



- March 1** -Parent Read Aloud
- March 5** -Parent Internet Safety workshop 2:45p, -4th grade parent assessment information workshop 9am
- March 18** -5th grade Ballroom Dancing performance at MS126
- March 10** - Spring Ahead! Daylight Savings Time Begins. (Move clocks ahead one hour)
- March 12** -5th grade parent assessment information workshop 9am
- March 13-15** -Book Fair Week
- March 14** -Parent Teacher Conferences 12:35p - 2:35p and 4:30p- 7:30p (Book Fair Opened to Families at these times)
- Half Day of School – Dismissal 11:35a (No programs after school)
- March 21** SLT Meeting @ 2:45pm, Principal's Conference Room
- March 25** Eco Fashion Show Workshop 2:45pm
- March 26** Family Award Assembly 3pm, Cafeteria.
- March 29** -Coffee Time with Parent Coordinator 8:45p



PS 34 Oliver H. Perry Elementary Parent Coordinator Newsletter

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Put First Things First: Parent-Teacher Conferences

A key ingredient for educational achievement is the parent-teacher conference. This month, let's get habit 3 into action and put our children's Parent-Teacher Conferences first. Appointment letters will be going home this week. It is important that parents return appointment letters to their child's teacher as soon as possible. Teachers will send home appointment notices before the conference day on March 14. Contact your teacher or Parent Coordinator for more information.

For a successful conference for both parent and teacher, here are some helpful parent tips.

- 1. Be on time:** Depending on your child's age and number of teachers, you may have anywhere from 5-20 minutes for the conference. Your time with the teacher is therefore limited and you should try to make the most of it. Try to keep in mind you are not the only parent the teacher is meeting with, and try to stay within your allotted time.
- 2. Bring questions:** It helps to write your thoughts down so you make sure you get to everything you'd like to cover. Because time is so limited, before you go into the meeting, prioritize what is on top of your list to address with the teacher. For example, you may want to know how your child is performing compared to her peers, or if there's a particular subject where improvement is needed. Also, you should take notes during the meeting.

3. Be Respectful: Let the teacher know you value her time and treat her with respect. Each family has different concerns and questions for the teacher and it's a long day. Try not to get offended or angry if she delivers bad news. Listen first, then talk. Thank the teacher for bringing up a problem and discuss ways in which you can solve it together. A good parent-teacher relationship can help everyone better support your child's learning.

4. Behavior at home: Bring up anything that is happening at home that could affect your child's behavior, learning, or participation in class

5. Communications going forward: Arrange a way to communicate going forward. You should let it be known that you plan to be an active participant in your child's academic achievement and you are available for further discussions. Your partnership with your child's teacher is most beneficial if it continues through the year, so you should maintain a relationship beyond the conference.

For more tips visit:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/ParentsFamilies/PTC/default.htm>

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Let Your Voice be Heard!

Complete your 2019 Parent Learning Environment Survey.

- Surveys will be distributed during the Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday March 14.
- Families who complete and return their survey on Thursday will receive a raffle ticket for the opportunity to win fun prizes! (*VR Goggles, LEGO Boost, Digital Camera*)

-Classes with 100% return will receive one extra recess period. (Note: If you complete your survey online please send a receipt confirmation to DKowalski@schools.nyc.gov or printed confirmation to school for your child's class to get credit toward receiving one extra recess period.)

YOUR FEEDBACK IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US.
If you have any questions or need any assistance please contact Deise Kowalski, Parent Coordinator

Calling all Volunteers!

The Parent Coordinator, Ms. Kowalski, is organizing 2 teams of volunteers to assist with **Surveys** and the **Book Fair** during parent teacher conferences on March 14.

Survey Volunteer Team needed to:

- Collect surveys and raffle tickets
- Set up and decorate
- Assist and encourage parents to complete surveys
- Polish /Spanish speakers are welcome for translation.

Book Fair Volunteer Team needed to

- Help at our sales table
- Set up or pack up
- Set up decorations
- Help shoppers of all ages find their perfect book.

Times available: 12:00-1:30p, 1:30-2:35p, 4:30-6:00p, 6:00-7:30p.

Contact, Ms. Kowalski, Parent Coordinator, DKowalski@schools.nyc.gov for information and to sign up.

Habit #3
PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST!
Work first, then play

- I do the things that I have to do before I do the things that I want to do.
- I stay focused on what I'm doing. I try to minimize distractions and regroup if I get off task.
- I spend my time on the things that are the most important.

Parent Read Aloud Corner



Mrs. Alexis Anthony, Oliver's mom, read to class K-106 on February 1. Parents/Guardians brought in stories to read based on our Parent Read Aloud theme in February, Friendship & Caring.

POEMS WANTED! Coming up, April is Poetry Month! To celebrate National Poetry Month, I will be accepting original poem submissions from student/parent teams and selecting **one from each grade** to appear in the April issue of the *Parent Coordinator Newsletter* and receive a book of poetry. Parents are encouraged to team up and assist their children with their poems. Poems can be emailed to DKowalski@schools.nyc.gov or submitted to your teacher by Wednesday March 20, 2019. If you submit a paper entry, please print neatly on loose-leaf paper or type. Make sure to include class, student name and parent name. [Poetry Idea Engine](http://PoetryIdeaEngine.com) Get your poetry juices flowing with the Poetry Idea Engine. Created with GoCyberCamp, this activity will allow you to write haikus, free verse, limericks, and more!

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