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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The busy holiday season has arrived! With all the hustle and bustle that goes along with the season, it is sometimes difficult for youngsters to remain focused on school work as they anticipate the many joys and festivities the holidays bring. During the week of December 3rd, **Interim Progress Reports** for the second marking period will be distributed and posted on Pupilpath. Kindly review the report with your youngster and contact his/her teachers if you have any questions or concerns. You also should continue to check the academic progress of your child on Pupilpath. Please contact Ms. Shirley Bryant, our Parent Coordinator, (718-353-6464 ext. 1231 or email: SBryant22@schools.nyc.gov) if you still need Pupilpath login information. Second quarter report cards will be distributed in mid-January.

PTA MEETING & WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL

It was a pleasure to see so many of you last Tuesday for Open School Week. We hope that you will continue to be actively involved in our school community. Our next **PTA meeting** will be held on Thursday evening, December 13th, at 6:45 PM. The meeting will be followed by our **Winter Arts Festival**. Please come to admire our students' beautiful art work and listen to their wonderful vocal and instrumental music selections. Doors will open at 6:45 P.M. We truly appreciate your support as we continue to provide our youngsters with valuable arts instruction and experiences.

GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING HERE

This year, I.S. 237 is participating in the **College Access for All (CA4A) Middle School Initiative**, part of the mayor's Equity and Excellence reform designed to promote early college awareness. This initiative includes four components: college trips, student workshops, family engagement, and professional development opportunities for staff. The goal of CA4A is for every 7th grade student to be exposed to a college environment and have the opportunity to visit a college campus at least once during the school year. Early college awareness curriculum, tools, and resources were developed by NYCDOE and are used to promote the goals of the program. Many of our 7th grade classes already have visited a college campus and many more will be visiting colleges when we return after the New Year.

Students in every English Language Arts (ELA) class participated in our school-wide **Let's W.A.V.E. Toward the Future** contest. All I.S. 237 students know that **W.A.V.E.**, an acronym that stands for **Written And Verbal Evidence**, helps them develop and use effective communication skills in many aspects of their present and future lives. First, second and third place winner were selected from each grade, and their essays now occupy a place of honor on the **W.A.V.E.** bulletin board outside the Main Office.

Please note the following important dates and events:

Week of December 3 rd	Interim Progress Reports Distributed
December 5 th	Picture Re-take Day
December 6 th	SLT Meeting 3:30 PM
December 7 th	College Access for All Trip
December 12 th	College Access for All Kick-off Event
December 13th	PTA Meeting & Winter Arts Festival
December 14 th	College Access for All Trip
	City Harvest Food Drive Ends
December 21 st	Spirit Day – Students wear their favorite holiday sweaters!
	8 th Grade G.O. movie trip
	Last Day of School before Winter Recess

School reopens Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Best wishes for a peaceful and joyous holiday season and for good health, happiness and success in the New Year!

Very truly yours,

Judith Friedman
Principal

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16	17	18	19 Friday schedule will be followed	20	21 Winter Solstice Spirit Day 8 th Grade G.O. Movie Trip Last Day of School before Winter Recess Wednesday schedule will be followed	22
23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29
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