

# P.S. 24 Newsletter

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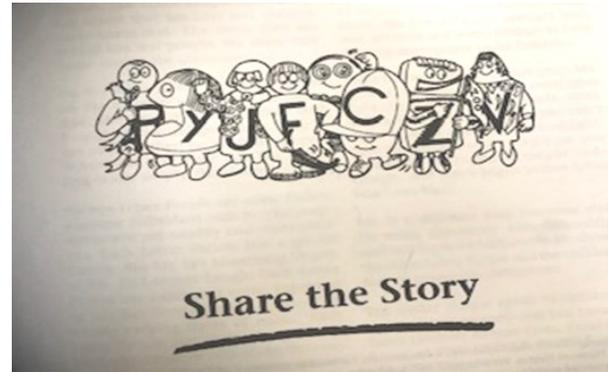
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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

The year is off to a terrific start. Our students are engaged in learning and excited to be at school with staff and friends. We would like to thank all the families that joined us for "Back to School Night." We hope it was a fun and informative evening for all.

## Conflict Resolution with Ms. Maldonado



### Kindergarten News

In the beginning of October all Kindergarten families will receive a Creation Code Letter with instructions to set up a NYC School Account for their child. A NYC School Account will allow parents to have access to attendance, lateness, report cards, Assessment results, Standardized Test results, Busing Information and more... If you need assistance regarding setting up your child's account after you receive your letter please call or e-mail the Parent Coordinator Florence Byrne at [FByrne@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:FByrne@schools.nyc.gov) or at 718-796-8845 ext. 2225.

### 1st Grade

Grade 1 is enjoying a great start to the new school year - in large part - because of the strong support we are already seeing from our parents. Students have arrived at school on time with smiles and school supplies. Parents have been immediately and quickly completing forms and returning them to school so that teachers have an established line of communication to our families. Please sign up with your child's Class Dojo and check backpacks daily for important information about what is going on in your child's classroom, or at school. We'll be sharing resources with you to help you support your child's learning at home. We look forward to working with you all!

### 2nd Grade

We are off to a great start in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade this year! It has been a busy few weeks as children learned classroom routines, expectations, and curriculum material. The first four weeks of school are always tiring and challenging for students. You will be amazed at the progress each child makes as they transition from the summer months to the full and rigorous days of school. We look forward to working with you and your child during this exciting school year. Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

#### Reminders

Please check red folders everyday and make sure they come back to school.

Please keep all homework assignments inside your child's blue homework folder.

This program was created to teach long-life skills on how to solve conflict in a non-violent way and to support the Social Emotional Competencies of our P.S 24 students.

To enrich and support the lessons I am using the Wonderful Program of the "Letter People" with 1st and 2nd grade. Through the "Letter People" puppets we are becoming aware of the effects of unresolved conflict. The students absolutely love the letter people! To enrich and support the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade lessons I am using role-play, keynote speakers, and an excellent DVD Blog system that show students just like them having conflicts and learning to deal with the conflicts in peaceful ways.

The topics that will be covered this month will be:

1. Getting Better Acquainted
2. Good and Poor Listening
3. Creating a positive school environment ( effects of put-downs and Put- Ups)
4. Respecting differences

In addition to the Assemblies I have created a "Peace Helpers Program" that aligns well with the culture of Peace we are creating

#### Fun Facts about P.S 24 Voluntary Peace Helpers Program

1. Three grades are involved, 5th graders are called **Peace Ambassadors**, 4th graders are called **Peer Helpers** and 3rd graders are called **Kindness Agents**.
2. The students are given an application that requires them to explain why they want to participate in the program and parent/guardian approval.
3. There is a 1 day week training session with Mrs. Maldonado during recess.
4. 4th and 5th graders receive Formal Peer Mediation Training.
5. The Helpers use the skills learned to spread kindness by setting an example Reinforcing safety, and spreading compassion to their peers during lunch and recess.

**My goal is that we all pay it forward every day, impacting the world around us!**

If you have any free resources or ideas that can enrich this program please don't hesitate to contact me. [WMaldon2@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:WMaldon2@schools.nyc.gov)

### 5th Grade

All 5<sup>th</sup> grade families will receive a Creation Code Letter in the mail the first week in October. It will include a code and directions on how to create an account for the Middle School Application for your child. Please go to our website at [www.ps24school.org](http://www.ps24school.org) for more info regarding The middle school application process (under 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News).