



# Good Newsletter

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Dear Families and Friends of District 30,

It is hard to believe that we are almost three quarters into the school year and getting ready to welcome in the season of Spring; a time when we begin to see the blooms on trees and flowers begin to blossom. At this point in the year, we need to stop and see how our children and school communities have blossomed. Earlier this school year, I shared with you our District goals and initiatives. It is now time to stop and evaluate the progress we have made and push even further in this final stretch. District 30 continues to strive to Advance Equity Now while Accelerating Learning and Instruction, Developing People and Partnering with Communities. I would like to highlight some of the progress we have been making in each of these areas.



### **Advance Equity Now**

Our schools have been working on identifying root causes of student learning gaps from assessments given in September/October and providing targeted interventions to address these areas of need. Schools are using a Multi-Tiered System of Support to address these needs. In January/February schools administered a benchmark assessment that was used to identify students growth, with noted areas of strengths and continued areas of challenge. In addition, throughout the school year, I visit schools to observe the quality of teaching and learning. During these visits, I speak with students, staff, school leaders and parent leaders to obtain their perspectives and insight into the quality of the school environment and academic programs.

### **Accelerate Learning and Instruction**

This year schools are using the Instructional Leadership Framework that includes knowing students well, strengthening the core instruction in classrooms, and using a shared and inclusive curriculum as we work to strengthen students' mathematical and literacy skills for 21<sup>st</sup> century success, emphasizing the development of students' conceptual understandings. Throughout the year, I visit schools to observe the quality of teaching and learning.

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Always remember to ask...

**How is this good  
for ALL children?**

### Developing People

Our schools have been supporting the development of teachers, paraprofessionals, and school staff with series of professional development sessions. These professional learning sessions directly link to the work mentioned above to advance teachers practices in developing students' critical thinking and conceptual understandings in mathematics and literacy across content areas. Teachers have received and will continue to receive development in culturally responsive practices, intervention programs, development of conceptual thinking and using assessments to diagnose root causes of student learning gaps, including implicit biases. Schools have also provided workshops to families for each of these areas so parents can support their child(ren) in these areas.

### Partnering with Communities

Throughout the year, schools across the district have been working with community organizations to ensure that after-school programs, cultural enrichment opportunities, and partnerships with museums, organizations specializing in music, dance and visual arts support school goals and enhance the lives of students. In addition, schools partner with local colleges and universities to provide students with college awareness and tours of school campuses/programs. These partnerships also assist schools by offering professional development workshops and providing opportunities that allow teachers to earn additional teaching certifications in other areas such as Gifted and Talented, Special Education and Teaching English to Students with Other Languages.

In the words of Penelope Trunk, "Spring is a time to find where you are, who you are, and move toward where you are going." The above describes where we are. Who we are is District 30, a district committed to ensuring that all children are provided with the necessary skills, knowledge and tools to prepare students to become successful global citizens. We are focused on moving forward to attain our goals that will increase student proficiency levels and close student learning gaps. When decisions need to be made, it is important to "Always remember to ask...How is this good for ALL children?"

I am proud of the work that is happening throughout District 30 and realize that we must continue to remain focused and Spring forward in helping our students to fully bloom.

Sincerely,

*Philip A. Composto, Ed.D.*

Dr. Philip A. Composto  
Superintendent  
Community District 30



# WHO'S WHO IN DISTRICT 30

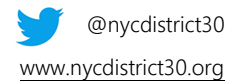
## District 30 Team

### Dr. Philip A. Composto, District Superintendent

Miriam Aponte	Principal Administrative Associate
William Fahey	Deputy Superintendent
Nancy Di Maggio	Field Support Liaison
Suzane Goldstein	Early Childhood Director, IA
Nicole M. Vargas	Teacher Development Evaluation Coach
Sheryl Frazer	Director of School Renewal
Bandna Sharma	Family Leadership Coordinator
Maria-Laura Arcos	Family Support Coordinator

### DISTRICT 30

28-11 Queens Plaza North  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
718.391.6122



### WELCOME CENTER STAFF

Mon-Fri 8 am-3 pm      3<sup>rd</sup> floor of District 30 office      718.935.3500

**Family Welcome Centers** assist parents of children in Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade with enrollment, transfers and admission issues, as well as provide information about immunizations, school food, pupil transportation, after-school programs, adult education, and other resources.

## Community District Education Council 30

### 2019-2020 Members

<b>Deborah Alexander</b>	<b>Co-President</b>
<b>Robert Cruz</b>	<b>Co-President</b>
Ka-Trina Harris	Vice President, IEP Parent
Shannon Lee	Secretary
Fatima Lakraflia	Treasurer, ELL Parent
Jonathan Greenberg	Member
Amina Maiza	Member
Nuala O'Doherty	Member
Scott Sharinn	Member
Vacant	Borough President Appointee
Vacant	Borough President Appointee
Gurjeet Kaur	Student member

**Phone: 718-391-8380    Email: cec30@schools.nyc.gov**

### 2019-2020 Meetings

All meetings begin at 6:30 PM

<b>03.10.20</b>	<b>P.S. 228</b>	<b>32-65 93<sup>rd</sup> St., East Elmhurst</b>
<b>04.07.20</b>	<b>I.S. 291</b>	<b>1-50 51<sup>st</sup> Ave., Long Island City</b>
<b>05.12.20</b>	<b>P.S./I.S. 111</b>	<b>37-15 13<sup>th</sup> St., LIC</b>
<b>06.16.20</b>	<b>DOE/QPN</b>	<b>28-11 Queens Plaza North, LIC</b>

*Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world.  
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*

*~ Margaret Mead*

## District 30 Presidents' Council

### 2018-2020 Executive Board Officers

<b>Nora Bibb, P.S. 69</b>	Co-President
<b>Ana Ramirez, P.S./I.S. 127</b>	Co-President
<b>Daniella Lopresti Lee, P.S. 384</b>	Vice President
<b>Alyssa Avila, I.S. 227</b>	Secretary
<b>Tamika Johnson, I.S. 227</b>	Treasurer

### 2019-2020 Meetings

<b>03.04.20</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>P.S. 84</b>	<b>22-45 41<sup>st</sup> St., Astoria</b>
<b>04.01.20</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>P.S. 69</b>	<b>77-02 37<sup>th</sup> Ave., JH</b>
<b>05.06.20</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>P.S. 112</b>	<b>25-05 37<sup>th</sup> Ave., LIC</b>

Please look for updates in future **Good Newsletter** issues, or check with your school's Parent/Parent-Teacher Association or Parent Coordinator.



## GO TEAM 30!

District 30 is a  
Move-to-Improve All-Star District!

## Thank You District 30 Principals

Dear Superintendent Philip Composto,

Congratulations, District 30 is a Move-to-Improve All-Star District!

All of the schools with [elementary grades in your district](#) have attained Move-to-Improve All-Star status for the 2019-20 school year, with more than 85% of teachers trained, and school-wide implementation of the program so that students are active throughout the day, in addition to participating in physical education class. This is a distinction that your district shares with seven other districts in the City. I applaud you, your principals, and your PE teachers and school staff for being champions of active student learning as part of a [comprehensive physical education program](#).

Research shows that physical activity helps students do better in school, and physical education instruction, as a core part of the Supportive Environment Framework, helps students develop the knowledge and skills they need to care for themselves and be healthy throughout their lives. Move-to-Improve provides regular, active learning opportunities, and it also helps schools meet State time and frequency [requirements for Physical Education](#). I encourage you to review your schools' mid-year compliance data for PE and contact the [Office of School Wellness Programs](#) for any support that your schools need with programming or professional learning to ensure that all students have quality PE that meets requirements.

To learn more about scheduling Move-to-Improve, watch the video below and review our [program scheduling guidance](#).

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to student well-being.

Sincerely,

Deputy Chancellor LaShawn Robinson

**MOVE TO IMPROVE**

# Community District Education Council 30



To the audience delight,  
the amazing  
**P.S. 361 Chorus**  
performed at the January 14<sup>th</sup>  
CDEC30 meeting.

District 30 Respect For All Bullying  
Poster/Essay Contest Winners

CDEC30 Co-President Roberto Cruz  
and Superintendent  
Dr. Philip A. Composto presented  
certificates to the winners:

P.S. 2 Isabella Morales  
I.S. 10 Anastasia Antonaros and  
Jessica Vasconselos



P.S. 84 Audrey Hu and  
Roxy Sterbenz  
P.S. 84 Hafsa Badrane

Academy of American Studies:  
Yukako CeCe Hori  
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At the February 11, 2022 meeting of  
**Community District Education Council 30,**  
**Superintendent Dr. Philip A. Composto**  
**Announced Supervisory Appointments**

Ann Gordon Chang,  
CSA, congratulated  
Izett Thomas,  
Principal P.S. 70



Ann Gordon Chang,  
CSA, congratulated  
Erica Urena-Thus,  
Principal P.S. 398



**Superintendent**  
**Dr. Philip A. Composto**

Congratulations Dr. Philip A. Composto for being presented with the 2020 Leadership in Education Award at the New York City Elementary School principals Association (NYCESPA) Conference. We are grateful for your leadership and commitment to all children.

District 30 family came out in full force to celebrate and honor him.



## P.S. 2



Principal Amy Goldman and teacher Michelle Yigdal with student Isabella Morales, the District 30 Respect for All poster contest winner.



February 5, 2020 Science Fair



Respect for All  
Assembly  
February 14, 2020

## P.S. 11



The Principal and Vice Principal wore shirts and are proud of the college they graduated from. They always knew from when they were little that they wanted to be a teacher!

Teachers wore something from their College



We all know how important reading is. Assistant Principal Ms. Sullivan has a Book Club every Tuesday. The book they are reading now is the Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume. The kids love it. They eat, read and talk about the book. What an educational way to spend your lunch break.

## P.S. 148

Mental Health  
First Aid Training





# P.S. 361



The midyear PBIS Assembly was fun for all! A mix of chanting, #Jeopardy and #teamwork made for a good refresher of #PBIS!, #PS361Q, #January, #positive behaviors

# P.S. 2

Family Fun Basketball  
February 11, 2020



## P.S. 212

### WESTERN HEALTH QUEENS PARENTS ATTENDED A SIX-WEEK SERIES OF ACTIVE PARENTING CLASSES.

Thank you Western Health Queens for facilitating the six week Active Parenting Workshops. Strategies were shared and learned. Parents walked away with a better understanding of healthy parenting. Graduation day is pictured above. Say Cheese! Congratulations to all who earned a certificate!



## P.S. 148 Winter Wonderland

### Winter Wonderland Dance 2019

Parents and Students had a great time dancing and spending quality time together



## P.S. 112



These students used their hawk bucks to purchase some cool school gear. PBIS Store is in session led by our City Year team



Students counting their hawk bucks to purchase items at the PBIS Store



We are excited about our newly renovated gymnasium with our school logo at center court



## P.S. 112

This fifth grade student showed that she cares about her school by offering to help clean up the staircase. #GoodNewsCallOftheDay



## I.S. 230

College Awareness Day at IS 230. Our staff wore their college gear to show off their school pride! Every 7th grader received a special IS 230 "College Bound" water bottle to commemorate the day.



## P.S. 11

Class 104 created board in anticipation of Career Day!

It was such a fun day with the young ones and for the teachers as well. It was so cute asking the students what they want to be when they grow up.

- Career Day 1 – Veterinary, Police Officer a Ballet Dancer & a Princess
- Career Day 2 – Doctor
- Career Day 3 – Doctor

Who knows, maybe the 2 doctors will find a cure for cancer, we can only hope!



# P.S. 148 NYC Kids Rise



# P.S.212

P.S. 212Q welcomes back BRIGHTER BITES on Wellness Wednesdays! Pre-Kindergarten Class PK-109 showed their love with this beautiful "hand-made" Thank You Card! We love our Fruits and We are Ready for the Veggies!

**P.S. 84**

## Door Decorating Contest on Diversity Respect for All



## P.S./I.S. 111

### MOVING AND GROOVING IN QUEENS

Students in grades 1-4 at CS 111Q have been working with LEAP Teaching Artist Brigid Turner to learn dances that involve both the rhythm and the sound of their bodies. They have also learned an upbeat, African-influenced dance that allows them to move their bodies to the sound of Afrobeats. "This cultural dance gets the students' heart rates up and has them sweating too. They are excited about the Afrobeat dance because they get to release their energy while having fun," said Brigid.



# District 30 Pre-K Centers



At 389, students in Mrs. Smith and Ms. Livingston's class are continuing to create and fix up their locomotion station!



At 78, we are showing our thankful smiles to Dental Smiles 4 Kids who came and taught us all about dental hygiene.



The Students in Ms. Siegel and Ms. Eleftheriadis class at 972 are learning to sew!



At the TCU, students turned their dramatic play center into a laundromat!



Cupid Struck 397! We are celebrating love, happiness and kindness!



Together is better...together as one is how District 30 Pre-K learns through professional learning zoom conference.



# P.S. 361

Our very first Battle of the Bands was moving experience celebrating the arts. Students collaborated to sing & play musical instruments. Shout out to Ms. Schwartz for her dedication.



## PS/IS 127Q Celebrating College Awareness Day



## P.S. 151 College Day



## P.S. 112

4th Grade students put on a Wax Museum celebration for their writing unit.



# P.S. 212

IS READY FOR SCHOLARSHIP MONTH and our MONEY TREE IS GROWING!!!!

Parents joined Parent Coordinator, Olga Flores, at our first NYC KIDS RISE PARENT WORKSHOP. As the parents activated their accounts during BUILDING BLOCK 1, their children created Valentine's Day Cards. After a snack of juice and cookies, EVERYONE WON A PRIZE during our Raffle of money themed piggy banks, money themed wallets, Valentine Decorations, and live Bamboo Money Trees! Another fun-filled afternoon with the wonderful families of P.S. 212Q!



# P.S. 148





# P.S. 149 QUEENS

## Respect for All Spirit Week

**"Twin Day"**

**\*\* Grab as many friends as you want and show UNITY**

**- "Tie Day"**

**\*\* Kindness ties us together**

**"Inside Out Day"**

**\*\* How we feel inside matters!**

**"Jersey/Team Color Day"**

**\*\* We are ALL part of one team at 149!**

**Wear Red or Pink for Valentine's Day**



# P.S. 166

## RESPECT FOR ALL WEEK

### Team Spirit Tuesday

Children wore their favorite team or sports clothing



### Career Day



### Wildlife Wednesday

Students and staff wore animal print clothing.  
Students and staff invited to donate \$1.00 donation to the Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors



### School Spirit

Wear school clothing or blue and white colors



### Valentine's Day

Have a heart, show kindness.  
Wear red or pink.

## P.S./I.S. 300

Q300s PTA organized the annual WINTERFEST an international potluck to welcome in the new year. We had families, teachers and even recent Q300 graduates attended who ate delicious foods from around the world. Our Kindergarten parents helped all create a glorious Lunar New Year dragon which was paraded proudly by our kids.



2nd graders dressed up for 100th day of school, made valentine's day cards and also did their architecture presentations on BRIDGES



## P.S.17

Various classes around the school are diving into Computer Science Education. Classes have been working on both plugged and unplugged activities around coding using code.org and Scratch. During Computer Science Education Week, parents were invited into these classrooms to participate in computer lessons and challenges with their students.



## P.S.17

Ribbon cutting of our hydroponic lab. The students did an amazing job giving our guest a tour around the lab and even served cucumbers that they harvested. Thank you Councilman Constantinides.



P.S. 70





# P.S. 329

Read Aloud Day 2020. Special thanks to Senator Jessica Ramos, Derek Slaughter (From Assemblyman Aubry's office), Ms. Margaret the Librarian from East Elmhurst Library, Mrs. Cerrone (Ms. Cerrone's mom), Mr. Obando Sr. (Ms. Karolhyn's grandfather) Ms. Elizabeth Streich and all the teachers, school aides, secretaries, and parents who volunteered their time to make this event amazing. A special thanks to Ms. Karolhyn our Parent Coordinator who coordinated the event.



100 Days of School





## P.S. 384

Students celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School with a building activity sponsored by our PTA!



Congratulations to our First Graders who participated in the Respect For All Poster Contest!



Students have been using animals as their inspiration for their artwork with Studio in a School.



Every child received mail addressed to them at the school as part of Loveland, CO's Valentine Program!

Parents participated in a workshop to explore bands of text complexity and shared their findings!



# NYC KIDS RISE

# Scholarship Week

## P.S./I.S. 127



**P.S.  
361**



## P.S. 17

P.S. 17Q has been busy practicing and performing through various programs and residencies.

Our 4th grade has just completed another year with the Alvin Ailey dance program. Fourth grade students had the opportunity to learn and practice hip hop dance routines over a few months. In January, they performed their final pieces for family and friends!

Our 3rd graders are gearing up for another Disney Kids performance. This year they are learning and practicing the lines, songs and dances for Frozen Kids! Parts have been cast and rehearsals are underway. All our 3rd grade students are involved; some are part of the cast, others are working to create advertisements and a playbill, others still are creating all the costumes, props and scenery to bring our show to life! It will all come together for our community performance June 5!

P.S. 17's 5th graders have started another year of Rosie's Kids theater program. This program allows students to work with a teaching artist to learn songs and dances from various Broadway musicals. We look forward to another amazing performance from them in May.



Such great energy today from the enthusiastic, diverse, and forward thinking student body of @PS361Q ! Many laughs, smiles, and good times ! The students and staff at this school have forged such a positive, warm environment which we hope to return to for more fun !



## P.S.361

### Box Out Bullying

## P.S. 112

# Celebrating Perfect Attendance

Class 403 comes in first place with 95.8 attendance rate for January.



Perfect attendance celebration with hot chocolate and popcorn



Class 202 comes in second place with 95.2 attendance rate for January.



## P.S. 151

1<sup>st</sup> Girl Scout Meeting

## PS/IS 127 Talent Showcase



### PS/IS 127 Middle School Student Government "Civics For ALL"

Ms. Herrera & Ms. Hulsaver have integrated Participatory Budgeting through the Civics for All Initiative. Middle School Students were engaging in their Civic duty by voting on proposals to better our school. #thankateacher #civicsforall





**P.S. 70**

**P.S. 151**





## P.S. 76

Veganism for Beginners cooking class.  
Spicy Guacamole



## P.S. 152

College & Career  
Awareness Day







## P.S. 76

Vibrant Parenting Workshop  
in Spanish.

## P.S. 84

Assembly "Jazz on Tour"



One Hundred Day of School



Twin Day at P.S. 84 Q



Values Assembly-Black History Month  
Art Photo, Jacob Lawrence



Pre-K Open House "Welcome All Aboard"



World Read Aloud Day



## P.S. 11

NYC Kids Rise is working with parents and setting them up with Building Block 2. By enrolling in Building Block 2 they are helping to remove the financial stress of their child going to college.



## P.S. 151

Rising up with NYC Kids Rise!





# P.S. 112

Career Day

# P.S. 112

Students use their Hawk bucks to purchase school gear



# P.S. 70

Celebrating Chinese New Year



# P.S./I.S. 127

100 Days of School



# PS 69 News

In January and February, spirit days, holidays, celebrations of and events announcements showcased PS 69 students' talents, continued building their academic and personal skills, brought joy to and further strengthened the bonds of our school community.



Another successful **CASA residency** at PS 69 concluded with a celebratory performance of traditional Chinese and Korean dances. Thank you, Flushing Town Hall teaching artists.



Teachers and staff enjoyed a delicious breakfast on **Valentine's Day** courtesy of our very generous PS 69 Parent Association. Thank you for showing us the love!



PS 69 students are once again ready to take on the Mets **You Gotta Read!** challenge.



PS 69 students were well dressed in their **Crazy Hats and Ugly Ties** for school spirit days.





**P.S. 148**



**PS 148Q  
100TH DAY OF SCHOOL**



**PARENT ATTENDANCE  
WORKSHOP**

**PS148Q PTA  
Valentines Boutique**



**P.S. 148 celebrated the 90th  
anniversary of our school!**





Wordsmiths are always on the lookout for the "Word of the Week"



Hands on Science  
Hydroponics, pine cones,  
turtles & more

# P.S. 70 Stellar Scholars



2<sup>nd</sup> Grade using Snapet Tablets during math instruction.



K-S scholars code and create with Scratch Jr.



1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month  
parents join us as  
Parents  
as  
Learning Partners



## P.S. 151

First concert performed by The Young People's Chorus of PS 151Q



## I.S. 230

Respect For All Week took place during the second week of February 2020. Students attended special assemblies to gain a better understanding of diversity and respect for others. Our IS 230 cheerleaders performed a number to Aretha Franklin's "Respect" (1967) as part of the program.





# P.S. 69

Class K-151 is getting ready for college, and NYC Kids RISE is a big part of it.



From kindergarten to fifth grade, PS 69 students learned about, celebrated and made plans for college in January during

**College Scholarship Month.**

Class 1-245 recognized how each event leads to the next and imagined how their choices would lead to college and the kind of life they would have after graduation.



Class 4-507 mapped out their journey from PS 69 to Middle School, High School, COLLEGE and endless possibilities beyond.



## P.S. 398

### College Awareness Day

Our first College Awareness Day was during January where students represented their families' colleges or their future college they wished to attend.

### Art Parties

P.S. 398Q held two family art parties! Pre-K Picasso and Kinder Kandinsky were both a great success as families created art while listening to music.



### International Day

Our first International Day celebrated all families and students. Families were engaged in fun festivities as we all celebrated one another's culture.



## I.S. 230

I.S. 230 Showstoppers performed "The Wizard of Oz" for 5th graders from our local elementary schools – P.S. 69, P.S. 152, P.S. 212. We also held evening performances for our school community. Our students were amazing!



The I.S. 230 7th grade student government class representatives lead the way in participating in National No One Eats Alone Day by creating a Tree of Kindness. All 7th grade students created leaves with words of kindness outside of our school cafeteria reminding everyone who sees it to be kind to each other.





## **P.S. 122**

### **100th Day of School**

On February 14th, P.S. 122 celebrated their 100th day of school. Students and staff were encouraged to dress as though they were 100 years old to celebrate the fact that 100 productive days of learning were complete. There also was a 100th Day of School Parade to celebrate the day.



### **Spirit Week**

P.S. 122 Celebrated Spirit Week in January! Each day was a theme for students to show school spirit. Examples of themed days were Color Day, Culture Day, Decade Day, Fan Day and Pajama Day. Students and staff were very excited to participate all week long.



## P.S. 69

### Respect and Kindness at PS 69



## P.S. 152

100 Days of School  
Happy Valentine's Day





## I.S. 145

On February 26, we had 31 of our parents and volunteers learning basic CPR Techniques and skills with the wonderful EMT's Velez, Joseph and Baer from the FDNY. We learned how to use a portable defibrillator and they taught us how to keep a good count of our compressions by humming the tune to "Staying Alive" in our heads. The class was free and you receive an FDNY certification card to keep in your wallet.

## Community School

## P.S./I.S. 111

Cafeteria Week



# I.S. 235Q

## FLASH NEWS COLLEGE AND CAREER AWARENESS DAY!

- A Culminating Event with Epic Mentoring: The 7th graders enjoy a 'BINGO' day with prizes and pizza for College Access for All!
- All students proudly show off their individual 4-Year College Graduation Exhibit—Class of 2028, 2029 & 2030!
- Students create a giant 'Word Wall' with college & career terms and designated symbols.
- Staff members proudly wear apparel from their alma mater and share their own educational journeys.



# P.S./I.S. 300

Q300 students took 1st place for the Open Parliamentary division at NYC Urban Debate League tournament yesterday! Amazing teamwork by talented teens with their super coach Mr. Elijah Cho!

Hunter's Point  
30Q291

Our 7th grade students reading to young children at P.S. 76 on our Advisory Service Day.



Our after school Robotics team won an award of recognition!



Students hang up "I Have A Dream" reflections in honor of Black History Month.





# I.S. 227



## THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG MIDDLE SCHOOL

32-02 JUNCTION BOULEVARD, EAST ELMHURST, NY 11369 (718) 335-7500 / FAX 779-7186

L.A.M.S. has partnered with the educational organization *Practice Makes Perfect* and L.I.U. Post for our College Access for All Program. We celebrated our College Access 4 All Kick Off in an Auditorium filled with our entire 7<sup>th</sup> grade participating in the event.





# P.S. 122

## Respect for All

PS122 celebrated Respect for All Week. Classes on all grades participated in a door decorating contest with the theme of Respect for All in mind. Students also wrote Respect for All poems to be read to the whole school over morning announcements to start the day off ensuring all students and staff were thinking of Respect for All.

# I.S. 235

I.S. 235Q Celebrated 'National Guidance Counselor Week' February 3-7 2020 Recognizing our school guidance counselor, Mr. Jimmy Joza.





## L.S. 227

### The Louis Armstrong Middle School

L.A.M.S. Robotics Club

Students of L.A.M.S. participated in the Annual LEGO league robotics competition.

## L.S. 145

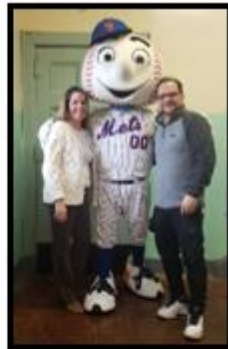
On February 28, our school celebrated Black History Month with a celebration to Motown and a few African American poets. Our house band "Highly Developing" made up of our teachers Mr. McCaughey, Mr. Asin and Mr. Hargrove played some Motown hits such as "I was made to Love Her" by Stevie Wonder and "Ain't Too Proud To Beg" by The Temptations, where our classes 834 and 636 performed to. Our teacher, Mr. Bardales with one of our students Sara Galicia Leon sang "I'll Be There" from the Jackson Five. We also had a representative from City Lore, Ms. Toni Blackman do some interactive poetry activities with the 6th and 7th grade audience as well as reciting poems such as "Still I Rise" from Maya Angelou. As Ms. Blackman performed, one of our very talented students, Isabella Wray drew a picture of her during her performance.





## P.S. 149 QUEENS

"You gotta Read" with the METS challenge.



"Christa McAuliffe Day" - our school's name

Christa McAuliffe was the 1st private citizen to go on a space mission. She was selected from a pool of 11,000 candidates





## L.S. 227

The Louis Armstrong Middle School

### L.A.M.S. COMIC BOOK SWAP

Once a month students at L.A.M.S. have the opportunity to swap out their comic books and choose a new one. Students love to read their comics during lunchtime.

## P.S. 329

Glasses in Classes Day 2020! Celebrating our peers students who wear glasses.



# I.S. 235



### Letters to Naomi Short

The entire student population decorated unicorns and wrote messages of hope and encouragement to 8 year old Naomi Short who is battling Stage 4 brain cancer.

The students watched a video of Naomi, who in spite of her struggles, maintains a positive attitude. Two students in Class 801 created a poster of a unicorn, Naomi's favorite animal. They drew hearts on the poster. Everyone in the school signed inside one of the hearts.

The poster and messages were mailed to Naomi's teacher, Ms. Schenk, in Hamilton, Ohio. She delivered them to Naomi this past weekend.



### I. S. 235Q- ACADEMY FOR NEW AMERICANS IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



## P.S. 112

### PBIS Induction



## P.S. 70

### NY Islanders Floorball Program



## P.S./I.S.300

Our 7th and 8th grade students were thrilled to be invited to **TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD** at MSG. It really gave them the opportunity to flesh out characters many of them had only read about. This was an amazing experience for our students, teachers and some parents.

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## PS 234 January/February Good Newsletter



February was a month of celebrations at P.S. 234 The School of Performing Arts and Technology. At P.S.234, African American culture and contributions are celebrated, acknowledged, taught and evident in our school curricula daily. We also acknowledge the importance, relevance and origins of Black History Month. Over the last few weeks our students have been immersed in a variety of projects and activities. Our first graders made life size puppets representing African Americans they researched in their classrooms using technology and complex texts. Second graders studied famous African Americans and created a Wall of Fame. They made mobiles that included important facts and contributions their individual made to American Society. Students also compared the life of Rosa Parks and Maya Angelou and began talking about women's suffrage which will lead into next month's study of Women's History. The third grade explored quotes by famous African Americans and discussed the meaning of these quotes. Classes across the school decorated their doors in honor of Black History Month. Teachers, paraprofessionals and students worked together to highlight prominent figures in African American History. Not only did the doors celebrate inspirational African American heroes but they also empowered our students and kickstarted dialogue around the school. At P.S.234 we are brave like Ruby and so we were immersed in courageous conversations about race and Civil Rights.

Respect for All Week was also a huge success as we celebrated with our Selfie Awareness campaign for the 6th year. In addition, Police Officers from the 114th precinct spoke to our students about the different types of bullying and the meaning of being kind to others and the importance of diversity. They really took the time to bring awareness and celebrate actions that show respect for others. Our Guidance Counselor, Ms. Papadopolous conducted Read-Alouds and had important conversations with our students about respect, empathy, standing up for what we believe in, all while embracing each others difference.

To celebrate the 100th day of school we honored the life and legacy of Kobe Bryant, one of the NBA's greatest players. All students in grades PreK-5 were able to get physical by participating in a variety of basketball stations in the gym. In addition, all students watched a Kobe Bryant tribute video and learned about his life, his career and the "Mamba" mentality.

We look forward to continuing our celebration of diversity and Civil Rights as we move into "Civics for All" week and "Women's History Month" in March.







## I.S. 235

**Academy for New Americans participated today, February 14<sup>th</sup> 2020, in 'National No One Eats Alone Day'.**

Beyond Differences: Students are inspired at to end social isolation and create a culture of belonging for everyone. As all students entered the school cafeteria, they were participating in No One Eats Alone Day and this was their opportunity to sit, talk and share a meal with someone new. During lunch recess, student teams were given a balloon to race without using hands. Everyone joined the fun!

## P.S. 361

Vocal Ambassadors were invited to Macy's to perform. They were excited to share their voices with customers and share their love of singing. We our very proud of their efforts!



## P.S. 11

Children made a Snowman Shooter. Here they created a snowman from toilet paper tube, a balloon and a ping-pong ball. It was a STEM project where the children explored the concept of physics; gravity, energy and principles of angle. Aside from all of this they learned to try and try again, if doesn't happen the 1<sup>st</sup> time keep on trying.

It was a fun activity for the kids and the parents as well. It's so wonderful to see the kids enjoying themselves. A happy kid is a happy life, not only for the parents, but for all invited.

**Ms. Menges, STEM teacher here at P.S. 11**



## P.S. 112

We hosted our first home game. Our players played hard and won their first game of the season. Even our school mascot has a basketball jersey.

#ps112hawks

# P.S. 149 QUEENS

## Native American Assembly



NYC  
**KIDS  
RISE**



*College Day*



# I.S. 235

**Respect for All Week at I.S. 235Q:** Throughout the year, we provide praise, positive reinforcement and encouragement to motivate our newcomer students to do their best. We also provide opportunities for our students to collaborate on 'Show Me the Love!' project as well as engage in 'Acts of Kindness' with peers. In the process, we place emphasis on providing respect to everyone including oneself.



# I.S. 227

## The Louis Armstrong Middle School

“No One Eats Alone Day”

February 14, 2020

It was a day students invited someone new, made an introduction and started a new friendship. Students were encouraged to sit in a new area and begin a conversation.



# P.S. 2



Spirit Week Feb 10-14  
Monday- Mismatch & messy hair day  
Tuesday- School Spirit  
Wednesday-Time Warp  
Thursday- Team Sports  
Friday- Dress to Impress or wear red for love





## P.S. 112

PTA Valentine's Day sale was a success



Thank you to our special parent readers who took time out to read to our students for World Read Aloud Day

## P.S. 361



3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students show off their dance moves!



We are 100 days smarter! A special treat that built suspense. Who would be the 100<sup>th</sup> student this morning?

## P.S. 361



Pre-K families enjoy a special event, "Where We Live" showcase in collaboration with Studio in a School



Pre-K Celebration of Light unit including creating their own Starry Night paintings! Students made choices about brush types, colors and techniques they would use for their paintings. What a fun way to end a unit.

Our Kindergarten "We Are Super Readers" parade was a fun event for our youngest readers! Our older students cheered them on in celebration.



**Congratulations Principal Hwang** for 5 years as founding principal of P.S. 361. Ms. Hwang was honored at the NYCEPA conference! We are celebrating our wonderful leader in this great accomplishment.

# DISTRICT 30 PARENT COORDINATORS 2019-2020

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PS 112 DUTCH KILLS SCHOOL	25-05 37TH AVENUE, LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101	(718) 784-5250	YOCASTA POLANCO
PS 122 MAMIE FAY SCHOOL	21-21 DITMARS BLVD, ASTORIA, NY 11105	(718) 721-6410	JUDITH MILO
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PS 384	27-35 JACKSON AVE., LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101	(718) 391-4667	
PRE-K CENTERS			



# School Calendar 2019–2020

SEPT 5	<b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS</b> (Partial school day for pre-kindergarten public school students)
SEPT 12	Parent Teacher Conferences for Elementary Schools and K–8 Schools (Evening)*
SEPT 19	Parent Teacher Conferences for Middle Schools (Evening)*
SEPT 26	Parent Teacher Conferences for High Schools, K–12, and 6–12 Schools (Evening)*
SEPT 30–OCT 1	Rosh Hashanah (Schools closed)
OCT 9	Yom Kippur (Schools closed)
OCT 14	Columbus Day (Schools closed)
NOV 5	Election Day/Chancellor’s Conference Day for Staff Development (Students do not attend school)
NOV 6–7	Parent Teacher Conferences for Middle Schools and District 75 Programs (Evening and Afternoon)*
NOV 11	Veterans Day Observed (Schools closed)
NOV 13–14	Parent Teacher Conferences for Elementary Schools and K–8 Schools (Evening and Afternoon)*
NOV 21–22	Parent Teacher Conferences for High Schools, K–12, and 6–12 Schools (Evening and Afternoon)*
NOV 28–29	Thanksgiving Recess (Schools closed)
DEC 24–JAN 1	Winter Recess (Schools closed)
JAN 20	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Schools closed)
JAN 27	January Clerical Day for Upper Grades Only (High school/6–12 school students do not attend, unless enrolled in a District 75 program)
JAN 28	Spring Term Begins (For students in semester-model schools)
FEB 17–21	Midwinter Recess (Schools closed)
MAR 4–5	Parent Teacher Conferences for Elementary Schools and K–8 Schools (Evening and Afternoon)*
MAR 12–13	Parent Teacher Conferences for Middle Schools and District 75 Programs (Evening and Afternoon)*
MAR 19–20	Parent Teacher Conferences for High Schools, K–12, and 6–12 Schools (Evening and Afternoon)*
APR 9–17	Spring Recess (Schools closed)
MAY 7	Parent Teacher Conferences for Elementary Schools and K–8 Schools (Evening)*
MAY 14	Parent Teacher Conferences for Middle Schools (Evening)*
MAY 21	Parent Teacher Conferences for High Schools, K–12, and 6–12 Schools (Evening)*
MAY 25	Memorial Day (Schools closed)
JUN 4	Anniversary Day/Chancellor’s Conference Day for Staff Development (Students do not attend school)
JUN 9	June Clerical Day for Lower Grades Only (Elementary school/middle school/District 75 students do not attend)
JUN 26	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS</b> (Early dismissal)

\*These parent teacher conference dates are citywide. However, schools may decide to hold conferences on alternative dates, with approval. Please check with your school for details. For testing dates and other events, visit [schools.nyc.gov/calendar](https://schools.nyc.gov/calendar).

