

November 5, 2018

Dear Families,

We had another exciting week at P.S. 24. Dress Up as your Favorite Literary Character Day was a success! It was great to see the wide variety of characters and the students love of literature. Our first Annual Celebration Day was also a huge success. Thank you for all of those who were able to join in one of the various celebrations of learning and community at P.S. 24.

Upcoming Events

- Election Day: November 6th: No school for students
- Parent Advisory Committee Meeting at 4pm on November 8
- P.S. 24 vs P.S. 81 football game November 9th
- Parent Teacher Conferences: November 14th (evening) and November 15th (afternoon)

Other Updates

- See below for an opportunity to nominate a teacher for the Big Apple Award
- Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade parents/guardians applying for the Gifted and Talented Assessment do not need to contact the school for a testing date. The testing date will be sent home in December to all parents/guardians of students registered for the exam. The window to register for the G&T assessment closes on Friday, November 9, 2018.
- **Please take out latest parent survey at:**
 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6BYY9ZD>
- Important information regarding Immunizations, Flu Shots, Vaccine changes and updates are on our website www.ps24school.org under Parents tab on Menu

If you have any questions or concerns please email the administration or parent coordinator directly at: sschwartz@schools.nyc.gov (Specific Individual Concerns: Grades 4,5), namster@schools.nyc.gov (Specific Individual Concerns: grades: K,1, safety), aparedes@schools.nyc.gov (Specific Individual Concerns: Grades 2,3) or fbyrne@schools.nyc.gov (General Concerns: All Grades)

We look forward to a great week! Thank you for your support and please remember to ask your children about all of the exciting things they are learning at school every day.

Sincerely,
P.S. 24 Administration

Opportunity to Nominate Outstanding Teachers and Counselors for Big Apple Awards

School Type: **All schools**

Deadline: **November 26**

Workflow Subcategory: **Teacher Development**

The DOE is recognizing teacher excellence through the seventh annual [Big Apple Awards](#) program. You and your school community (e.g., students, families, administrators, support staff, and teachers) are encouraged to nominate current, full-time teachers who have demonstrated exceptional success in their impact on student learning, instructional practices, and professional contributions to their school community.

Nominations are due by **November 26**. You should consider nominating outstanding teachers in your school using this [nomination link](#). Award recipients will be recognized as exemplary educators, and will spend the 2019–20 school year representing teachers citywide as Big Apple Fellows and members of the [Chancellor's Teacher Advisory Group](#), while continuing their work in the classroom.

During the 2017–18 school year, 70 percent of DOE schools nominated at least one teacher for the Big Apple Awards; this year's goal is to receive at least one nomination from each school and increase the number of high-quality teachers advancing to the next round. For more information about the Big Apple Awards, the selection process, and past recipients, please visit the [Big Apple Awards page](#).

For questions, email teacherexcellence@schools.nyc.gov.