

*The Power
of Choice
P771K
Newsletter*

November / December 2008

What's Happening at P771K@I98 is Great!

November and December were very exciting months at I98. The days were *long* and *cold* but our hearts stayed warm. We began to exercise our freedom to vote on November 4th. Our nation unified to vote for "Change". We continued our celebration with Veterans Day. The Staff and students observed this day at home with their family and friends. Looking back on Veterans Day we reflect back to 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month, the world rejoiced and celebrated. After four years of bitter war, an armistice was signed. The "war to end all wars" was over. Many countries celebrate their honored dead and veterans on this day. This day is not to honor war, but the sacrifice made by others for our freedom.



From exercising our "Freedom" to exercising our Bodies

We enjoyed several trips to Aviator. This sports and recreation center offered exciting activities for our students such as gymnastics, rock climbing, volleyball, soccer, ice skating, basketball as well as team building activities for our staff.



Now we must give thanks!!

Thanksgiving at I98:

In many parts of the world a day is set aside to give thanks. The date and customs may vary from country to country but the desire to take time to reflect on life's blessings remains the same. It is a time for family, food, and football. It also marks the unofficial beginning to the winter holiday season. P771 @98 Catered our Thanksgiving Feast from Bassett's & Eat my Chicken. The food was finger licking good.....Delicious!

Snow & Santa in December



The students and staff were privileged to see:

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular in New York City. We experienced the thrill and excitement of the Rockettes and Santa in the heart of New York City.



Our 8th graders had a special pre-graduation trip to see "Wintuk by: Cirque Du Soleil". *Wintuk* is an enchanting winter tale about a boy named Wintuk and his quest to find snow and adventure. Wintuk lives in a city where the arrival of winter has brought long shadows and intense cold – but no snow! He interacts with an extraordinary cast of high-energy urban street characters, including acrobats, dancers and talking marionettes. The best part of this show was the finale, where the entire arena was filled with snow!

We had a Great time!

I told you, that P771K@ I98 was GREAT!

Highlights January 2009

What's Happening at P771K@225!

Aviator – enjoyed rock climbing, gymnastics, ice skating, soccer.



Y31, Y32, Y33, V01 – Wendy's/Khol's. Purchased holiday presents for parents, enjoyed functional lunch at Wendy's.



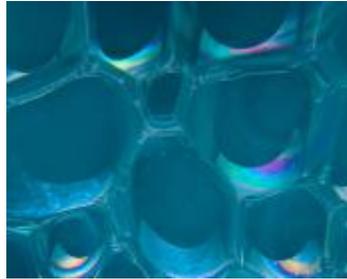
Y31, V01 - S.I. Children's Museum. Explored Rainforest, learned about community helpers.



V01, Y32, Y33 - S.I. Story Museum. Listened to stories being read, played in playroom and engaged in arts and crafts lessons.



Y31, Y32, Y33, V01, V08 – Hall of Science. Interactive sensory experiences. Especially loved the large bubbles and exploring the many interesting exhibits.



Y32, Y33, Y34, Y35 - Kennedy Airport – Holiday Celebration. Wonderful social experience. Enjoyed musical performances, characters on parade and had a wonderful lunch culminating with the presentation of holiday gifts.



Technology Happenings

The past two months have been busy and productive times in the computer lab at 771. In November, we stayed informed on the Presidential Election by performing Internet research. We used an interactive electoral map at www.cnn.com to track Obama's progress to the White House, and to learn the difference between the popular vote and the Electoral College. We also learned about the candidates' differences and similarities by comparing the graphics and content on John McCain's Web site with those found on Obama's Web site.

Congratulations to Ms. Levy, Mr. Uriarte, Ms. Santiago, and the students of Class V07 at our 225 site, who recently won the first round of Web casting debates! Students debated on whether or not we should elect our next president through the Electoral College or through the popular vote. Students used live Web casting to participate in the debate. We could see and hear the opponents on a laptop screen, and they could see and hear us on their computer, even though we were in different schools!

In December, we researched the legends of Santa Clause from around the globe using www.holidays.net. We learned the names and stories behind Santas from different countries, performed image searches to find pictures of the different international Santas, and created Power Point slides to display our work. We also created animated video clips of falling snow and dancing menorahs. We are looking forward to more exciting work from our students in 2009.

Happenings @ PTT1K @ P.S. 329

December 1st.

A trip to Aviator classes Z20 Natalia Poleyaya , Z21 Diana Massato Z22 Tamriko Bibilashvili. They were excited to visit the Aviator again; they bounced on the trampoline and had a good time in the cube pit!

December 4th

Picture Day for school. Vogue has nothing on us. Everyone came dressed their best!!

December 10th

A trip to JFK for the Operation Santa. All classes got to see him actually land in big airplane! This got everyone in the Holiday Spirit.

December 9th

A trip to Kingsborough Community College Theater "Snow Queen"
Z21 Diana Massato, Z22 Tamriko Bibilashvili. These classes really enjoyed a trip to the theatre.

December 18th

Assembly "Wonders of Broadway" class Y14 Teacher Rachel Abrams and Class Y15 Teacher Sara Bronshtein. Zoe Cai sang wonderfully and made everyone so proud.

December 22nd

Winter Wishes celebration- Santa came right to 329! Each student got presents and pictures with Santa Clause!!! We think we heard reindeer but we can't be sure!

January 14th

Trip to Aviator classes Y 12 Lina Volpe , Y13 Tionuola Osunkoya, Y14 Rachel Abrams, Y15 Sara Bronshtein, Y16 Kathy Gravina.

All kids participated in gymnastics and soccer! Miabeth Evers did gymnastics that would rival any special Olympic gold medalist. Fun was had by all!!!

January 22, 2009

Assembly Class Z24 teacher Sheryl Abramson shows "Winter Wonderland". Broadway came into Brooklyn with this great assembly! Great costumes, great songs and great dances...two thumbs up!

Happenings @ P.S. 236

NOVEMBER 2008

NOV. 13TH D. Burg Class X11 visited McDonald's to reinforce social skills. Yummy!!!



NOV. 25th All classes visited the Aviator sports complex @ Floyd Bennett. They went ice skating, did Gymnastics and played basketball.



NOV. 26TH Staff and students celebrated Thanksgiving by Having a feast in the lunchroom sponsored by The Mill Basin/Bergen Beach Lion's club.



DECEMBER 2008

DEC. 5TH Picture Day! Say Cheese!!

DEC. 10TH St. Bernard's Holiday party with Santa, Magic show and lunch. All children received gifts from Santa sponsored by the Mill Basin/Bergen Beach Lions club.



DEC. 17TH Pinocchio's Restaurant Holiday luncheon with Santa and a magician sponsored by the Patrons and businessmen from Ave. N.

DEC, 23RD Ms. Rosiello and Ms. Burg's class had a pizza Party sponsored by the P.A. because they won a Contest for "Brown Day". (Who wore the most Brown?)



2009

Happy New Year!!



**JAN. 13TH, 14TH, & 15TH GRADES 3, 4, AND 5 Took the
ELA (English Language Assessment) Test.**

**JAN. 7TH Alexis Anderson and Christopher Sanders
in Mr. Fluss's class attended a nutrition
meeting with Ms. Mervilus the school nurse
to discuss Healthy eating habits.**

**JAN. 13TH Five classes attended the Aviator continuation
of a sports program. All had a great time!!**

JAN. 21ST Aviator