

**RACHEL CARSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 237**  
**Magnet School for the Arts**  
**Academic Excellence and the Arts**  
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Spring is an especially important time of year for us as we begin to engage in preparations for end-of-year assessments and also begin to review promotion criteria. As always, we rely on the help of our parents and guardians to make sure that our youngsters conclude the school year successfully.

**NYS Assessments:** These assessments are extremely important because together with in class performance, they provide us with a comprehensive picture of your child's progress and learning needs. Please carefully review the following information:

NYS ASSESSMENTS	DATES
NYSESLAT	Speaking portion begins Monday 4/8
ELA	Tuesday 4/2 and Wednesday 4/3
Math	Wednesday May 1 and Thursday May 2

- **On all test days, every student must report to school by 7:50 AM and come prepared with at least two sharpened #2 pencils with good erasers.**
- **Students should not bring cell phones or other electronic devices to school on test days as they are not permitted in testing rooms.** All cell phones and electronic devices that are brought to school will be collected. **TESTS OF STUDENTS FOUND WITH CELL PHONES OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN TESTING ROOMS MAY HAVE TO BE INVALIDATED.**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our winning I.S. 237 Debate Teams! Both our Advanced and Novice Debate Teams won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the American Debate league Spring Classic! Way to go, teams! And thank you to Ms. Lewis, our Debate Team advisor.

Thank you also to our Math Teams and advisors Mr. Respicio and Ms. Zhang, for representing I.S. 237 in the recent MathCounts and MOMATH competitions.

In March, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders all had the opportunity to see the wonderful Broadway musical, *KISS ME, KATE*. Everyone loved the show, which features great songs and dances. Before seeing the show, students learned about the many aspects of theater performance and production when Roundabout Theatre Company teaching artists came to school to conduct in class workshops.

#### **REMINDERS**

**Emergency Contact Card (Blue Card)**

It is essential that all adults who are permitted to pick your child up from school are listed on the Emergency Contact Card. No student will be released to anyone whose name is not listed. All visitors **must** have ID to enter the building.

**Dress Code:** Please be reminded that our **school dress code is a uniform shirt in the appropriate grade level color, and either khaki slacks or jeans.** Students are **not** permitted to wear hoodies, ripped jeans of any color, sweat pants, short shorts, skimpy shirts/blouses, tee shirts or sandals. (Sandals are prohibited for safety reasons.) Please help by checking your child's attire before he/she leaves for school each morning.

<b>SCHOOL CLOSED APRIL 19<sup>th</sup> through APRIL 28<sup>th</sup> FOR SPRING BREAK</b>
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We are always here to help you and your child. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. Best wishes for happy and healthy holidays to all those who will be celebrating during the spring break. We hope that you all enjoy the arrival of spring weather.

Very truly yours,

Judith Friedman

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Equal Pay Day NYS ELA Test	3 NYS ELA Test	4	5	6
7	8 NYSESLAT Speaking portion begins	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due)	16	17	18	19 Good Friday SPRING BREAK BEGINS NO SCHOOL	20
21 Easter	22 Earth Day SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	23 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	24 Administrative Professionals SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	25 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	26 Arbor Day SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	27
28	29 Duke Ellington Day SCHOOL REOPENS	30				