

## Guidance Corner – A Message from Ms. Chimera-Stass

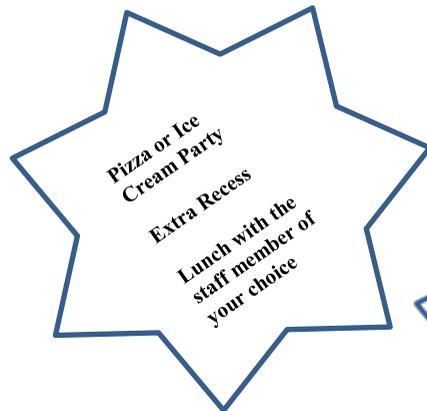
**March Into School Every Day and On Time!**



**All Students that are ON TIME and have PERFECT ATTENDANCE will receive a prize at the end of the month!**

**Weekly prizes for the TOP THREE classes with the highest attendance rate!**

**The three classes with the best attendance for the month will receive BIG PRIZES!**



**Prizes Given at the Attendance Assembly the first week of April!**



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Greetings PS 15 Families!

March is chock full of activities! In addition to the CookShop for Families program that our parent coordinator facilitates, we are introducing a parent/child diversity book club with our library media specialist, Sharon Matz and kicking off our FACElab program, which includes parents and teachers teaching our third and fourth graders robotics. Check out the calendar for the dates and times and for the various PTA subcommittee meetings that are posted. Your participation is welcome!

Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Our parent/teacher conferences will follow on Thursday, March 5. All students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. and the afternoon parent/teacher conferences will begin at 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Evening conferences will be held from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Please make an appointment with your child's teachers and talk about your child's academic performance and experience at school. If your child is having trouble meeting their academic goals, you and the teacher can plan how you can both help the child best.

Here are some helpful questions to ask the teacher at the conference:

- What is my child expected to learn, know, and do at this grade level?
- What does my child do well, and what does my child struggle with?
- How do you know when my child is making progress and when they need additional help?
- How do you challenge my child when they are already doing well at something?
- What are you doing to support and motivate my child?
- What can I do at home to support my child?
- Are there times when my child is more or less engaged?

At this time, all of our students received the NYC School Survey in a green envelope. Please check your child's red folder and/or bookbag. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and give your feedback on what PS 15 does well and what we can do to improve. Your feedback is important and valuable. All surveys must be completed no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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The New York State English Language Arts (ELA) exam will take place on March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> for students in grades 3-5. The test will be given over two days. It is an untimed test that contains different kinds of questions including multiple choice and written responses to open-ended questions based on stories, articles or poems they read. The next Principal's Sip and Learn will highlight what you need to know about the upcoming state exams for students in grades 3-5.

Here are some tips to help you support your child as we near the assessment week in March:

- If you are anxious about your child's test, it's ok but try to keep cool around your child, you don't want them to get anxious about their tests too. Encourage your child to do well, but don't pressure him/her. It is important for your child to stay relaxed for the test.
- Mark down the test days on your calendar so you and your child are both aware of testing dates. If your child wears glasses, make sure that they are worn to school especially on the day of the exams.
- Make sure that your child gets enough sleep on the night before the test.
- Ensure that your child eats a healthy breakfast and avoid heavy foods that may make him/her groggy and avoid high sugar foods that may make him/her hyper or over active.
- Do note that if your child is not feeling well, do not send him/her to school. Your child can take a makeup test. It is important for your child to be feeling their best on that day.

As always, I look forward to seeing you throughout the month.

Sincerely,

Peggy Wyns-Madison

Pre-Kindergarten News

The students in Pre-K are beginning to think about how their community uses various models of transportation to get to pre-K and other places. Through child-centered, hands on activities, they will understand that different types of transportation is used for different reasons. Students will understand that vehicles move in different ways and some vehicles are operated by community helpers such as bus drivers, conductors, firefighters, police officers and mail carriers. In this study, our youngest learners will deepen their understanding that each family is important and that there are many ways for our family members to stay safe when using transportation.

Kindergarten News

In Kindergarten, we will be wrapping up our Wacky Weather unit. Children are making strides in their reading. Please make sure that they continue to read every night and review sight words. Please make sure your child is using Raz-Kids at home, if you still need help with the username and password please come see your child's teacher for assistance. We will celebrate the arrival of spring and on March 17<sup>th</sup> it is family friendly day, join us for the Littles Leprechaun Parade. See you at Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>!

## March Birthdays



Alejandro Aguilar  
 Victor Alcantara-Lebron  
 Aurora Alvarez  
 Isadora Alvarez  
 Amy Beltre  
 Jasmine Bischoff  
 Khamiya Bynum  
 Aaron Cherry  
 Diante Chery  
 Nathan Childs-Larrier  
 Shawn Cina-Belis  
 Vivian Colavito  
 Melanie Delgado  
 Pavle Devic  
 Aster Fowler  
 George Garcia  
 Grace Gathers  
 Savannah Green  
 Scott Green  
 Satchel Haynes  
 Jayden Hierro  
 Ames Itaussu  
 Amar Johnson  
 Mackenzie Johnson  
 Leilani Jusino  
 James Kemp

Nevaeh Kiser Anderson  
 Brettain Knight  
 Jordin Lopez  
 Gael Marin-Solis  
 Johan Martinez Jr  
 Latrell McClenllan  
 Omar Meza Perez  
 Kantapon Miller  
 Jayden Minaya  
 William Murillo  
 Skylaa Nunez  
 Amelia Petrone  
 Jonathan Quintero  
 Summer Roman  
 Kiyah Samuels  
 Duante Smith  
 Jahwai Spencer  
 Taciana Suarez  
 John Torres  
 Makayla Torres  
 Waverly Van Aalsburg  
 Skylar Vanderhorst  
 Mika Vyater  
 Quincy Weisse  
 Giuseppina Wlech  
 Valerian Zintchenko-McDonald

Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC) will be held on  
**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.**  
Dismissal will be at 11:30 that day.

PTC will take place from  
12:30 pm to 2:30 pm  
4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

P.S. 15/PTA Aftercare 11:30 – 4:30

**NO BEACON/GOOD SHEPHERD, EXTREME KIDS PROGRAMS  
OR P.S. 15 AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT/ACADEMIC  
CLUSTER PROGRAMS**



#### First Grade News

March is an exciting month for first graders! We are continuing our Magnet unit “Living in America”.

First graders will continue to read both fiction and nonfiction texts. We are writing small moment stories. Students will focus on writing with detail and dialogue to help bring their stories to life!

First grade mathematicians will learn to tell time to the hour and half hour on our monthly calendar. They will continue to practice fact fluency through mad minute math.

#### Second Grade News

Second Grade will be moving into writing opinion pieces. We are finishing up our New Amsterdam Unit and students are excited to show what learned. The students are really enjoying learning about old New York. In math we are moving to subtraction. Please have students practice simple addition and subtraction facts at home, as well as continuing to have your child read every day for at least twenty-five minutes. We look forward to seeing all of you at parent-teacher conferences.

#### Third Grade News

In reading, we will be working on grasping main idea in realistic fiction and practicing out test prep skills. In math, we will start our unit on area, perimeter and fractions. In writing, we are working on our second round of opinion writing. In social studies will begin our China Unit Study.

***Important Dates: ELA Test, Wed. and Thurs. March 25-26, 2020  
Marquis Studio Dance Performance with Ms. Karla on Friday, March 20, 2020***

#### Fourth Grade News

March is here! This month fourth grade will begin the Social Studies unit of Colonial Times. We will study the Middle, New England, and Southern Colonies and learn about how they were formed during this era. We will continue to prepare for the ELA state test by studying various text structures and responding to text based questions. In Math, Fourth grade will be hard at work learning about fractions as we also continue to strengthen our long division skills. The fourth grade would like to wish the Red Hook community a Happy Spring!

#### Fifth Grade News

Welcome to March! We are looking forward to our art residence with Mr. Daniel this month. The theme will be insects, their beauty and usefulness in various ecosystems. Our film residency will come to an end this month as well. Look for information on a culminating activity.

We are looking at how to answer text-based questions. Our reading focuses will be finding the theme, main idea, figurative language, and generally responding to literature. In math we are adding and subtracting mixed numbers. Look out that in your child's homework.

We look forward to seeing all our parents March 5th. We will be sending home the appointment signup sheet soon.