



PS 34 Oliver H. Perry Elementary Parent Coordinator Newsletter

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Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind in 2019!
Set goals, resolutions and plan ahead.

Start the new year by making **a math resolution** and setting a goal to encourage your child to excel as they enjoy math. Here are some tips and ideas to help cultivate and instill a love of Math in your child.

“Talk math” with your child:

The next time you need to measure or count something, share what you are thinking and look for ways your child can take part.

Model problem-solving strategies:

No matter what the problem is, it’s always a good idea to take a break when frustration sets in and start again when you’re fresh. And sometimes breaking down the problem into smaller problems helps you see a solution that makes the bigger problem easier.

Focus on the process.

Knowing how to approach a problem is just as important as coming up with an answer. Don’t dwell on arithmetic mistakes. Instead, focus on supporting the strategy your child uses to approach a problem. Often, there’s more than one correct way to solve it.

Ask questions.

When your child is trying to solve a problem, ask questions such as “How did you figure that out?” or “What are you thinking?” or even “Can you draw me a picture to show me what you mean?” Having kids explain their logic can help them better understand their reasoning and see their way more clearly to a solution.

For more tips visit: <http://www.pbs.org/parents/cyberchase/math-fun-more/using-math-at-home/positive-math-attitudes/> and <https://www.parenttoolkit.com/academics/news/math/i-hate-math-ways-to-instill-a-love-of-math-in-kids>

**Resolve to prioritize & organize yourself in 2019!
Get tips and information in this free workshop:**

Organizing & Prioritizing Adult Workshop

When: January 8, 2019 Time: 9:00 am Where: Kindergarten Cafeteria
Coffee & donuts will be served

Presented by: ICL (Institute for Community Living-Family Resource Center)

For information contact Ms. Kowalski at Dkowalski@schools.nyc.gov

Dates to Remember

- January 2**
-Return to school
- January 8** – grade 3-5
Disney Theater Parent Information sessions 2:45-3:15 & 5-5:30pm
- January 4**- Parent Read Aloud
- January 9** -Disney Audition Grade 3, 2:45-4:45pm
- January 10** -Disney Audition Grade 4, 2:45-4:45pm
- January 11**
-College Awareness Day
- Disney Audition Grade 5, 2:45-4:45pm
-Family Night at the Big Apple Circus. (deadline to purchase your tickets is Jan-4-2019)
- **January 14** -Deadline to complete Kindergarten application
- January 15** -PTA Meeting 6:15pm
- January 21** - Martin Luther King Jr. Day **(School Closed)**
- January 24** -SLT Meeting @ 2:45pm,
- January 29** -Family Award Assembly 3pm, cafeteria.

PS 34 Celebrates Holidays Around the World!

It was an amazing end to 2018 at PS 34. In December PS 34 celebrated the richness of cultures represented in our school community in one of our biggest event of the school year so far. Approximately 300 people filled the IS 126 Cafeteria on December 12, 2018 to enjoy our PS 34 Holidays Around the World Night!



“Holidays Around the World,” was the culminating event which featured the works of the children and parents along with performances by singers and dancers. Special performances by The International Ballet Institute, and The Wan Chi Ming Dragon and Lion Dance Institute. Our very own PS 34 fourth & fifth grade chorus lead by Ms. Kristi Goslar delighted everyone with a variety of holiday songs. Beautiful and heartwarming international holiday carols and songs also adorned the night of celebrations. There were holiday carols with Ms. Wysocka’s Class 3-203 “*Skrzypki wóz*” (Three Kings song); traditional Christmas carols in Polish & Spanish with Izabela Grajner-Patyka, Lourdes Bonifaz and the Polish American Folk Dance Company; as well as a traditional holiday Italian song “*Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle*” (You Come Down from the Stars) sung by Valentina Mussi and Bianca Mussi.

Students worked on grade projects in class as they discovered how people around the world express themselves most joyfully through their holiday traditions. Each grade focused on a cultural celebration for their projects.

Families also participated in creating holiday snowman crafts organized by the PS34 PTA and traditional Polish ornaments with the Pilsudski Institute as well as Menorah Popsicle stick craft activity. Our community and families contributed cultural dishes that were a treat to savor and share, such as pierogis, Mexican tacos, Turkish Borek, German Spaetzle, Italian cookies and pizza.

We are grateful to all our wonderful parents, friends, staff, students and community for making this event a truly wonderful night of song, music, crafts, food, family and fun! Visit our image gallery for more photos <http://www.ps34.org/gallery>

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