

What the Good News at PS 139?

Family Fitness Night

As part of PS 139's school goal to promote fitness, we are gearing up for the second annual Family Fitness Night scheduled for May 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Come join the fun as our amazing teachers transform themselves into fitness instructors and lead the participants through a series of active living routines. Join a class in yoga, practice line dancing, play a few rounds of volleyball and basketball, or explore the ever popular zumba classes. The idea is to come out and have fun with your whole family and burn some calories.

We are most grateful to the Department of Education Office of School Wellness in providing PS 139 with a continuation grant. Many thanks to Parent Coordinator Nina Lipton for spearheading the School Wellness Committee with support from Principal Powers-Meade.

Annual International Festival

Get ready to clap along as our amazing student dance performers have an opportunity to showcase their talents that celebrate their ancestral heritage. This extravaganza is planned and developed through the expertise of Mrs. Brenda Zuckerman. The annual International Festival showcases the talents of the grade 4 Tootie Fluties and Glee Club members led by Mrs. Lena Samo. It's a night of jubilation that lifts the spirits of our school community as we celebrate our multi-culturalism. We expect a full house of families as we raise our voices in song and dance movements. See you on May 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Science Performance Shows

Thanks to the legislative grant written by Principal Powers-Meade, students in grades 2-5 will participate in a series of engaging science themed shows that spotlight the everyday use of lasers and their real world applications. Join us on April 24th and May 12th for an exploration through Prismatic Magic Productions.

While college and careers seem a long way off, this is actually an ideal time to talk about a blended learning approach for STEM initiatives. Educational experts tell us that STEM education is the integration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, with an emphasis on interactive projects and hands-on learning. These science shows provide students with a deep understanding of the world around them.

Family Day at the Hall of Science

Join over 100 families for PS 139's annual Family Day at the Hall of Science on Saturday, May 17th. This is all part of the CASA grant that the school was awarded from the Department of Cultural Affairs and the City Council. Join Hall of Science instructors and PS 139 teachers in a guided tour of the Hall of Science and investigate many interactive learning stations. These learning activities promote critical thinking skills and nurture curiosity in our learners.

Music Memory

On May 22nd, our grades 4 and 5 Music Memory Teams will participate in a city-wide competition at the Skirball Center located on the New York University campus under the direction of Mrs. Lena Samo. This challenging competition promotes the work of the Great Composers. Selected students have been preparing for their BIG day by studying signature classical music by identifying the title of the piece and the artist. Tune in for the results. We are most proud of our Music Memory Teams and cheer on this robust endeavor and enrichment activity.

Science Academic Intervention After School Program

Explore Science Jeopardy and get hands on experience with interesting science investigations through the successful AIS Science After School Program. Our grade 4 students will review key concepts and skills aligned to the Common Core Learning Standards. The dates scheduled are May 2nd, May 8th, May 9th, May 15th, and May 16th. The participants gain a deeper understanding of science topics and have fun along the way!

Student of the Month Assembly Program

Come one, come all, and celebrate academic achievement and good citizenship at PS 139.

Grades	Date	Time
K	May 15, 2014	9:30 a.m.
1	May 15, 2014	1:30 p.m.
2	May 19, 2014	1:30 p.m.
3	May 20, 2014	1:30 p.m.
4	May 22, 2014	1:30 p.m.

5	May 23, 2014	1:30 p.m.
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Incoming Kindergarten Events for SY 2014-2015

We welcome all incoming Kindergarten students and parents to the family orientation. Meet Principal Powers-Meade, Kindergarten teachers, and members of the Parents' Executive Board as you tour the school building. Your child will visit a Kindergarten classroom. Translators will be provided. This exciting event is scheduled for June 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Then join us for a follow-up visit on June 13th and meet the Kindergarten Grade Leaders who will facilitate a presentation on the curriculum and the expectations for your emerging reader, writer, and young mathematician. PS 139 is where dreams begin!

Summer Sports and Arts Academy

Yes, the Administration and Parent Coordinator Nina Lipton have already met with the representatives of the Sports and Arts Academy and are eager to ramp up for this successful summer initiative from July 1st to August 7th, Mondays-Thursdays, from 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

This program combines structured sports games and enrichment through the visual and performing arts into a sizzling and spectacular summer camp. We are most grateful for the generosity of funding from the City Council and Council Member Karin Koslowitz in anchoring this successful camp at PS 139. An engaging time will be had by all! Join us for the Sports and Arts Academy Orientation for parents on Friday, May 16th at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium.