

November 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

At I.S. 237, we always want to recognize the achievements of our students. Each month, teachers identify a student from their homeroom classes to be honored as the ***Citizen of the Month*.** These students consistently follow the I.S. 237 Dress Code, demonstrate excellent citizenship and adhere to school rules and regulations. Students, staff, parents and visitors will see pictures of every *Citizen of the Month* posted on a bulletin board on the first floor of our school. Students selected as *Citizens* will receive a certificate during an assembly period.

**Parent Teacher Conferences** will be held on Tuesday, November 27th both in the afternoon from 12:30 to 2:30 PM, and also in the evening, from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. Because many parents usually attend the conferences, teachers necessarily must limit the amount of time they meet with each. If you have concerns that require a more extended conversation, please make an appointment to meet with the teacher(s) during our weekly Parent Engagement time (Tuesdays, 2:20 to 3:00 PM). Report cards will be distributed during the week of November 13th.

Many of our **after-school programs** have begun. Our Academic Intervention Services (AIS) program provides academic support in Reading, Math, Social Studies, Science and ENL for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. We also have started several enrichment activities in academic subjects as well as in the arts. On Saturdays, we offer English language instruction for our English Language Learners from 8:00 to 11:00 AM. We will continue to update you about our extracurricular school programs. Please call assistant principal Mr. Galizia if you have any questions.

We work very hard to ensure that we have an inclusive school environment that promotes equity and excellence and which celebrates diversity. On October 16th, our G.O. representatives participated in a workshop conducted by the Anti-Defamation League which focused on acceptance of differences and the harm rumors cause. All students will attend special assembly programs about bullying and self-respect in the near future. In October, parents attended workshops about school safety, the high school application process and satellite babies. One of our most exciting new initiatives is College Access for All, which introduces 7th graders to see both state, city and private universities in the tristate area. Many more presentations and workshops are planned in the upcoming months. We hope you will join us.

**Important November Dates**

**November 4:** Standard Time begins. Set clocks back 1 hour

**November 5:** Picture Day, Cap & Gown Measurements – Grade 8

**November 6:** Election Day – No school for students

**November 7:** PTA Meeting and Community Safety Bureau Presentation – 9:00 AM

**November 8:** School Leadership Team Meeting – 3:00 PM

**November 9:** Trip to LaGuardia High School – 8th grade ENL students

 Picture Day – Grades 6& 7

**November 12:** Veterans’ Day – School closed

**November 13:** Report Cards distributed (week of Nov. 13)

**November 21:** Grade 8 Trip to Sports Time

**November 22-23:** Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed

**November 27:** Students dismissed at 11:30 AM

**November 27:** Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences

 12:30 PM - 2:30PM & 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

**November 29:** Grade 7 G.O. Movie Trip

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Very truly yours,

Judith Friedman

Principal

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| **4** Daylight Savings Time | **5** Picture Day, Cap and Gown MeasurementGrade 8 | **6** Election DayNo School for students | **7** PTA Meeting and Community Safety Bureau Presentation 9:00 AM | **8** School Leadership Team Meeting3:00 PM | **9** Trip to LaGuardia High School – 8th Grade ENL studentsPicture Day Grades 6 & 7 | **10**  |
| **11**  | **12** Veterans DayNo School | **13** Report Cards distributed (week of Nov. 13) | **14**  | **15**  | **16**  | **17**  |
| **18**  | **19**  | **20**  | **21** Grade 8 trip to Sports Time | **22** Thanksgiving Holiday School Closed | **23** Thanksgiving Holiday School Closed | **24**  |
| **25**  | **26**  | **27** Parent Teacher Conferences12:30 – 2:30 PM & 4:30 – 7:30 PMStudents dismissed at 11:30 AM | **28**  | **29** Grade 7 G.O. Movie Trip | **30**  |  |