302 Math	JUSTIN LI
4-302 SS/Writing	DOAA ALMATHEEL
4-306 Rdg	JESSE AJA SIGMON
4-306 Math	AHMED MAKKAWY
4-306 SS/Writing	ZOE NI
5-305 Rdg	ZHAO ZHANG
5-305 Math	ALINA TJON
5-305 SS/Wtg	AMANDA CHEN
5-307 Rdg	SARA ELALI
5-307 Math	AMY GAO
5-307 SS/Wtg	STANLEY MORAN
5-308 Rdg	MARCUS TAYLOR
5-308 Math	YIFANG ZHENG
5-308 SS/Wtg	AMADEUSZ SZYMBORSKI
ART	ALINA CHANG (1-202)
	LAUREN WASHINGTON(5-308)
SCI 2-5	RAYAN BENELHAJLASEN
	AMANDA CHEN
PHYS. ED	JOEL PEREZ –ROJAS (3-203)
	DEANNA KADI (3-204)
PHYS. ED	JADE ORTIZ(3-206)
	XINRUI ZHANG (5-308)
DANCE	MARIO ORTIZ (5-307)
	OIIVIA KWIATKOWSKA(5-305)

**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 (ELL) and the varied Test Prep Programs for all students in Grades 3, 4 and 5. Each day, students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 are working on test prep and enhancing their test taking strategies. We will be facilitating 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 Spirit Week, we will refer to Dr. Seuss' Sleep Book and celebrate his birthday by wearing pajamas to school on March 2nd 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 Painting Club is being offered to Grade 5 students and will be taught by Mrs. Guido; The Fun Fitness Club is being offered to Grade 2 students and will be taught by Mrs. Marsala; and The Dynamic Dance Club is being offered to Grade 3 students and will be taught by Ms. Spano.

We look forward to seeing you at Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, March 15, 2018 (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!**

**PARENT COORDINATOR NEWS**

Please remember to complete the NYC School Survey. Our goal for this year is to have 100 percent response from all of our P.S. 127 families. This helps us gain insight into our school learning environment. Thank you.

## 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 15. We look forward to sharing the student's progress with them. Kindergarten will be planning for various trips in April as the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders take their state tests. Please remember to check your child's folder for more information regarding the trips. 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 author's purpose, and finding cause and effect relationships. In writing, we will be writing personal narratives with an interesting topic and ending using exact details and time order words. 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.

### Second Grade

March 2018 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

We hope everyone enjoyed winter recess. We also want to congratulate all the third graders for an amazing performance during the A-Z facts from Communities Around the World assembly. This month we will continue our writing piece on Black History Month. In addition, we will continue our discussion about fractions in math. Lastly, we will continue preparing the students for the upcoming state assessments. We look forward to seeing you all during parent-teacher conferences on March 15, 2018.

### 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 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

We hope everyone had a restful February break! The 5th grade will continue their novel study of the book Wonder while continuing test-taking strategies in preparation for their NYS ELA exam in April.

### 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. S.S -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

### Visual Arts

Kindergarten are creating illustrations of the rainforest. First and second grade are creating miniature books and finger puppets. Third grade will be creating self-portraits in graphite pencil. Fourth grade are creating self-portraits in fauvist style in the media of oil pastel. Fifth grade are creating symmetrical abstract illustrations in the media of oil pastel.

### Science 3-5

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the upcoming Science Fair at P.S. 127. All students in grades 3, 4 and 5 are expected to complete an experiment for the science fair. Students may use the internet, library or their textbook to get ideas for their project. Display boards will be on sale during the lunch period. The cost is \$5.00 per board. All projects are due on March 5, 2018. Three projects from each class will be selected to participate in the School Science Fair. Parents of class winners will be notified in writing on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The class winners will present their projects to the school judges on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The judges will select a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner for each grade. The winners will be announced at the Science Fair March 20, 2018. All this information including rubrics, checklists and some resources will be distributed to the students in the upcoming week. Good luck to all!!! I look forward to seeing everyone's hard work!!!

### Physical Education

Grades K-3: Students are learning the basic fundamentals of basketball, (dribbling, shoot, lay-off, court, etc.) They are learning to dribble with their dominant and non-dominant hand. Next, the children are going to learn the proper way to shoot a basketball. Competitive games will start as soon as the students have mastered the basic concepts. The children are very excited to play against each other. Grades 4 & 5: Hooray! We are finally done with New York City Fitness Gram!!!! Students will learn the fundamentals of basketball. This will be quick since most of the kids already play the sport. They are very excited to shoot and start competitive games!!! Practice skills taught in class to better your game. Please encourage your children to be active and eat healthy!

### Dance

Hello! I hope you had a restful break. In dance, students are creatively responding to movement skills. We are working hard to prepare for our annual dance festival in June as well.

### ELL

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 6, 2018 to provide more information on how to prepare and what to expect. The Saturday ELL Academy resumes this Saturday March 3, 2018. For additional support, we are available for questions and conferences every Tuesday afternoon.

### 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. We began incorporating a "skill of the month" into each session in addition to each individual's target goals. March's skill will address auditory memory. Everyone can benefit from listening skill drills. Have a great March.

## SUPPORT SERVICES

### AIS/IEP/SETSS

SETSS 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.

### PT/OT

Welcome to March! With the recent conclusion of the past Winter Olympics, it got us thinking about the importance of movement and how gross motor movement impacts us. Gross Motor movements involve the use of a child's large muscles for large body movements. Ongoing participation in gross motor activities will help improve your child's posture and concentration for a full day of learning! So monitor how much time your children are spending on sedentary activities like watching TV or playing video games and encourage them to play! Here are a few strategies for the classroom (or at home doing homework) that your children can use if they need to take a brief brain break from all the hard work they do:

1. Sit at your desk. Reach across the top of it and grab the other side of the desk with your hands. Pull on your desk and squeeze it into your chest/stomach for 5 seconds. Then let go and relax for a bit.
2. Take your right hand and gently but firmly squeeze, then push and pull each finger of your left hand. Then gently but firmly squeeze, then push and pull each finger of your right hand.
3. Sit in your desk chair. Put your left hand over your head and gently lean to the right. Hold for 5 seconds. Repeat on the other side.

All the best from the Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Department!

### Counselor

In March we are kicking off our P.S. 127 St. Jude Math-A-Thon! Every year our 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 designed to supplement the existing curriculum, while also teaching students the importance of helping others. The program includes fun, free math curriculum supplemented by Scholastic that also features comic book characters. **Start date is: Tuesday, March 6, 2018.** The MATH-A-THON will continue for 3 weeks, ending on Thursday, **March 22 2018.** I will be hosting three kick off assemblies in order to introduce the fundraiser as well as supply classrooms with permission slips and packets. Please help us help others and practice your math skills while you're at it!

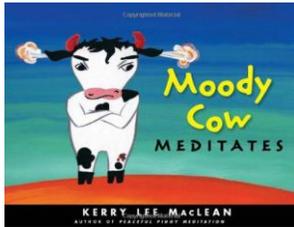
### Student Council Corner

Respect For All Week was a success, we raised over \$90.00 for PACER center against bullying by selling Respect Pencils. Thank you to everyone who supported us and helped show RESPECT! Student Council and Mrs. Meola will be busy bees working on our upcoming events including Student Council Spirit Week this May.

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Book of the Month

Moody Cow Meditates is a wonderful book for this month's CKCC theme of Anger management. Peter the cow is having a BAD day. After missing the bus and wiping out on his bike he loses his temper and gets in trouble. To make matters worse all the other kids are teasing him, calling him Moody Cow. Peter's day just seems to get worse until his grandfather comes over and teaches him how to settle his mind and let go of his frustration through a simple and fun exercise. This vibrant and funny children's book is a playful way to introduce children to the power of meditation.



By: Kerry Lee MacLean

### Reminders for 2018:

- March 5 – Dr. Seuss Birthday Spirit Week
- March 6 - Math-A-Thon Kick Off
- March 14 – Used Book Sale
- March 15 – Used Book Sale
- March 15 – 11:40 Dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:40-2:40PM, 4:30-7:30PM
- March 20 – PTA Meeting @2:45PM
- March 27 – Grade 5 Talent Show @ 3PM
- March 30 – SCHOOL CLOSED  
Spring Recess Begins
- April 9 – Back to School
- April 11 & 12 – NYS Exam

### PTA

The PTA wants to extend a heartfelt thank you for all the donations of time and baked goods that really made our Valentine's Day sale such a success last month. March has certainly come in like a lion and we've got some great events lined up including The Someone Special Dance which has been rescheduled for Friday, March 9th from 5-7pm for students in Kindergarten – Second grade. We are in need of volunteers to help setup and cleanup at this event and others. 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:

- Grades K-2 "Someone Special" Dance is set for Friday the 9th from 5-7pm. Please plan on attending this FREE event with your student. Refreshments and treats will be available for purchase, a photo booth opportunity and all the dancing one can handle, this event is sure to be a hit with the little ones and their "Someone Special". So get dressed in your best and come and dance the night away with your child! We can't wait to see you there!
- Used Book Store takes place starting the 14th and concludes on the 15th, with books being sold from \$1. Take this opportunity to go through your student's bookshelves and send in any books to be donated for the sale. We also need volunteers during the day to help setup, sell books and cleanup. Let us know if you are able to help!
- Parent-Teacher Conferences take place on March 15th with an early dismissal at 11:40am.
- March's PTA General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 20th 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 planned for March 23rd, during lunch and after school. 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!
- Students will have their first school closing of March on the 30th to kick off Spring Recess until April 9th. We hope you enjoy the extra time with family and friends!

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!