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Dear Parents/Guardians:

At I.S. 237, we 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. At the end of each marking period, the names of the three students in each class with the highest academic averages are included on the ***Principal's List***, which is posted in the first floor corridor outside the Main Office. We congratulate all *Citizens* and ***Principal's List*** youngsters and their families!

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday afternoon, November 7th, from 12:20 to 2:20 PM, and on Tuesday evening, November 12th, from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. Because many parents attend, teachers necessarily must limit the amount of time for each conference. 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). Interim Progress Reports for the first marking period were distributed on October 30th. Report cards will be distributed during the week of November 18th.

In October, parents attended a meeting about our Title I Parent Advisory Council. They also attended workshops on student attendance and the high school application process. Other presentations and workshops are planned for upcoming months. We hope you will join us.

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. Any parent who wants additional information about our AIS program should contact Mr. Galizia, assistant principal, or your child's guidance counselor. We also offer several **enrichment activities** in academic subjects as well as in the arts both before and after the regular school day. On Saturdays, we provide English language instruction for our English Language Learners from 8:00 to 11:00 AM. We will keep you informed about other extracurricular programs and services as they become available.

We work very hard to ensure that our school environment promotes equity and excellence and celebrates diversity. On October 22nd, some of our 7th grade students participated in a workshop conducted by the United Federation of Teachers, which focused on acceptance of differences, self-respect and bullying. All students have attended a special assembly program about the importance of speaking up and speaking out about community and social issues. We are participating again this year in the College Access for All initiative, which introduces 7th graders to a variety of aspects of college life.

Important November Dates

November 3: Daylight Savings Time ends. Set clocks back 1 hour
November 5: Election Day – No school for students
November 7: Afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences – Students dismissed at 11:30 AM
November 11: Veterans' Day – School closed
November 12: School Leadership Team Meeting – 3:00 PM
November 12: Evening Parent Teacher Conferences – 4:30 to 7:30 PM
November 18 (week of): Report Cards distributed
November 21: PTA Meeting - 8:45 AM
November 28-29: Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Very truly yours,

Judith Friedman

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Election Day No School for Students	6	7 Half Day Students dismissed at 11:30 AM Parent Teacher Conferences 12:20 – 2:20 PM	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day School Closed	12 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30 – 7:30 PM	13	14	15	16
17	18 Report Cards Distributed This Week	19	20	21 PTA Meeting 8:45 AM	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Holiday School Closed	29 Thanksgiving Holiday School Closed	30