



# PARENT CONNECTION

Dear Parents,

We have had record turnouts for our most recent family events –our first annual Multi-cultural Night, which was held in May, our Back to School Night in September, and Dads Take Your Child to School Day also in September! We welcomed more than 100 dads for Dads Take Your Child to School Day, and our children felt really special as they arrived to school and were greeted by so many wonderful dads, grandpas, uncles, and other father figures. We also welcomed a new Parent Association board, and hope that you will be able to attend PA meetings in the coming months (third Wed. of each month at 6:30 PM). I wish you and your family a wonderful year!

## Reminders:

- We welcome Jennifer Flinn-Knizeski as our new Assistant Principal for grades 3-5. Please reach out to Ms. Flinn or Ms. Rivera (AP pre-k-2) if you have any questions or concerns.
- When visiting PS 153 please ensure that you have identification to present to School Safety.
- Breakfast and Lunch are provided to all students free of charge. Although no money is being collected, and regardless of whether your child eats school food, we still need all families to complete and return lunch forms. Lunch forms can be completed online at: [nyc.applyforlunch.com](http://nyc.applyforlunch.com)
- Information regarding Gifted & Talented testing can be accessed at [www.nyc.gov/schools/GT](http://www.nyc.gov/schools/GT). If you would like for your child to take the G&T assessments, you must submit a Request for Testing (RFT) by November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Miss Chocolate fundraising materials were sent home at the end of September. Money that is raised directly benefits our students, including instrumental music lessons.
- If you would like your child to participate in the breakfast program, ensure arrival between 7:30 and 7:45 AM.
- To stay connected, download our PS 153 App.

## Events This Month:

- October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> (only Thursday), and 27<sup>th</sup> are **Pink** Days. Students donate \$1 to support Breast Cancer Research and wear pink in lieu of their uniform to raise awareness. (If your child has PE, ensure that they are wearing sneakers.) Pink clothing on these designated days or the traditional uniform will count towards uniform participation.
- October 9<sup>th</sup> –School is Closed
- October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM–Coffee with the Principal and Parent Coordinator
- October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM–Community Education Council Meeting (District 11 CEC); Town Hall Meeting with Chancellor Farina.
- October 13<sup>th</sup> –SEM begins for Grade 4
- October 16<sup>th</sup> –SLT CEP subcommittee at 4 PM in the library
- October 17<sup>th</sup> –Miss Chocolate is due (money orders please)
- October 18<sup>th</sup> –Chorus, Band and Robotics begin meeting after school; Parent Association Meeting at 6:30 PM
- October 20<sup>th</sup> –Fall Picture Day (students in uniform /no PE uniforms); 5<sup>th</sup> grade cap and gown pictures (Not a Pink Day)
- October 27<sup>th</sup> –October Birthdays celebrated (small birthday treats can be dropped off in the main office)
- October 27<sup>st</sup> –Dance-A-Thon to raise awareness and raise funds to benefit breast cancer
- October 28<sup>th</sup> –Parent Association is hosting Class Parent Training
- October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:15 PM Parade of Characters. Each class selects a book and will represent the characters in the parade (all parade materials will be made in class). All participants will be rallying for a love of reading as we parade together through our school. Students must come to school in uniform. Parents are invited to watch the parade from designated locations including the yard in the back and the play area on the side of the building. Children will reenter the building and then will be dismissed from their regular designated dismissal location.

Sincerely,

Meghan E. Kelley  
Principal