Public School 154

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April 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u> - Our Spring Parent Teacher conferences were held on Thursday, March 14th. I am proud to announce that 548 of our parents/guardians came to visit their child's teacher. There were also 10 classes with 100% attendance. These numbers are extraordinary and that says a great deal about the parents at P.S. 154.

As we are finally getting into warmer weather, our children will be going outside daily for outdoor recess. We do still have a lot of winter coats, hats and gloves in our lost and found. I encourage you to check out the lost and found located in the cafeteria the next time you are here at school.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE - Your child's attendance is crucial to their success in school. Please be reminded that attendance is part of a student's promotional criteria. If a child is absent for more than 10% of the school year (18 days), promotion may be affected. Please plan your vacations to begin after the school year ends on Wednesday, June 26th.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS EXAM – Students in grades 3-5 will be taking the New York State ELA Assessment on Tuesday, April 2nd and Wednesday April 3rd. The ELA is used to measure the progress your child has made in Reading and Writing and is not used for promotional decisions. Please encourage your child to do their best and ensure that they eat a healthy breakfast. If your child wears glasses, please make sure they bring them to school on the testing days. The New York State Mathematics Assessment will be given in May.

P.S. 154 FAMILY NIGHT EVENT - We will be hosting two family events for the month of April. **Zumba Night** will take place on Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 6:00-8:00pm. This is a fun event just for adults. The cost of admission is \$5.00 per adult which includes the class and a bottle of water. If you do not have childcare and would like to attend, for an additional \$2.00, we will offer childcare services. This service includes the movie <u>The Grinch</u>, a drink and a snack.

We also will be hosting our annual *Spring Dance* on Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 6:00-8:00pm. The cost of admission is \$8.00 per child with no cost to adults. Admission includes a drink, cupcakes, chips, pretzels, face painting, animal balloons and music for children. Food will also be available for purchase if you are short on time and will not have a chance to pick up dinner.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our April events!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- NYS ELA Exam Monday, April 2nd & Tuesday April 3rd
- Donuts and Conversation with the Principal –Friday, April 5th
- Spring and Graduation Picture Day Monday, April 8th
- Vision Screening for Kindergarten and First Grade Monday, April 15th Tuesday, April 16th
- Spring Break Friday, April 19th Friday, April 26th

STUDENTS RETURN FROM SPRING BREAK ON MONDAY, APRIL 29TH

Sincerely,

Pamela Gathers-Bullard,

Principal