



NOVEMBER 2014
MANHATTAN BEACH MATTERS

*Our Mission:
 In Partnership with our school and the home, all students will learn to become better thinkers.
 Our goal is to help them be responsible, productive, caring members of our culturally diverse
 Community as they acquire a lifelong love for learning!
 Our Goal: Our goal for this year is to refine teachers practices in order to promote student
 Progress!*



From the desk of Ms. Bernadette Toomey, Principal

"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives." John F. Kennedy

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone who contributes to supporting our children. It makes all the difference in the world!

Dear Parents,

Each year the NYCDOE establishes new citywide expectations. The first is to know our children. This is an ongoing process as our students knowledge evolves. This is PS 195's instructional goal for the 2014-2015 school year. The teachers are meeting students at their strengths and assisting them to become independent at accessing and amending their own work.

- ➔ Thank you for those who continue to follow parking rules. Please be reminded that student's safety comes first. The children will not be dismissed to any parent or guardian whose vehicle is in the middle of the street or double parked. We thank you for your continued support.
- ➔ Thank you to our Ambassadors for escorting and meeting Assistant Principals and visitors from The Presidents Council. All were impressed and they were complimented on their helpfulness.
- ➔ REMINDER: SCHOOL HOURS ARE 8:10 TO 2:20 MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY!

*Thank you to the PA for the successful bake sale and Halloween Celebration. The children had a wonderful time.

*Thank you to all the staff and children who dressed up in wonderful costumes on Halloween. Our walkathon was a great success.

*Thank you to Ms. Steel for coming in and working in the library. We appreciate all you have done and all you continue to do! We look forward to seeing more volunteers.

*Senator Marty Golden has given PS 195 a generous Bullet Aid Grant. We want to thank the Senator for his continued support of our school. We hope he will be able to join us at our next Citizens Breakfast on November 18th!

*Thank you to Ms. Biondolillo and family for their generous donation to Project Restoration. This is an ongoing project. If you are interested, please send donations to the main office.



On October 7th, Ms. Finale took grades 2 and 4 to the Brooklyn Bridge Park. The children have been learning all about shapes, lines, primary and secondary colors. The objective was to use what they learned in the classroom to sketch the Brooklyn Bridge, the Manhattan Skyline and scenery. All classes had a wonderful time.



Parent Teacher Conferences

We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Teacher conferences on November 13th. Here are some suggestions on what to ask your child's teacher. A key factor in student's success in school is a close working relationship between the most important authority figures in their life: parents and teachers.

Ask questions if there is something you do not understand. If the teacher uses educational terms that you do not understand, feel comfortable to request an explanation.

Ask to see samples of your child's work. Review of work samples will help you understand what your child is doing and his/her level of progress. They may also give you ideas for helping your child at home.

Ask for suggestions. Find out what you can do to reinforce the teachers instruction at home. Summarize key points at the end of conference. Clarify plan of action. Arrange follow ups.

Additional resources for families regarding guidance for a Parent Teacher conference can be found on ARIS. Questions for families to ask teachers and ELA and Math activity guides for students in grades 4 through 8 can be found on the Parents and Family page.

From the Desk of Ms. Solomon



Health Corner

We have been very busy during Health and Fitness class so far this year. The children are learning how important it is to exercise in order to stay healthy! We practiced three different types of fitness movements to help keep in shape:

Aerobic Fitness—enables the heart, lungs and muscles to perform an activity over a sustained period. Examples of aerobic movements include: running, jumping, dancing and skipping, among others.

Muscular fitness—movements designed to strengthen and maintain endurance, including exercises such as push-ups, squats, lunges and bicep curls.

Flexibility—the ability to move a body's joint through a complete range of motion, such as through yoga and stretching.

We encourage you to ask your child to demonstrate the "Take 5" breathing technique: it really will leave you feeling more relaxed.

In addition, we have been learning all about safety and what to do in different situations to stay safe in school. The

Children were taught about evacuations, sheltering-in-place, and lockdowns. We even practiced some! Hopefully, this will never be needed

Fundraising update from Ms. Finale...

Our candy ribbons were a huge success!! We raised \$925.00 for The American Cancer Society. Thank you to all who participated! Our next Fundraising event will be City Harvest. Non-perishable goods will be collected in our lobby. City Harvest will collect them from us and deliver to emergency food programs that feed the needy. Thank you to Ms. Reed for all her hard work and thank you to the students who helped sell them!



November Calendar of Events

November 2nd-	Daylight Savings Time-Clocks back 1 hour
November 3rd-	Mo'Math Museum of Mathematics 4th Grades
November 4th-	Election Day- NO STUDENTS
November 7th-	School Spirit Day
November 11th-	Veterans Day- SCHOOL CLOSED
November 13th-	Parent/Teacher Conferences HALF DAY 11:30 Dismissal
November 14th-	Kingsborough College 1st Grades
November 17th-	Open School Pre-K/Kindergarten 8:45-10:00
November 18th-	Open School Grades 1 and 2 8:45-10:00
November 18th-	10:05 Safety Meeting
November 18th-	Bake Sale
November 18th-	7:00 Parent Association Meeting
November 19th-	7:30 a.m. Citizens Breakfast
November 19th-	Brooklyn Bridge Park- 5th Grade
November 19th-	Open School Grades 3 and 4 8:45-10:00
November 20th-	No Pre K
November 20th-	Open School Grades 5 8:45-10:00
November 20th-	2:30 SLT Meeting
November 21st-	Environmental Center-Grades 2
November 21st-	Parent Workshop 8:30-9:00 a.m.
November 25th-	8:15 a.m. Robins Nest Parent Meeting
November 27th-	HAPPY THANKSGIVING SCHOOL CLOSED
November 28th-	SCHOOL CLOSED

From the Desk of Denise Nordenschild, Parent Coordinator

"Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness."

As we begin to prepare for Thanksgiving, I am reminded of what P.S. 195 is thankful for, i.e., caring parents; kind students; an amazing Parent Association and a 'spooktacular' Halloween Dance; dedicated staff.

Our fifth grade parents are beginning to meet and prepare for Graduation. Also, they are already preparing for middle school. The Fairs were in October, the open houses are throughout November and we will be receiving applications in December. P.S. 195 will hold a middle school information night on Tuesday, 12/2 with Bay Academy as our guest speaker.

Thank you to all who participated in our candy sale, our chocolate sale for breast cancer awareness, our bake sale, our parent workshop and walk-a-thon. The Parent Association will be having monthly bake sales.

In November we will vote for our student government, hold Parent/Teacher conferences and be inviting parents to come visit classrooms in action during open school week.

Hope to see everyone at the next Parent Association on November 18 :)