

**Patrick Henry Preparatory School**  
**PS/IS 171**  
**19 East 103 Street / New York, NY 10029**  
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February 7, 2019

Dear Families,

The American Childhood Cancer Organization (ACCO) is dedicated to fighting the number one disease in children. Childhood cancer remains the leading cause of death for children between the ages of 4 and 14. The ACCO advocates for the needs of families and survivors to shape policy, research and programs that affect the lives of cancer-stricken families. Furthermore, they are committed to serving our nation-wide community with the life-long effects of this traumatic disease.

The ACCO states "Children with cancer often spend months, even years, living in their pajamas at home or in the hospital as they undergo critical treatments such as chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery. During this time, they frequently miss school, time with siblings and friends, and other normal childhood activities. Instead, they rely solely on their family and medical team to help them through this difficult time in their lives".

In our efforts to support this community partnership, we would like to invite students to wear school appropriate pajamas for our "**Pjammin For Kids with Cancer**" on **Friday, February 15th** and consider making a donation of \$1.00 to raise awareness of childhood cancer in our community.

We look forward to standing together to support the thousands of children fighting childhood cancer as a school community. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Sincerely,

*Dimitres Pantelidis*

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February 2019

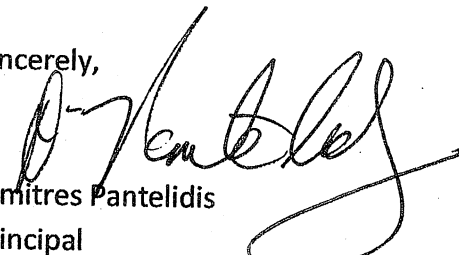
Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Students/Staff:

Each student and staff member brings to our public school community the richness of our city's cultural diversity and the desire for respect. It is the policy of the Department of Education (DOE) to implement and maintain a safe and supportive learning environment that is free from harassment, intimidation and/or bullying and from discrimination on account of actual or perceived race or color, citizenship/immigration status, religion, creed, national origin, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation or weight.

At PS/IS 171, we aim to prohibit such behavior that disrupts the educational process of others. Our school will celebrate **Respect For All Week from February 11-15, 2019**. During this time each class has been asked to promote acceptance and understanding through theme-based lessons and activities. On the culminating day of **February 15**, we encourage our learning community to celebrate **National No One Eats Alone Day**, a nationwide lunchtime event during which students are encouraged to connect and engage with their peers in order to combat social isolation.

If you should have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Ms. Danielle La Santa, SC, RFA Liaison at [dlasant@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:dlasant@schools.nyc.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Dimitres Pantelidis  
Principal



Lauren Siciliano  
Deputy Chief Operating Officer  
Department of Education

52 Chambers Street  
New York, NY 10007

February 4, 2019

Dear Families and Staff:

I would like to provide an update on the ongoing measures at the NYC Department of Education (DOE) to ensure that the water in our schools is safe for students and staff.

First and foremost, New York City water is safe. Families and staff should rest assured that our drinking water is of the highest quality in the world. New York City's water meets or exceeds all Federal and State standards. In addition, the DOE works with other City agencies to ensure there is safe drinking water in schools. The safety and well-being of students and staff is our highest priority.

In accordance with state law, all schools must test for lead in water every five years. Last fall, the DOE began a new testing cycle, which will conclude in December 2020. In the second phase of this round, a third of buildings will be tested.

Your school building has been selected to be a part of the 2019 cohort. Once the building has been tested and the lab results received, you will receive a notification of the results. In any building where test results show even one water outlet above the action level, the DOE will implement its standard response protocol.

Please visit <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/reports/water-safety> to learn more about the robust protocol we use to ensure the safety of drinking water in each and every school.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lauren Siciliano".

Lauren Siciliano

School Operations



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Deputy Chief Operating Officer  
Department of Education

52 Chambers Street  
New York, NY 10007

4 de febrero de 2019

Estimadas familias y personal:

Les escribo para brindarles información actualizada sobre las medidas permanentes que el Departamento de Educación (DOE) de la Ciudad de Nueva York ha tomado para que el agua en nuestras escuelas sea segura para los estudiantes y el personal.

Ante todo, el agua de la Ciudad de Nueva York es segura. Las familias y el personal pueden estar tranquilos ya que el agua potable de nuestra Ciudad es una de las de mejor calidad del mundo y cumple o supera todos los estándares federales y estatales. Además, el DOE trabaja con otras agencias de la Ciudad para que nuestros estudiantes tengan acceso a agua potable segura en las escuelas. La seguridad y el bienestar de los estudiantes y el personal son nuestra principal prioridad.

De acuerdo con la ley estatal, todas las escuelas deben analizar la presencia de plomo en el agua cada cinco años. El pasado otoño, el DOE comenzó un nuevo ciclo de análisis que terminará en diciembre de 2020. En la segunda fase de esta ronda, se analizará un tercio de los edificios.

El edificio de su escuela ha sido seleccionado para formar parte del grupo 2019. Una vez que el agua del edificio haya sido analizada y se hayan recibido los resultados de laboratorio, ustedes recibirán una notificación con los resultados. En los edificios donde los resultados del análisis muestren incluso una salida de agua por encima del nivel de acción, el DOE implementará su protocolo de respuesta estándar.

Visiten <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/reports/water-safety> para obtener más información sobre el exigente protocolo que utilizamos para garantizar la seguridad del agua potable en todas las escuelas.

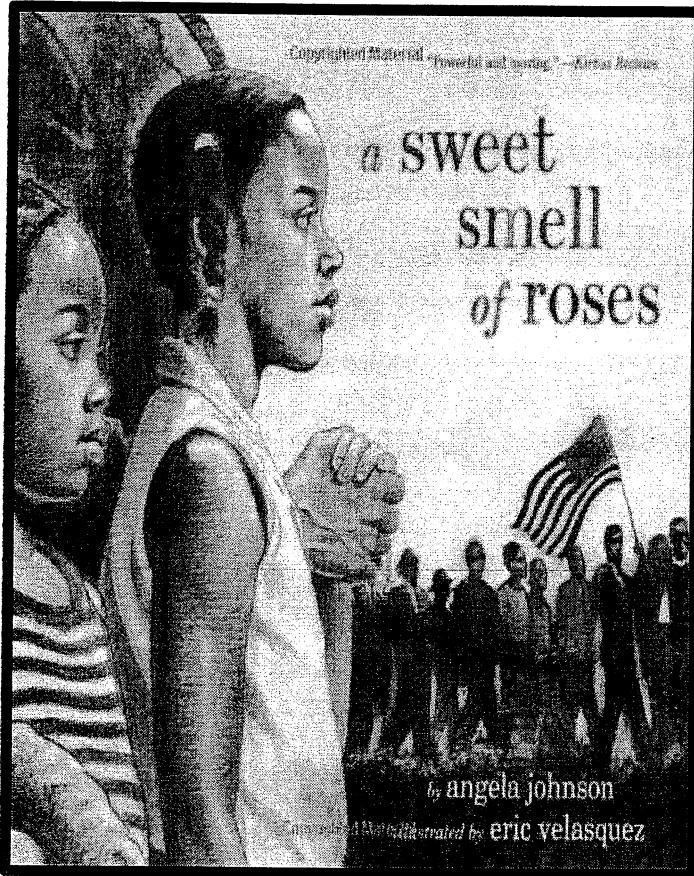
Atentamente,

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Lauren Siciliano

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# February 2019 Community Read: *"A Sweet Smell of Roses" by Angela Johnson*



Our classroom  
activities on 03/01/19  
will reflect the  
themes of this  
month's read aloud:  
*Equity, Culture, and  
Identity*

las actividades será sobre la idea  
de  
*equidad, cultura, y identidad*

Grades 3K – 6 families, please plan to join us  
on *Friday, 03/01/19*  
from *8:00am – 9:15am*

Familias con estudiantes en grados 3K – 6, por favor únete  
a *nosotros el viernes 1 de marzo* a partir de las *8:00am – 9:15am*.

Want to read the book before 03/01/19? You can watch a read  
aloud on [www.ps171.org](http://www.ps171.org)!

¿Quieres ver un video del libro? ir al sitio [www.ps171.org](http://www.ps171.org).

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**Mr. Pantelidis, Principal**

*Principal*

January 28, 2019

Dear Parents,

With the New York State ELA Test soon approaching on Tuesday, April 2nd - Wednesday, April 3rd. It is especially important that our students in grades 3-8 practice their reading skills during the upcoming **Mid-Winter Vacation during the week of Monday, February 18th- Friday, February 22nd**. School will resume on Monday, February 25th, 2018.

Your child's teacher(s) will be providing homework assignments focused on review and reinforcement of important reading/language arts skills to be completed during the vacation period. In addition, subject area teachers at the middle school level will also be assignment work to enhance student understanding of concepts and skills developed so far this year. Students in the early primary grades should also be practicing their literacy skills through daily practice with reading 'just right' books and completing vacation homework packets.

In addition to the assigned homework for the week of February 16th- 23rd, students at all grade levels should spend time with the excellent online programs that we have implemented this year to enhance student learning and provide motivating practice for reading/language arts. These programs include:

- Achieve3000 Leveled Reading (Grades 2-8)
- Accelerated Reader (K-8)
- MyOn Reading (K-8)
- IXL Reading (K-8)
- Raz-kids Reading (K-2)
- SmartyAnts Reading (PreK-Grade 1)

Please encourage your child to work daily on completing their 'Mid-Winter Homework Packet' that will reinforce previously learned skills necessary for continuous growth in their learning. They should also spend thirty minutes daily reading their independent leveled book of choice, in addition to practicing skills with the listed online reading programs. It is through this daily routine of practice that students will become fluent readers and writers.

Thank you for your continued support with prioritizing reading with your family.

Sincerely,

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Dear Families,

**3-K registration will open Monday, February 4th! The enrollment period will be opened until May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.**

Pre-Kindergarten is a new and exciting time for children as they begin their elementary school experience. All children who live in New York City and were born in 2016.

There are a number of resources available for families:

- **3-K Application Support Events:** Families can find the list of events [here](#) on our website.
- **2019 3-K Admissions Guide:** This guide will be posted on [nyc.gov/3K](http://nyc.gov/3K) in advance of February 4.
- **MySchools:** Maps on MySchools will be updated throughout the application period, as programs are added to the application. These maps can be accessed at [myschools.nyc/schools](http://myschools.nyc/schools).

If you have any questions regarding the 3K-Kindergarten Admission process, please contact and visit your Family Welcome Center in person or by phone at 718-935-2009. You can also ask our office support personnel in the main office.

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ALL**

**THE 3-K BULLETIN**

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**3-K Application Opening on February 4**

The 3-K application will open on **February 4**. NYC families with children born in 2016 can apply to 3-K by the **May 3** deadline.

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If you would like to publish your program's Open Houses on the 3-K website, please complete [this survey](#). **NYCEECs:** To request a MySchools account and sign up for a MySchools training, please fill out [this survey](#). **District Schools:** more webinars will be held throughout the application period. Information about these trainings will be available in the 3-K Bulletin in the coming weeks.

For questions, please email [ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov).

Sincerely,

*Dimitres Pantelidis*