

November  
2023

# The PS 234Q Tea

## Upcoming Events

11/2 - Parent/Teacher Conference @1:30PM - 3:30PM & 4:30PM - 7:30PM (11AM EARLY Dismissal)	11/14 - Parent Workshop @9AM
11/15 - PTA Meeting @ 6PM	11/15 - PTA Meeting @ 6PM
11/15 - PTA Meeting @ 6PM	11/17 - Spirit Day "Super Hero Day"
11/6 - Picture Day	11/21 - Parent Workshop @ 3PM
11/7 - Election Day (No School)	11/23 - 11/24 - Thanksgiving Recess (No School)
11/9 - PTA Movie Night @ 5PM	11/28 - Parent Workshop @ 3PM



Featuring...  
**Chloe Sgorbati**  
&  
**Ms. Josephine Grench**



Photographed by Lina Sabour

What is your title here at PS 234?

School Lunch Helper



How long have you been a School Lunch Helper?

I have been a School Lunch Helper for 12 years.

Is there anything you would like to share about your culture or family?

I was born in Malta. I am happily married, and I have two girls. One is a psychiatrist and one is a civil engineer.

Why did you become a School Lunch Helper?

I enjoy working with food and students.

Do you like working in PS 234Q?

I enjoy it very much!

What do you do when you are not working here at PS 234?

The kitchen is my playground, and I like to see my family enjoy my food.

What is your favorite dish?

Baked salmon with asparagus and rice.

What else do you enjoy?

I like to go for long drives and long walks... and I like to go to dinner with my family.

Do you have any advice for the students of PS 234?

Hard work pays off.

## The Principal's Corner



Greetings Everyone!

What an exciting year we have had so far. The last two months at P.S.234 The School of Performing Arts & Technology have been busy and full of electrifying events and opportunities for all students. This past month the FDNY & FDNY Foundation presented the Chief William M. Feehan, Fire Safety Education Award to P.S.234 on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at the FDNY Gala at Rockefeller Center. Representing our school at the Gala was class 4-344 and they certainly made us proud.

Click the link to see our feature on ABC News.

<https://abc7ny.com/fdny-fire-safety-preventionweek-e-bike/13889276/>

In Sports News, I am so proud of our growing Athletic Department. This year we not only have a Basketball Team and a Cheer Squad but we are excited to bring to life the P.S.234 Goal Getters. Yes, you heard that right, a Soccer Team! Coach Duffy, Coach Slone and Coach Maria Papadopoulos will make sure our players are kicking and running to the goal post. The mission of our Athletic Department is to provide opportunities for educating students in physical fitness, character development and socializing skills that foster discipline and sportsmanship. Our first Basketball Game of the season will be an away game against P.S.85 on Monday, November 20th at 10:00 am. We will welcome them to our home on December 13th at 2:30 in the P.S.234 Gymnasium and we encourage all to join and show support. Go Ballers!

Last week we celebrated the culmination of Hispanic Heritage Month with a school wide performance where students in grades K-5 celebrated different Hispanic countries including Mexico, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Brazil & Puerto Rico. Students danced and sang "La Raspa", "Los Machetes" and a variety of Selena songs. Did you know that Selena is known as the "Queen of Tejano Music" and that her contributions to music and fashion made her one of the most celebrated Mexican-American entertainers of the late 20th century?

Lastly, one of my favorite events, our annual Storybook Character Day Parade & Character Ball. Each year, on this day, as our school transforms to a magical place and I am reminded of the child inside us all. Last Friday, Toy Story came to life at P.S.234 with characters such as Bo Peep, Buzz Lightyear, Woody, Jesse, Workout Barbie, Alien, Gabby Gabby, Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head and Rex the Dinosaur making a grand presence at our parade. I always love seeing our students and staff bring books to life and share their reasons as to why they chose to represent a specific character. We closed out the evening by meeting up at Astoria Park for the District 30 Trunk or Treat sponsored by our Superintendent Lisa Hidalgo and her office. At the park, with the support of our wonderful PTA, we represented our school and gave out delicious treats to children from all across our district. If you ask me, we had the most Fa-BOO-lous Trunk of All.

Fondly  
Ms. Danner



## DID YOU KNOW? Indigenous People ... FACTS

- There are over 476 million Indigenous people living in 90 countries around the world.
- There are more than 5, 000 distinct groups of Indigenous People.
- There are 574 federally recognized tribes in the United States.

Researched By Soraja Siljkovic

## Meet Our New Ps234 Art Teacher, Ms.Piazza!



Ms.Piazza is really excited to be an art teacher here. She is super excited to share her knowledge with us and to see the creativity! It is her first year here, as an art teacher so we want to welcome her to our family. She loves how our school embraces the performing arts and visual arts. Ms.Piazza is an artist and she wanted to come to PS 234 to share her passion of art with the new generation. She became an art teacher because she studied in an art college and wanted to choose a career path in the arts. Ms.Piazza wants our students to know: "There are no mistakes in art, only happy little mistakes."-Bob Ross. Ms.Piazza sees herself here for many years, so let's make these the best years while we're here!

Written & Photographed By Sofija Boskovic

## Meet Our President

Attention Everyone! Sofia Rolfe, our newly elected student council President has some things to say! Did you ever wonder why Sofia ran for Student Council President? She ran because ever since she was little she loved getting lead roles! Just like now in her dance class, she has one of the leading roles in The Nutcracker. You also may be wondering what Sofia will be trying to accomplish this year. "I will try to give more field trips and more plays...Bring back the nutcracker!!" Sofia said. Sofia has been a student here at PS234Q since Pre K, and says that she is going to miss it so much when she graduates. "...Everything! The teachers, the staff, the students, the community, everything!"

Written By Bella Borrero



## Meet Our Vice President

Our vice president is smart, silly and caring for us all. What are Katie Lu Chastain's hobbies? Acting, singing and surprisingly swimming! Katie shares the role of Vice President with Lucah of class 4 - 247. A quote that Katie would like to share with our school is, "If you call me ugly, it doesn't make you pretty. If you call me weak it doesn't make you strong. And if you call me an idiot it doesn't make you smart. So stay kind!"

Written By Lina Sabour

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## CONGRATULATIONS Citizens of the Month

Nayla George Sofia Tao Michaela Allison Daniel Julia Sabreen Mylan Luna Avian Bella Adnan Jade



Angela Alexa Gael Sofia Chase Curtis Nolan Ripley Stefan Maria Antonis Yana Ariana Riley

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