



2020

We want to wish all our families and our school Community a Happy, Healthy & Successful New Year!

A note from Ms. Marte-Grapatín, Ms. Maldonado & the Student Council:

Dear P.S. 24 Families,

In our ongoing effort to promote and focus on respect for one another, next week **February 10 to February 14**, we will be celebrating Respect for ALL Week. We have assigned a “word of the day” for each day of the week. Throughout the week, students and staff will represent the “word of the day” in a variety of ways.

Monday- Word of the Day is **Kindness**
Monday is No One Eats Alone Day.

No One Eats Alone is a lunchtime school event that seeks to reverse the trends of social isolation by asking students to engage in a simple act of kindness at lunch – making sure that no one is eating alone and students are making an effort to eat with new classmates and peers.

Tuesday- Word of the Day is **Respect**
Tuesday is Inside Out Shirt Day.

The school will show support for Respect by wearing their shirts inside out. By doing this, we show that words hurt more on the inside than on the outside.

Wednesday- Word of the Day is **Empathy**
Wednesday is wear Mismatched Shoe Day.
On this day, we will show empathy by putting ourselves in someone else’s shoes.

Thursday- Word of the Day is **Diversity**
Thursday is wear clothing or colors representing your culture/ nationality.
This will highlight that although we come from different backgrounds, our diversity makes us a beautiful mosaic.

Friday- Word of the Day is **Tolerance**
Friday is wear Pink Day.
Our focus will be on Tolerance and having acceptance within the classroom and our school community.”

SECOND GRADE NEWS!

The Second Grade is very excited to announce we will be participating in a new program, “Music & Multilingual Learners Program: Literature at Play”, beginning in February. With support from the Division of Multilingual Learners, District 10 Superintendent, and Mr. Schwartz – the Office of Arts and Special Projects (OASP) and New York City Children’s Theater (NYCCT) are partnering with PS 24 to provide the Second Grade classes with an 8-week/15-session residency. It is a pilot designed to maximize authentic language development for multilingual learners (MLLs) by providing robust arts instruction in the music and general classrooms.

The Second Grade teachers are very excited about this and look forward to sharing more information about this in the coming weeks.

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS FROM 1ST GRADE!

At this time of the year many of us make resolutions for a brighter and more productive future. Grade 1 is among those who are making resolutions - specifically reading resolutions for ourselves and our students. A good resolution is to, at some point everyday, drop what you are doing and read for at least 20 minutes. As we go further into the new year each of us should try to raise our goal and add more minutes to our reading day. Some of us can challenge ourselves by adding more places where they can comfortably read. Some of us can challenge ourselves by reading new types of books this year. Some of us will challenge ourselves by not only reading more often but reading to others when the opportunity presents itself. Whatever your reading resolution is the ultimate goal is to not only read but to love reading and to make reading a part of your life. Families and students can learn more about reading resolutions from our Grade1 January website page. We encourage everyone to make a reading resolution as part of the beginning of your New Year.



5TH GRADE!

2020 is moving along smoothly! Fifth graders are continuing to read and write nonfiction texts. Students are practicing different structures within their articles and identifying various structures within their reading. In social studies, we are continuing to use our nonfiction reading skills to gain comprehension about world resources. In math we are finishing out our unit of adding and subtracting fractions and will be moving on to multiplying and dividing fractions. In science, we are continuing to draft our Earth spheres essays, again using our nonfiction writing skills.

Important Information for Fifth Grade Families:

March 25th and 26th will be the New York State ELA exam.

April 22nd and 23rd will be the New York State Math exam.

**The fifth grade trips, as voted by the students are... (DRUMROLL PLEASE) High Exposure and Castle Fun Center! Dates to be determined.

The 5th grade moving up ceremony will take place on June 24th at In-Tech Academy. More information to follow.

As information about moving up and fifth grade end of year activities is decided, we will let families know!



This month representatives from Riverdale Pediatric Dentistry came to P.S. 24 for a special presentation for our Kindergarten Students! The children learned about the importance of good oral hygiene. They were shown the correct way to brush their teeth through role play. The students were read a book about going to visit the Dentist office.

We would like to thank the office manager, at Riverdale Pediatric Dentistry, Irit M. Sandler for organizing the visit to our school!



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Kindergarten is off to a great start for the New Year!

Kindergarten celebrated the end of the How-to writing unit by having a writing celebration in the cold lunch room with all the K classes sharing their writing pieces to each other. It was exciting to see the fruits of their hard work and how proud they all were. We look forward to many more exciting things in the upcoming months

The Kindergarten Team



This month our Principal Steven Schwartz shared his vision for the future of P.S. 24 at the School Leadership Meeting, Coffee with the Principal and our monthly Parents Association Meeting. Part of that vision is...

STRONG FAMILY-COMMUNITY TIES

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP BRINGS RESOURCES FROM THE COMMUNITY INTO THE SCHOOL BUILDING BY WELCOMING, ENCOURAGING, AND DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAMILIES, BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.

Dear Parents & Guardians of PS 24,

Earlier this month, I spoke at our School Leadership Team meeting, Coffee with the Principal and Parent Association meeting about my vision for the future of PS 24. I stressed the importance of forming partnerships inside and outside of our community in order to give our children the access and opportunities that they deserve.

I am proud to announce that we are well underway in realizing this vision for our children. Late last week the New York Psychotherapy and Counseling Center (NYPCC) officially agreed to be a partner to our community. This partnership will allow our community to have a high-level access to affordable and immediate health care to address a variety of health needs. The NYPCC will be supporting our community with all physical, mental, social and emotional health needs that cannot be addressed at the school level.

You will be receiving more information about this partnership during our Parent – Teacher conference on March 5th. However, if you would like additional information prior to March 5th, please feel free to e-mail me at sschwartz@schools.nyc.gov. You can also contact our intake person at NYPCC, Cruz Fuksman at (718)-235-3100 or email at cruzfuksman@nypcc.org.

I would also like to give a big “shout out” to one of our parents, Jason Guardado for brokering this partnership with NYPCC in the best interest of our community. If you are aware of a partnership that will benefit the children and families of PS 24, please bring it to my attention so that we can continue to provide access and opportunities to our community.

Thank you,

Steven Schwartz

Principal

