

December 2023

The PS 234Q Tea

Upcoming Events

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| 12/1 - PTA Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser @3PM-10PM | 12/12 - Parent Workshop @9AM |
| 12/4 - Kindergarten Open House @9AM | 12/15 - Spirit Day "Pajama Day" & PTA Snack Sale |
| 12/5 - Parent Workshop @3PM | 12/15 - Holiday Market @4PM - 7PM |
| 12/6 - Climate Action Day- Wear Orange | 12/19 - Parent Workshop @3PM |
| 12/8 - Last Day of Food Drive | 12/20 - PTA Meeting @6PM |
| 12/11 -12/14 - PTA Holiday Boutique | 12/22 - Ugly Sweater Day |
| | 12/25 - 1/1 - Winter Recess (No School) |

tea time

Welcome to the PS234Q Tea! For our December Tea, I have interviewed Ms. Danner so we can all learn more about her and her life. Ms. Danner is inspired by her parents who are strong, patient, and dedicated. She loves being our Principal because she thinks it's fun and rewarding to be with the Best Elementary School in America. Even though it's fun and rewarding, she faces some challenges as well. One of the challenges she faces is the school time. She says, "... We have a short amount of time to do a lot of work!" Ms. Danner stays motivated by having hope, belief, and a good personality. Did you know that Ms. Danner has been here for 27 years? Even though she is a Principal now, she has also been a kindergarten teacher and a staff developer. She also taught 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grade. Since Ms. Danner is a great Principal and does everything for us, let's make one of her wishes come true. Her wish is to keep our school clean. Lastly, our Principal wants to share one quote with us which is, "I Believe I Can" -Grace Byers.

Written By Sofija Boskovic

The Principal's Corner

Greetings Everyone!

The Holiday season is upon us and is a special time of year that brings extra joy and celebration with family and friends. This time of year, is a time to think about and reflect on all of the things that we are thankful and grateful for. I am very grateful for my health, my family and for all of you! You are the key to what makes P.S.234 great and I am grateful that I get to spend each day with all of you. In the spirit of gratefulness, I challenge you to write a gratitude note to a friend, a family member or staff member expressing why you appreciated them or why they are special. A personalized note always makes the recipient feel special and appreciated.

Among other things, this year is the year of Field Trips. A field trip is one of the best ways to make what you learn in the classroom come alive. Whether it's a trip to the local grocery store, the park, a library, a museum, a theater or a restaurant, each experience contributes to our understanding of the world. I am so excited to share that the Cheer Squad will be going on a trip to Radio City Music Hall to see The Christmas Spectacular starring the Radio City Rockettes. This is a magical opportunity that we are all so excited about. We cannot wait to see wooden soldiers dance, ice skaters glide, snowflakes swirl and the unmistakable spirit of the holidays in New York come alive.

Our Nutrition Club will kick off next week with its first official meeting and we cannot wait to discuss the importance of healthy eating habits and proper nutrition. Stay tuned to hear all about what the Nutrition Club will be preparing at their first meeting. We cannot wait to bring the classroom to life with our visit to Queens Farm where committee members will learn how to churn butter.

A Shoutout and Big Congratulations to "The Ballers" for winning the first home game of the season against P.S.171. The final score was 25-18 and we cannot wait to see what happens on Monday, November 20th when they play against P.S.85. Below are some free and lit up places in NYC to visit in the next month with your families.

- Rockefeller Center Tree
- Saks Fifth Avenue Light Show
- Winter Village in Bryant Park
- New York Public Library Holiday Exhibits
- Shops at Union Square
- Dyker Heights Holiday Lights

- Walk across the Brooklyn Bridge and explore DUMBO
- Holiday Train Show at Grand Central
- Fondly, Ms. Danner

PERFORM Council Updates

Attention P.S.234 students!!

Perform Council is introducing

a **Climate Action Day** to save energy on **December 6, 2023.**

Please do the following things:

- Wear ORANGE
- Use No Computers for 1 period of the day
- Plan "lights off" activities
- Turn the lights off when exiting a room
- If computers are charged, Un-plug!

Also, in case you didn't already know...

THERE IS A FOOD DRIVE HAPPENING RIGHT NOW!

It started on November 29

and will be ending on **December 8.**

We are accepting donations of:

Canned fruits

Oatmeal

Oil

Cereal

Coffee

Canned tuna

Canned corn

Black beans

Baby formula

Baby food

Pet food

Stay tuned for more

Student Council updates next month!

Written By Bella Borrero - PERFORM Council Secretary



BALLERS VS. TIGERS

Recently, we had a basketball game against P.S.85 at their school. And, as you may have heard, WE WON! Go ballers! So, here's how the game went down:

At 9:55 AM, the Ballers practiced shooting, and the Elite Rock Squad practiced cheering. Soon, it was time for the game to start! Both teams got into position. The referee glanced at both teams then shouted, "Play Ball!", and the game was on!

We had a bit of a rough start. The Tigers got the first point. Soon enough, it was 9-5. Then, quarter 2 began! And soon enough, things started to get back on track! As Quarter 2 began, we scored 2 more points! 13 - 11! We were in the lead! A little later, we had 17 points to 11! Now we're doing good! The game is already almost over, and quarter 4 was gaining on us! Quarter 4 had begun! Soon, we had 19 points to 11! And a little later, it was 21 - 12! The Tigers scored the last point, but we still won! The final score was 21 - 14. It was a tough game, but we still did great!

Written By Bella Borrero & Gaja Latorre



Photographs By Sofija Boskovic

HEALTH IS WEALTH

Did you know that our school has a Nutrition Committee? Ms. Danner is the one who came up with the idea. Students in the committee will learn how to make healthy choices when it comes to food.

These students will also have an opportunity to prepare a variety of healthy recipes. Committee members will also have the opportunity to go on trips related to living a healthy lifestyle. The Nutrition Committee will help promote healthy eating habits as well as physical activity that will impact the overall well being of our students and their families.

The Nutrition Committee will play a crucial role in enhancing our students overall health and well being. The Nutrition Committee will meet during the day and during after school hours in the library.

Written By: JOUD SALLAM



Photos By Soraja Sijjkovic & Katie Chastain



DID YOU KNOW? Holidays ... FACTS

- Jingle Bells was originally a song about Thanksgiving, written in 1857.
- A *menorah* is filled with 9 candles because there are 8 days of Hanukkah, but the one in the middle has to be taller than the others (On each night of Hanukkah, a candle is lit).
- Each year, approximately 25-30 million Christmas trees are sold in the U.S.
- Hanukkah dishes are fried in oil as a symbol of the miracle oil that burned 8 nights straight. Christmas trees usually grow 15 years before they can be sold.

Researched By Bella Borrero



"One of a Kind"



Photographed By Katie Chastain

Meet Emilia Catalan. She is kind and loving. Emilia says that she will change the school by making memories of past years/events for us all. Emilia is in Dance Club, Art Club and you know it... Photography. Emilia would be happy to take pictures at any event. Emilia loves this school with all her heart. Emilia says she will be super sad when she leaves this school. She knows that Ms. Danner is the best Principal!

Emilia will make a difference by taking pictures for the future!

Written By Katie Chastain

CONGRATULATIONS

Citizens of the Month

Adam Selma Beverly Camila Alaina Faith Lexia Sadie Joshua Alina Oliver Debra Noah Arden Torrance



Christopher Cherry Zaki Arsia Emiliano Chloe Grey Sofija Ahmed Aya Israa Isaac Itzae

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