



PARENT CONNECTION

Dear Parents,

I am happy to share that we recently concluded our Student Government elections. Individual classes participated in elections, and we had our fifth grade school-wide elections. Elected members of the fifth grade class will work closely with their advisor, Ms. Veras, on a number of projects and ideas that are generated by students. This is an excellent way for students to have voice in our school and see that young people can make a difference in their community.

Recess and many physical education classes take place outdoors. We know that students benefit from vigorous exercise and should be given the opportunity to play outside whenever possible. Please help us in taking precautions to keep students warm and to ensure that they are appropriately dressed on very cold days. It is important that children come to school with a warm jacket, hat, and gloves. In the event of snow, ice or extremely cold temperatures we will remain indoors. As a reminder, hoodies are not part of the uniform. Consider layers, including blue sweaters. The Parent Association also recently added PS 153 sweatshirts and sweatpants that can be purchased for Physical Education.

Our Parent Teacher Conferences were well attended, with a number of classes having 100% participation. Although time is reserved for teachers to meet with families on Tuesdays, we also work with families to create other times that work for you. It is so important that you stay in regular communication with your child's teacher and build a team approach throughout the year. Consider attending one of the parent workshops being offered this month, which are listed in the events section below. Working together children are more successful!

Reminders:

- If you need to make changes to your child's Blue Card, notify the teacher or main office.
- When visiting PS 153, please ensure that you have identification to present to School Safety.

Events This Month:

- December 4th at 4 PM –School Leadership Team Meeting (SLT)
- December 7th at 9 AM –Coffee with the Principal and Parent Coordinator
- December 7th at 4:30 PM and offered again on December 8th at 9:15 AM –Choose the session time that works best for you. The workshop will focus on supporting the development of early readers.
- December 12th at 9 AM and 2:30 PM (choose the session that works best for you) –Science Fair Workshop
- December 14th at 9:15 AM –Nurturing Moms
- December 14th –GT Parent Advisory Meeting
- December 19th at 7 PM –Community Education Council Meeting
- December 20th at 6:30 PM–Parent Association Meeting
- December 21st at 9 AM –Winter Show at Truman. Parents are invited and can enter Truman near the flagpole.
- December 22nd –December Birthdays Celebrated
- December 25th –January 1st –School is Closed (school resumes on January 2nd)
- January 3rd and 4th –ELA Benchmark Simulation for grades 3-5

Wishing you and your family a Happy Holiday Season and health and happiness in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Meghan E. Kelley
Principal