

Public School 154

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November 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you to Assemblywoman Nily Rozic for visiting our fourth grade classes. While here, she conducted a read aloud of *Grace for President* by Kelly DiPucchio with our children. Through this read aloud, she left our children with the understanding that they can be and do anything they want to if they set their minds to it. We look forward to her visiting us again in the Spring!

As November brings cooler weather, our children do go outside for recess. Please dress your children accordingly for outdoor weather. If your child is missing any items, stop by the school's Lost and Found Box in the cafeteria.

Our Library/Technology and Open Gym Programs are starting this month. During the Open Gym Program, parents and children are invited in for free and organized play activities. Please feel free to stop by the Library on Thursdays to check out books, for homework help or to use the computer. All are welcome! Check the calendar for program dates.

New this year, we have joined the CHAMPS Sports and Fitness Program-Build Our Kids Success (BOKS). This program is designed to get children moving while focusing on functional fitness skills such as squatting and push-ups. At the end of each session, children participate in a short nutritional talk to provide them with the tools to make healthy food choices. Our first session is currently taking place with fourth grade students, and we will offer more sessions throughout the year to allow for other grades to participate.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place this month. Please see below for the schedule:

Thursday, November 15, 2018

- Grades: Pre-K-4
 - Afternoon session: 12:00-2:20PM
 - Evening session: 4:30-7:30PM

Thursday, November 15, 2018

- Grade 5
 - Morning session: 8:00-11:10AM
 - Afternoon session: 12:20-2:20PM
 - Evening Session: 4:30-7:30PM

Friday, November 16, 2018

- Ms. Bracco, Ms. Barberio and Ms. Mameli
 - Morning session: 8:00-10:00AM
- Ms. Fields and Ms. McKay
 - Afternoon session: 12:00-2:00PM

You should have received a form from your child's teacher to request your time preference. The Parent-Teacher Conference is an opportunity for your child's teacher to share with you the grades' learning expectations. During these sessions, you will learn how your child is progressing towards the standards. **All children will be dismissed at 11:20am.** Progress Reports will be distributed on **Tuesday, November 13th.**

LITERACY NIGHT – This year we will be hosting BINGO for Books as a way to promote family literacy. You are invited to come out and join us for a night of BINGO! Each family will receive a BINGO card and if you are lucky enough to be a winner, your child will be able to choose a special prize. This event will take place on Thursday, November 29, 2018, from 6:30-7:30pm. This is a **FREE** event and everyone is welcome. Come join us for a night of fun!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

FIRST FRIDAY – Friday, November 2nd

NO SCHOOL – Tuesday, November 6th

Monday, November 12th

Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd

PROGRESS REPORTS DISBRIBUTION – Tuesday, November 13th

THANK YOU - I would like to extend my gratitude to all of the families who participated in this year's Candy Sale. The money raised from the candy sale will go towards scheduling special assemblies for our children.

The P.S. 154 family wishes you and your family a Happy, Healthy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Pamela Gathers-Bullard,
Principal