



Newsletter

Floyd Bennett School, P.S. 203 K

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School Hours:

- ☉ Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. via the ramp entrance on Avenue M
- ☉ Pre-K: 8:00 a.m.-2:10 p.m.
- ☉ K-5: 8:00 a.m.-2:20 p.m.

Please arrive on time for drop-off and dismissal!

Encouraging Your Child to Read

Reading aloud to children is vital because it helps them acquire the information and skills they need in life. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. Even after children learn to read by themselves, it is still important for you to read aloud together. By reading stories that are on their interest level, but beyond their reading level, you can stretch young readers' understanding and motivate them to improve their skills.



Events for Adults and Children at Your Local Library!

Flatbush Library

- ⇒ Mondays @ 4:45 p.m.: *Learn Chess*
- ⇒ Tuesdays @ 2:30 p.m.: *Crochet Club*
- ⇒ Wednesdays @ 11:15 a.m.: *Babies & Books with Reading is Fundamental*
- ⇒ Wednesdays & Fridays @ 12:00 p.m.: *Self-Expression Through Poetry and Collage*

Mill Basin Library

- ⇒ Mondays @ 11:00 a.m.: *Resume & Career Help/Resume Writing*
- ⇒ Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m.: *Toddler Time*
- ⇒ Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m.: *Computer Basics*
- ⇒ Thursdays @ 1:00 p.m.: *Babies & Books*
- ⇒ Fridays @ 4:00 p.m.: *Chess Workshop*

Parent-Teacher Conferences this month!

Thurs, November 5th
12:20-2:20 & 4:30-7:30

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From Principal Miller ...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have so much to be thankful for and celebrate as we begin our 3rd month of school. You have shared your enthusiasm and participation through your responses to our fundraising efforts, walks, schoolyard events, and parent meetings. All have been valuable in getting our school year off to a fantastic start.

Please continue to look for notices this month about several opportunities you will have to become involved at your child's school. Report cards will be distributed on November 5th at conferences where you can speak one-on-one with your child's teacher. Last month you received word about our grading policy and the Principal's Honor Roll. Be sure to discuss both with your child's teacher at conferences. Picture Day has also been scheduled for November 9th and 10th. You will be notified of the particulars for your child's class from our PTA.

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Please consider donating food during our annual food drive. In addition, P.S. 203 is collecting used eyeglasses so they can be recycled and save sight while helping the environment at the same time. You are encouraged to join in the fun events sponsored by our PTA. Look in the calendar and check your child's book bags for flyers.

Grade 3 students will share their knowledge about the Vikings at our school's first Core Knowledge performance for the year. All are welcome to join us on November 20th. Our fifth grade students will be able to attend many Open Houses for Junior High Schools. Please refer to the letters sent home by Mr. Sadowski. More information on the application process will follow.

Our school day begins at 8:00 am for all students every day. They must be in front of their teachers by 8:00 am. Dismissal is at 2:20 pm. Please arrive a few minutes earlier to be sure you find your children easily.

your children for the weather with the proper outer clothing. Hats, gloves, scarves, boots, umbrellas, etc. will be needed, and all items of outer clothing should have your child's name in them. Our Lost and Found will be cleaned out by Thanksgiving break so please stop in before that if your child is missing any item of clothing. You can sign up for wake up calls through WakeUp! NYC to help begin each morning positively. Also, Notify NYC at nyc.gov/nycnotify provides important NYC Information. Children must be picked up promptly at the end of the day. Please allow an adequate amount of time to be able to park away from school so you can bring/pick up your children safely.

November promises to be a month where we will continue to have reasons to be thankful for the educational opportunities your children receive at P.S. 203 and celebrate being a school community. May you and your families know how grateful we are at P.S. 203 that you have entrusted your children into our care.

Sincerely,
Yocasta Miller
Principal I.A.

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Please remember that our school is a uniform school. All students are expected to be in uniform daily. It is also important to dress

Admissions

Kindergarten Admissions

The application period will begin on **December 7, 2015** and will end on **January 15, 2015**. Kindergarten directories will be available by early December. Families with children who will enter kindergarten during the 2016-17 school year can apply to kindergarten online, over the phone, or in person at a Family Welcome Center.

For more information, attend the **Kindergarten Information Session** for the 2016-2017 school year!

Borough: Brooklyn

Date & Time: Tuesday, December 15, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Location: Prospect Heights Educational Campus
883 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225

Also, visit: www.schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Elementary/Kindergarten.html

Middle School Admissions

Applications will be distributed in November! We encourage families to attend information sessions and open houses. After receiving your application, rank the choices you are interested in attending, sign the application and submit it to the school by **Tuesday, December 1, 2015!**

For more information, attend the **November PTA Meeting** where we will further explain the application process! The Parent Coordinator, Dorothy Daleo, from **Roy H. Mann** will also be presenting at the meeting!

Date & Time: Thursday, November 19, 8:30 a.m.

Location: P.S. 203 K
East 52nd St. & Avenue M, Brooklyn, NY 11234

Also, visit: www.schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Middle/default.htm

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Day Light Savings Ends (turn back clocks)	2 Last day to submit PTA dues	3 Election Day Students do not attend school	4	5 Early dismissal for students @ 11:20 a.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences, 12:20-2:20 p.m. & 4:30-7:30 p.m.	6 Grades Pre K, K & 1 Assembly @ 9:00 a.m.	7
8	9 Picture Day! (Pre-K, First and Second Grades)	10 Picture Day! (Third, Fourth and Fifth Grades)	11 Veterans Day School Closed	12 Last day for Eye-glass collection	13 Grades 4 & 5 Assembly @ 9:00 a.m. 4th Grade Trip to see Black Violin (select classes)	14
15	16	17 SLT Meeting @ 3:45 p.m.	18 Learning Leaders Training (1/3) from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.	19 PTA Meeting @ 8:30 a.m. with Presentation on Middle School	20 Grades 2 & 3 Assembly @ 9:00 a.m. PTA Movie night in Auditorium @ 6:30 p.m.	21
22	23	24	25 Learning Leaders Training (2/3) from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Last day for Food Drive donations	26 Thanksgiving Recess School Closed Happy Thanksgiving!	27 Thanksgiving Recess School Closed	28
29	30					

Next Month ...

Wednesday, 12/2: Learning Leaders Training (3/3)

Thursday, 12/3: Pre-kindergarten Non-Attendance Day

Sunday, 12/6: Hanukkah Begins

Monday, 12/14: Hanukkah Ends

Tuesday, 12/22: Winter Solstice

Thursday, 12/24—Friday, 1/1: Winter Recess; School Closed

Thursday, 12/24: Christmas Eve

Friday, 12/25: Christmas Day

Thursday, 12/31: New Year's Eve

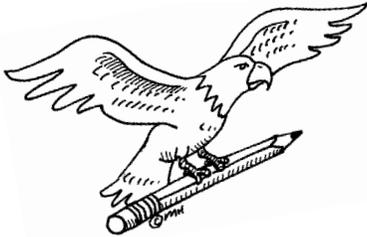


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Parent-Teacher Conferences 2015-2016

NOV 5. Afternoon & Evening
(half-day)

MAR. 2 or MAR. 3 (TBA)

MAY 12 Evening Conference

LOST & FOUND

Don't forget to look through our lost and found collection, located outside the auditorium. Any items that are not claimed will be donated before the holiday break. Please contact Ms. Moriarty, the Parent Coordinator, for assistance.

Various photos were provided by P.S. 203 father and owner of Al B Photography, Albert Britton. For more photos, view the PTA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PS203PTA.

Highlights from Last Month



October was a great success! The PTA hosted our Annual Fall Festival Dance, where students enjoyed music, food and autumn activities! Thank you to all of the families who came and supported the PTA!



We kicked off our monthly grade assemblies which acknowledge our Students of the Month for outstanding character. Also, students were given the opportunity to welcome some of our new staff!



The annual Halloween Wonder Walk, organized by Mrs. Berman, helps to fundraise for March of Dimes. Students from Pre-K through Second Grade walked through the school yard in costume. Everyone looked utterly adorable!