

December 22, 2017

Dear P.S. 24 Families,

First of all we would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season with their friends and families. We hope you have a wonderful vacation and we are looking forward to seeing the children back at school on January 2, 2018!

Some highlights from this past week at P.S. 24 included:

- Our amazing winter concert! Students from all grades performed and were spectacular. Special thanks to Ms. Koukoulas, Ms. Shepley, and Ms. Bergamini for putting the show together. Special thanks to Ms. Maistre for the beautiful artwork displayed around the auditorium and to Florence Byrne for helping support the concerts going off without a hitch.
- Wonderful classroom celebrations featuring student work being shared with families

Please see the following message from the Chancellor regarding outdoor recess:  
*Children benefit from vigorous exercise and should be given the opportunity to play outside whenever possible. Unless it is snowing, or there is ice on the playground, or the wind-chill factor is below zero degrees Fahrenheit (-18 degrees Celsius), temperature alone should not preclude outdoor play. You are encouraged to work with your staff to maintain outdoor play periods, and should take precautions to keep students warm and ensure that they are appropriately dressed on very cold days. When outdoors, please ensure that your students and staff cover exposed skin, wear warm clothing, and use multiple layers to maintain warmth.*  
Families: Many children ask to take off their jacket. However, in the cold weather they must wear a jacket. The lunch staff remind students of this daily and would appreciate you reminding your child as well that they must keep their jacket on and zipped for the entire recess.

Although this is a great time of year to relax and reflect, it is also important that we continue to work toward our ultimate goal of growth. Please remind your children that they should be reading at least 30-60 minutes a day (depending on grade level) and practicing their Math facts. This will ensure that they return ready to learn on January 2nd.

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. If you have any questions or concerns please email the administration or parent coordinator directly at: [sschwartz@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:sschwartz@schools.nyc.gov), [namster@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:namster@schools.nyc.gov), or [fbyrne@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:fbyrne@schools.nyc.gov).

Sincerely,  
P.S. 24 Administration