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**P.S. 139Q Proudly Announces
our Lunar New Year Celebration and Parade
January 27, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.**



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here at P.S. 139Q, we are fortunate to have a culturally rich and diverse student body that represents many different countries from around the world. To help us celebrate some of the cultures that make this such a wonderful school, on Monday, January 27th we are planning a celebration of the Lunar New Year, which will allow our students to share the experience of a holiday that is celebrated by many of our children and their families. We would like to invite all of our students who have costumes or clothing worn during the Lunar New Year celebration to bring them to school to wear in the parade. All students are welcome to wear the traditional colors of red and gold, or of their own family's culture, to share in the celebration as well.

Chinese New Year is the longest and most important celebration in the Chinese calendar. The Chinese year 4712 begins on January 31, 2014. It starts with the New Moon on the first day of the New Year and ends on the full moon 15 days later. The 15th day of the New Year is called the Lantern Festival, which is celebrated at night with lantern displays and children carrying lanterns in a parade.

Legend has it that in ancient times, Buddha asked all the animals to meet him on the Lunar New Year. Twelve came, and Buddha named a year after each one. He announced that the people born in each animal's year would have some of that animal's personality. Those born in Horse years are considered clever and kind as well as cheerful and career oriented.

To celebrate the diversity of the P.S. 139 community and to make this occasion more festive, we would like to invite our parents to come and view the parade from our front lobby. The festivities will begin at **1:30 p.m. on January 27th**. You, too, are invited to wear the traditional colors of red and gold to share in the celebration.

Please bring this letter with you as it is your Security Pass to view the parade.

On behalf of our students and staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our school programs and wish you all a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Monica Powers-Meade
Principal

Please complete the tear-off below and return by Friday, January 24th if your child will be wearing their traditional clothing to participate in the parade.

Attention: Nina Lipton

- My child will participate in the Lunar New Year Parade wearing the traditional colors of red and gold, or they will wear our family's traditional clothing.
- I would like to help during the Lunar New Year Parade – please contact Nina Lipton, Parent Coordinator by e-mail: nlipton@schools.nyc.gov or call 347-563-4461 if you are able to assist.

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Parents' Name _____ Phone/E-mail _____