



PARENT CONNECTION

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to seeing you at Parent Teacher Conferences on November 16th. Teachers will be sending home information regarding appointment times. In order to meet with all of our families, time during conferences is limited. I encourage you to stay in contact with your child's teacher throughout the year, and if needed follow-up appointments can be scheduled.

If your child will enter kindergarten, 1st grade, or 2nd grade in the fall of 2018, and you are interested in the Gifted and Talented program, you must submit a request for testing by November 13th. You may submit the Request for Testing at PS 153 or online. For additional information, Gifted and Talented Handbook are available online or in Mr. Hartridge's office.

During the month of October our entire school raised money for breast cancer. Thank you for supporting this initiative, and the lesson that children learn from giving to others. This month we are looking forward to our Student Government Elections and schoolwide Spelling Bee. Also, fifth grade students recently received their community service matches and are eagerly beginning their hours.

Reminders:

- Changes to dismissal plans must be made in writing to the teacher. In extenuating circumstances, calls can be made to the main office by 1:30 PM. This supports a safe dismissal for all students.
- When visiting PS 153, please ensure that you have identification to present to School Safety.
- Information regarding Gifted & Talented testing can be accessed at 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 13th.

Events This Month:

- November 7th –Election Day/School is Closed
- November 10th –Grade 5 Cap and Gown Pictures
- November 13th –Student Government Elections
- November 13th-November 16th –Scholastic Book Fair
- November 14th at 6 PM –CEC Meeting
- November 15th at 6:30 PM –Parent Association Meeting
- November 16th –Parent Teacher Conferences; students dismissed at 11:20 AM (11:15 for pre-k, k, and grade 5)
- November 16th –Pick-up Miss Chocolate from school (can be before/after your scheduled conference time)
- November 17th –November Birthdays celebrated (small birthday treats can be dropped off in the main office)
- November 20th –Look for information regarding Science Fair
- November 23rd and November 24th –School is Closed

Sincerely,

Meghan E. Kelley
Principal