

Guidance Corner – A Message from Ms. Chimera-Stass

The word of the month for October is
KINDNESS

**Students who exhibit kindness will be
nominated as Good Citizens and
participate in the morning
announcements!**

Families of Fifth Graders:

October 3rd at 6 PM:

Ms. Johnson will give a Middle school
information session.

October 8th at 2:40 in the library.

Workshop with Ms. Stass to set up your
Myschools account for applying to Middle
School.

October 28th 5-7:30 Middle School Fair:

At the Park Slope Education Complex, 544
7th Ave.

Middle School directories have been sent home with 5th graders. PIN letters will
be mailed home in early October.



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Dear P.S. 15 Families:

October, 2019

We are still enjoying the summer breezes although October has finally arrived. Many thanks to all who supported our Stewardship Day event! PS 15 was featured in the District 15 Garden Crawl video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FxhRZ3tJ27w&feature=youtu.be>. Big shout out to Ms. Johnson, our parent coordinator, and our staff and administration: Ms. Cassese, Ms. Creed, Ms. Steer and Ms. Cavanagh for leading the Garden/Stewardship Day events last month. They are in the picture in the second row on the far right.



Thank you D15 School Garden Leaders For Another Successful Crawl

We are working on many areas to support our learning community as outlined in our Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP). Help us improve our attendance. As shared by the Attendance Works Organization, “showing up on time every day is important to your child’s success and learning from preschool forward. Missing 10 per cent of preschool (one or two days every few weeks) can:

- Make it harder to develop early reading skills.
- Make it harder to get ready for kindergarten and first grade.
- Develop a poor attendance pattern that’s hard to break.

Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.

- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.”

All around our building, you will find posters designed by our students to remind us all to get to school every day and on time. Remember our instructional day starts at 8:10 a.m.

As you know, we have a brand new math curricula, enVisionsMath and Bridges (Number

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Corners and Number Talk). This month, I will be hosting a Principal's Sip and Learn math series to help you learn how to support your child with math. The first session is open to all families from PK-5 and will begin on Wednesday, October 16th. Please join us and meet our math guru from Brooklyn North, Ms. Tracey Scronic. The next session on Wednesday, October 23rd is targeted for families of students in grades K-2 and the final session on Wednesday, October 30th is targeted for families of students in grades 3-5.

Don't forget to attend our monthly PTA meeting on October 16th at 6:30 pm in the library. Important matters will be discussed.

Please join us on **October 22 at 8:15 a.m.** we will host our **Annual Title I meeting**. This meeting is open to all families. Come learn about Title I funding and how the funding is used to support school programs.

Our Instructional Focus/Priority for the 2019-2020 will be Checking for Understanding. We started this work last January and will continue to refine our classroom lessons to support our students. Checking for understanding allows you and your child's teacher to help your child become a self-regulated learner. It helps the child become more increasingly aware to monitor his/her own understanding. I've observed teachers asking common prompts such as: Any questions? Does everyone understand?. Often, our students sit quietly. They hesitate to reveal that they don't know whether they understand, or are confused to answer or think they get it (but are not on target), or they are too embarrassed to show their lack of understanding in front of their peers. That's when we need to intervene. You can help your child by encouraging your child to ask questions and let someone know when they are unsure or unclear. Ask questions that get your child to elaborate, clarify and problem/solve such as:

Can you tell me more about that?

Can you show me where you found that information?

Why did you choose that answer?

How do you know when you have run out of ways to answer this question?

How would you set up this word problem?

Many events are happening throughout the month. Our first Family Friendly Day is on October 31. I look forward to seeing you and thank you for sending your most precious gift to our school community.

Sincerely,

Peggy Wyns-Madison

Pre-Kindergarten News

Pre-K is off to a wonderful start! Our children are adjusting to school routines while they continue to be supported with understanding school procedures, and the role they play in the pre-k classroom. To help with this endeavor, the teachers will continue to explore the topic of "All About Me" as the students get to know more about themselves in their new environment. We will also be launching our first Magnet Unit of Study "Fantastic Fall!" when we will explore the changes in the world around us and how those changes affect us. We are looking forward to our first **Family Fun Day!** Please join us on **Thursday, October 31, 2019** at 8:30 a.m. for the **P.S 15 Character Parade.**

Kindergarten News

In Kindergarten, we are excited to start a residency with Marquis Studios called Circus Arts! More information to come. We are starting our first Magnet unit called All About Me. We started launching our reading and writing workshop. In Math we continue to write, count and compare numbers. Homework will start the second week of October, please check your child's book bag daily. We would like to remind parents that starting in October, kindergarteners have "happy feet!" On October 2nd, kindergarteners are going to enter the classrooms by themselves. We want kindergartners to start experiencing independence. Thank you for your understanding!

October Birthdays



Arianna Acevedo	Juan Mendoza
Divine Alford	Kareem Mitchell
Kadiatou Barry	Sienna Moore
Liam Beck	Joel O'Brien
Marcus Bell, Jr.	Rayden Ortiz
Sebastian Cruz	Raymond Ortiz
Frederick Campbell	Daniel Osorno
Victoria Caraballo	Jayden Pastrana
Jeremiah Edwards	Santino Riservato
Selena Espinal	Ruby Sarva
Joseph Finley, Jr.	Emberly Segura
Paris Grant	Tavin Stanley
Nasiir Hare	Maximilian Thompson
Lucio Hernandez	Elijah Vizcarrondo
Emiliana Lugo	Kenya Ward
Justin Medina	Legend Williams
David Mejia Martinez	

October Happenings!

- Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten Character Parade – October 31st
- Happy feet begins for kindergarten students – October 2nd
- Middle school information session with Ms. Johnson - October 3rd
- Middle school workshop with Ms. Stass to setup the Myschools account – October 8th
- Middle school fair – October 28th JHS 88



First Grade News

First grade is excited to begin their magnet unit, which takes a look at families now and long ago. In reading, first graders are loving partner reading! They are continuing to build good habits for reading long and strong. They are also learning habits for tackling hard words. During the writing workshop, we are writing small moments. Students are thinking of a personal story, sketching and writing across three or more pages. The students are beginning to write in lowercase letters, put spaces between their words and use end punctuation. First graders are loving Number Corner! This month's calendar focuses on equations and word problems. They'll continue to solve addition and subtraction problems to 10 on VisionMath.

Second Grade News

In October, second grade will be working on using the Five Finger Rule to pick a Just Right Book. We will also be working on using reading strategies and identifying the genre of the books we are reading. In writing, we are starting our personal narratives and what a good piece of writing looks like. In math, we are working on addition and subtraction fact fluency. In science, second grade is working with sorting and classifying earth materials, like rocks. We will also learn about landforms and changes over time. In social studies, we are starting with geography and mapping which will lead into our first Magnet unit on New Amsterdam: NYC over time!

Third Grade News

Throughout October, we are learning how to become better readers and writers! We are introducing and building upon a variety of strategies that we have learned in the previous grades and scaffolding new ideas and concepts. It's imperative that each child continues to read and write every day at home, in order to continue progressing. In math, we are working diligently on our mad minute math computational skills and our Number Corner strategies. Additionally, we have launched our Geography unit! We are learning how geography and history shape a community. How are communities the same and different.

Fourth Grade News

Fourth graders are excited to dive into single and multi-digit multiplication in math this October! We will be moving from map skills in social studies to exploration where we will study early explorers and their travels to new lands. In literacy, we will study narrative literature with a focus on interpreting characters. In writing, fourth grade will examine the arc of a story as we create realistic fiction writing pieces. Happy Autumn Red Hook community!

Fifth Grade News

We are in full swing with our narrative writing unit. In math, we continue to dive deeply into place value and powers of 10. Be on the lookout for homework that targets understanding how the value of digits change as they move along the place value chart and how the value changes. We are working on independent reading skills in our classrooms, please encourage your fifth grader to read for at least 30 mins. Each night. It really does prepare students for the heavier workload in middle school.