

December Parent News

Grades K – 4

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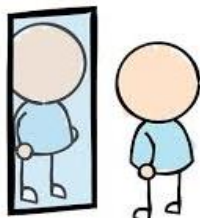
Emmanuela Remy, Ass't Principal, IA

P.S /I.S 208 Mission Statement:

Our mission is to build a nested learning community of learners where every participant is fully engaged in the following: Document based questions, performance orientated tasks, accountable talk, inquiry- based Skills, and scientific research strategies; as well as creating a nurturing learning environment via sound instructional practices, shared consent and differentiated learning. Additionally, we will empower children to become self-sufficient and responsible. At P.S. /I.S. 208, we will create lifelong learners and children who are proficient in the art of Sciences and the science of the Arts.

Message from Ms. Remy

December is a time of reflection for us all. We can reflect on our actions for the year in order to plan for our endeavors in the upcoming year as well as to rejoice in our actions and/or accomplishments from this year. Regardless, reflection will only move us forward.



“Reflection is looking back so that the view looking forward is even clearer.”

Teaching Personal Space

Personal space is a social skill that children learn as they grow and interact with others. Some children have a built-in understanding of how close to stand next to others when interacting with them while other struggle. One of the main reasons why children stand “too close” is because they do not feel the discomfort that the other person feels. Please read the full article by clicking [here](#).

Character Trait of the Month: Courtesy
Country of the Month: Ecuador
State of the Month: South Dakota

Helpful Phone Numbers

School Numbers

Phone:718-468-6420 Fax: 718-468-5054

Main Office: Mrs. Ross & Mrs. Clarke
Ext. 0

Security Desk: Agent Powell & Agent Harrison Ext. 1000

Parent Coordinator: Mr. Hunter
Ext 1180

Assistant Principal: Ms. Remy
Ext.2180 or eremy@schools.nyc.gov

School Dean: Mrs. Crossen
Ext 3400

School Nurse: Mrs. Massa
Ext.1100

PTA Office: Ext 1550

School Counselors:

Mrs. Meisel Ext. 3381

Ms. Jackson Ext. 3382

School Based Support Team
Ext. 2301

I.E.P. Coordinator: Ms. Scarborough
Ext. 2133

Speech Services: Mrs. Broth & Mrs. Smolin
Ext 2190

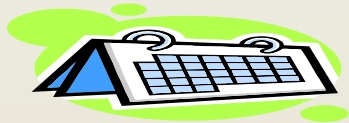
ENL: Ms. Cysner
Ext. 2420

Physical Education Department:
Mr. Harris & Mr. Dutka Ext. 1009

Questions regarding Lunch or monies owed: Dr. Blaud Ext.2300



Dates to Remember



December 1

School Spirit Day

December 4 & 5

Child ID Program
9 am – 2 pm

December 5

Roundabout Meeting at 10 am
Hairspray Auditions Grades 3 - 5

December 7

Book Fair Ends

December 8

All Pro Dad's Holiday Toy Drive and Dinner

December 12

Tolerance Day

December 14

Traffic Safety Presentation for Grade K

December 13

Ginger Bread Activity in First Grade (Time: TBA)
Polar Express Activity in Kindergarten (Time: TBA)
PTA Meeting at 6 pm

December 15

Birthday Celebrations

December 21

CDEC Meeting at PS 360 at 6:45 pm

December 22

Winter Door Decoration Contest at 1 pm
Ugly Sweater Day

December 23 – January 1

Winter Break
School Reopens 01/02/2018

Good Touching and Bad Touching

Touching is part of the developmental process especially in lower grades students. They are still exploring their bodies and intrigued by the bodies of others. However, this does not mean that they are allowed to touch others in inappropriate areas of their bodies. There are 10 tips on how to teach your children about good touching versus bad touching.

1. Give them ownership of their body
2. Use appropriate language
3. Keep conversation light and easy
4. Use the swimsuit rule
5. Explain what safe touch is
6. Empower them to say NO
7. Use books about good touch bad touch
8. Don't force affection
9. Help your child trust his/her feelings
10. Practice or role play

Suggested Books on this topic:

- *Miles is the Boss of His Body*
- *I Said NO! A Kid-to-Kid Guide to Keeping Private Parts Private*
- *No Means No!*
- *Bobby and Mande's Good Touch/Bad Touch*
- *Your Body Belongs to You*

You can read the full article [here](#)

School Day
School starts at
8:10 am and
ends at 2:30 pm
each day.

Book Fair

Classes will visit the Library to purchase books from December 1st through December 7th. However, you may purchase books on November 30th. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to volunteer between November 28th and December 8th. Interested parents/guardians should email Ms. Nicoleau at Nafeesah70@aol.com or Barbara Thompson at bthompson19@schools.nyc.gov with Book Fair Volunteer in the Subject Line. We will be needing volunteers on the evening of conferences as well. We look forward to your participation in the fair.

Thank you to the parents that have already volunteered their time!

Class Trips

Queens College - Bubble Show
Grade K

December 7

Queens Theater: Nutcracker Ballet
Grade 2

December 13

Douglaston Movie World
Grade 1

December 20



Let your
child's
teacher
know if you
would like
to
chaperone.

Class Dojo Top Earners

Students receive and lose Dojo points throughout the day as a way to keep students engaged in lessons and responsible in their actions. The following students were the top Dojo earners for the month of November:

Ariana Ortega – K-011
Samuel Smiley – K-012
Brielle Giles-Echevarria – K-013
Mordica Bent – K-014
Savannah Tulshi – 101
Suriya Singh – 102
Christian Boyd-Turner– 103
Devin Wilson– 201
Amanda Sutherland – 202
Alexandra Okafor – 203
Daniel Calles – 203

Elise Adjodha – 301
Christian McLachlan – 302
Janelle Moncrieffe – 303
Kelly Basant – 401
Eduardo Calles – 402
Elaine Torres – 402
Isaiah Peters– 403
Isabella Fuentes– 404
Tyler Richburg – 404



Homework Tip For Success

Regardless of a child's age or school grade, a parent must immediately require their child's personal accountability for homework and assignments. Parents should have clear rules about writing down assignments in a notebook, or remembering to bring all necessary homework materials, such as books or calculators, home each night. If a child fails to hold up their end of the bargain, then the established consequences should be enforced.



Assistant Principal Pupil Praise

For the month of November, students had to exhibit active class participation and positive character traits.

We are so proud of these students. Keep up the great work!

Ava Belezair (K-012)
Helena Emery (K-012)
Jace Moreira (K-012)
Brielle Giles (K-013)
Zaire Harris (K-013)
Myles Jones (K-013)
Gabriella Astree (201)

Janiya Sampson-Myers (201)
Ariyel Joyner (201)
Jordan Myles (203)
Brielle West (203)
Drew Box (301)
Tiffany McCall (301)
Dimitry Alexandre(302)

Kryshelle Austin (302)
Devin Hanomanji (401)
Kelly Basant (401)
Noah Ortega Reyes (403)
Jadon Shields (403)
Ulysses White (404)

Important Policies and Procedures

All changes in Dismissal arrangements must be **submitted in writing via letter to the teacher or by fax by 1:30pm.** To ensure student's safety, verbal requests will not be honored. In addition, students will only be released to names listed on the blue emergency cards. It is vital that you accurately fill in the name, relation, telephone numbers, addresses etc. If your phone number or address changes, please notify the teacher, nurse and Mrs. Clarke in the main office.

Birthday Celebrations

Students who wish to not participate in birthday celebrations due to religious reasons will go to another class when the birthday celebrations are taking place.



Lost Items

Lost Items can be found in the "Lost and Found" located in the cafeteria. Please label all of your child's belongings (lunch bags, sweaters, coats, bookbags) so that in the event that they lose it, it can be found easily in the Lost and Found. Please note that at the end of each month, lost items will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Uniform Policy

Uniform is fully enforced. Please make sure that your child is in **FULL** uniform every day. If students choose to wear sneakers, the sneakers must be **ALL** black sneakers.

Busing

O.P.T. Phone number: 718-392-8855

- All children in grades K-6 must have a bus identification tag which identifies: student name, school, class, AM/PM bus route#, location of the bus stop, emergency #'s and parent name. Parents must know the bus company, the bus route number and the bus driver's name.
- If the bus is late, or you have an issue with the driver of the bus, you need to contact the bus company and ask to speak to a supervisor.
- All students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the NYC Department of Education's code of discipline. Misbehavior will result in consequences such as verbal warnings, parent conference, and or bus suspension.
- If there is an incident on the yellow bus, you will be called and the child may be suspended from the bus for a limited time. If there is a second incident, you child may be taken off the bus for the remainder of the school year.



Past Events



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all of the parents/guardians and family members that helped out and brought in food for this event. It would not have been a success without you!!! We appreciate your time and dedication to the PS/IS 208 family!

**Yellow Day/Friendship Day Feast
November 22, 2017**

Other Past Events

Parent Teacher Conferences



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