ADMINISTRATORS’ ANNOUNCEMENT

As we have entered the month of November, we are very excited to announce that P.S. 127 has been able to offer our third, fourth and fifth grade students an after-school enrichment program through a residency with Midori and Friends! The children have the unique opportunity to work in either a vocal program (Chorus) or a percussion program (Bucket Drumming). The groups will meet weekly on Tuesday afternoons from 2:40 p.m. – 3:50 p.m., beginning November 13th. We would like to thank Councilman Justin Brannan for awarding our school the funds needed to make this program possible!

This month, the teachers have prepared the students’ report cards which will reflect their performance in class. Report cards will be distributed at Parent-Teacher Conferences. Please make every effort to attend. The conferences will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 12:40-2:40 pm (afternoon) and 4:30-7:30 pm (evening). As a reminder, our school will follow the district-wide grading system. Each report card will have an explanation of these guidelines. If you have any questions, you are encouraged to speak to your child’s teacher. Open School Week will take place during the week of November 12, 2018. As we are aware, parent-school relationships lead to the educational success of each student. Therefore, we encourage families to visit classes during this week to observe the wonderful things that are taking place in our school.

During this time of year, we reflect on the many things we are thankful for. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the P.S. 127 school community for your commitment and hard work. We are truly grateful for all of your help and amazing support. Together, we dedicate ourselves and make every effort to give our children all that they deserve.

We sincerely thank everyone for their efforts in working together to ensure our students’ success and wish all of our P.S. 127 families a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving! ENJOY!

PARENT COORDINATOR

As we move into the month of November and begin to get ready for the holiday season, we would like to wish our P.S. 127 Community a very Happy Thanksgiving. Please remember those less fortunate by donating to our Food Drive and Toy Drive. Fifth grade parents, middle school applications will be coming home this month. Please be aware that all applications have strict due dates, so be sure to check your child’s folders. Please also check the calendar for all upcoming events – November is a busy month!
GRADE NEWS

Kindergarten
Autumn leaves are changing colors and falling! In Math, we will represent, count, and write numbers 6 to 9, and compare numbers to 10. In Reading, we will learn about our five senses, we will learn to compare and contrast, understand how characters impact the story, and the main idea. In Writing, we will be writing descriptive sentences. We give thanks for all of the wonderful people in our lives!

First Grade
This month, first graders will continue to focus on addition and subtraction strategies in our math program, Go Math! In reading, we will continue to learn new strategies to help us with our comprehension skills such as: creating story structure maps, inferring story characters’ feelings, and sequencing story events using transition words. We hope to see all parents and guardians during Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 15, 2018. Have a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

Second Grade
November has “fall”-en upon us, and second graders have been hard at work learning and discovering new things. Our Journeys lessons will find us exploring concepts such as text and graphic features and drawing conclusions. Our Chapter 3 GoMath lessons will revolve around basic facts and addition. We will be crafting informational paragraphs during writing workshop, and we will continue learning about different habitats during our science lessons. Additionally, all second grade classes will proudly be presenting their fall assembly celebrating autumn, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving on November 16th. We hope to see everyone there, as we are all so thankful for all of the support and encouragement from all the members of our P.S. 127 family!

Third Grade
Happy fall to all! On November 13, the third grade will be participating in the traveling zoo and get to meet some African animals. We look forward to meeting all of you on November 15th, during Parent Teacher conferences. Please continue practicing multiplication facts with your child. Lastly, we would like to take this time to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

3/4/5
As we prepare for the Holiday of Thanksgiving, I am very thankful for teaching your children. We have begun Unit 2 in Journeys. Our reading skills will include cause and effect, understanding characters, main idea and details, conclusions, and generalizations. We have begun chapter 3 in math. Our skills will be understanding multiplication, adding and subtracting decimals, and representing and interpreting data. I encourage you to practice multiplication facts with your children daily. I wish all of you a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

4th Grade Math
We have just finished Chapter 2, - memorizing our multiplication facts is what we must do. Place value and decimals are in Chapter 3. - we will see how much fun they can be! Parent Teacher Conferences are November 15th. Can’t wait to meet all of you!

4th Grade ELA
The fourth grade readers have been working on reading a wide variety of literature pieces in Unit 1! We have read prose, poetry and most recently a play. The common theme has been people in communities reaching out to help others. We hope that everyone in our school community has a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

5th Grade ELA
Happy Fall! This week we are starting our first Novel Study- Tuck Everlastings! The students are very excited to read this book. We will do many activities to strengthen their reading comprehension, skills and strategies.

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Exploring the Mayan culture, the 5th grade will use their research skills to write an informational writing piece, while creating, developing and designing their very own Mayan ceremonial masks. This will give them great insight into the lives and culture of early civilizations.
Art
K-2 are exploring with lines and shapes to create various objects on different themes. Grades 3-5 are creating books from recycled materials.

Science 3-5
Hello everyone! Happy November!!! During this month the third grade students will continue learning about forces. Fourth grade students will be exploring energy and its different forms. Fifth graders will continue acting like astronauts while studying the stars. I am proud to announce that P.S. 127 will be having a Green Team. The purpose of A Green Team is to work together to reduce the impact of our school on the world that we share with other species and future generations. We will be doing projects to help promote awareness in making our environment sustainable.

Physical Education
Grades K-5 are working on throwing and catching skills. The students are practicing the skills taught in class by working at various throwing stations. These stations challenge the students’ at all different levels. Please practice at home!! Grades 3-5 are working on the components of fitness gram. These components measure the student’s cardiovascular endurance, upper body strength and flexibility. The children are taught exercises in class to help strengthen those areas and build their core. We will be starting the unit on Soccer this month. Please have your child exercise each night. Be active and eat healthy!!!

Dance
Welcome November! Children have a large appetite for movement. Fortunately, dance class is helping to build each students’ confidence and strength. As we continue to focus on the elements of dance, we are learning new choreography that we plan on performing for all parents and friends one day! Grades K-5 are working on using their loco-motor skills to create movement maps for our first steam project.

ENL
Happy Fall to all our ENL Parents and Families! We are grateful for so much but especially all of the students’ hard work. The students are working very diligently on our writing pieces and this will help us be successful in our school work and on the NYSESLAT this spring. We hope to see many of you at the upcoming Parent Teacher conference on November 15th. If you are unable to attend, we are always available Tuesday afternoons in person or via phone. Thank you so much for your continued support!

SUPPORT SERVICES
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. Remember to make any moment a teachable moment. Read with your children, ask them questions, play games and have fun!

PT/OT
Welcome to autumn everyone! We hope everyone has settled into the academic year and is ready to continue buckling down to work towards performing their best in school. Our tip of the month to help the school is to remind everyone to remember their posture. Posture impacts your attention, vision, eye-hand coordination and affects overall classroom performance. Here is a quick guide to help us improve our posture: 1) keep a “90-degree, 90-degree, 90-degree” rule with your hips, knees, and feet. This will help to keep your back straight and be grounded in what you do. 2) Use footstool of some kind to support your feet if they do not rest flat on the floor. 3) It is ok to take small breaks from sitting so that we can continue to focus when it matters in school. With that in mind, we hope everyone falls in love with sitting with awesome posture!

AIS/IEP/SETSS
A time for being THANKFUL from SE Support! The implementation of SPIRE and other multi-sensory reading activities are about to begin! The benefit of these programs integrates phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, spelling, comprehension and handwriting – more importantly it turbo-charges student’s curiosity of learning! I’m looking forward to discussing these activities and other work that your children have been engaged in with you during the November PTC. At this time, I want to wish all of my P.S. 127 families a wonderful Thanksgiving season!

Counselor
This November we will host Hats on Day! All proceeds will go to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Keep a lookout for more information

Student Council Corner
November 20th 2018 we will honor and celebrate this year’s Student Council Members along with giving thanks to our special guests at our annual day of gratitude ceremony.
THANK YOU for your support in October as we held Class Picture Day, our first Family Friday, Pediatric First Aid for Parents Title 1 Workshop, Socktober, a Used Book Sale, Snack Shacks, Fruity Fridays, a Cupcake Sale, Autumn Photos, the Pumpkin Carving Competition, the Halloween Parade (including bags of non-food treats for every student, donated completely by all of YOU!), and more! Phew!

In November, look out for flyers in your child's HW folder concerning:

- Our Annual Canned Food Drive - Nov 1-16
- Family Friday - Nov 2
- Title 1 Anti-Bullying Workshop for Parents (FREE, coffee and breakfast included!) - Nov 2
- Day of Gratitude - Nov 13
- Bake Sale - Nov 14
- PTA General Meeting - Nov 15, 9 a.m.

...Plus all our usual sales of snacks and treats during lunch time (all items $1)

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