



### Upcoming Events

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| 5/1 - Principal Appreciation Day        | 5/27 - Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)    |
| 5/6- 5/10 - Staff Appreciation Week     | 5/28 - Field Day (Grades 3,4,& 5)  |
| 5/7-5/10 - Math State Test (Grades 3&4) | 5/29 - Field Day (Grades K,1, & 2) |
| Teacher's Appreciation Day              | 5/30 - Grade 5 Picnic              |
| 5/9 - Meet the Teacher @ 4:30PM         | Field Day (Pre-K )                 |
| 5/13-15 - NYCSESLAT Testing             | 5/31-Spirit Day "80's Day"         |
| 5/14 - Parent Workshop @3PM             | PTA Snack Sale                     |
| 5/16 - Science Test (Grade 5)           | 80's Day Party                     |
| 5/21 - Parent Workshop @3PM             |                                    |



### DID YOU KNOW? CINCO DE MAYO ... FACTS

- Cinco De Mayo isn't Mexico's Independence Day
- Mexicans don't call it Cinco De Mayo, they call it El Dia de la Battala de Puebla
- Cinco de Mayo is unique because it began as a form of resistance to the effects of the Mexican-American War in the late 19th century

Researched By Sofija Boskovic

## The Principal's Corner

Hello P.S.234 School Community! Spring is definitely in the air! The month of May is here and I can't believe the school year is almost over. It is always an exciting time when warmer weather arrives. I am looking forward to a change in temperatures as well as seeing more of the SUN.

In the month of May we celebrate our wonderful teachers, paraprofessionals and nurses. Their dedication every year is unquestionable and they all deserve to be celebrated daily. Students and parents certainly showed our teachers and staff how much they appreciate them.

The last few weeks have been full of exciting activities both inside and outside of school.

Just last week many of our students attended Education Day at Citified and had the opportunity to see the New York Mets play the Chicago Cubs. For many students this was their first time at a baseball stadium attending a game. Students went home with baseballs, t-shirts and memories to last a lifetime. One of the biggest lessons of the day was how to have a positive attitude in our daily lives. Check out the tips below on being our best self.

#### Five Tips Toward a More Positive Attitude

1. Kids model their parents' behavior. If they see you bouncing back from setbacks, they'll learn to do the same.
2. Help them see a way around obstacles. When something doesn't work out as planned, encourage them to brainstorm other ways to approach the problem or to reach their goal.
3. Let them know that negative reactions are okay when it's appropriate. Having a positive attitude doesn't mean burying legitimate feelings, but acknowledging them, and then finding a way to move on.
4. Teach constructive reframing. For example, if a child declares they are not good at sports, suggest that they simply need more practice and that if excelling at sports is important to them, they will eventually master the necessary skills.
5. Encourage positive self-talk. Words have power, so offer a few affirmations they can repeat until they become second nature.

Fondly,  
Ms. Danner



## TEST TAKING TIPS

Hello PS 234! As you know we have an upcoming event: The NY State Test! I hope you all try your hardest and do your best!

Here are some test taking tips:

- If you don't know the answer to a question, skip it and answer it later.
- Try your hardest on each and every question.
- Double check your answers, if you finish early.
- Read all questions thoroughly.
- Have a good healthy breakfast, and get a good night of sleep.
- Make sure to actually take the practice tests seriously.
- Make sure you have all your materials (i.e. pencils, erasers, sharpeners, highlighters, etc.)
- Stay positive!! Have a growth mindset!



Written By Bella Borrero





I'm sure most of you have heard of Ms. Johnson, our *SEL Social Worker*. Ms. Johnson started teaching Social Emotional Learning in 2021. She has worked at three DOE high schools prior to coming here at P.S.234. Her favorite part of being a *SEL Social Worker* is helping students become more self-aware, through relatable SEL activities and lessons that can be helpful in real life situations. Even though she enjoys her job very much, she would have been an actress if she didn't become a Social Worker! Her hobbies are dancing, writing poetry, and spending a lot of time with her children. One quote that inspires her and might inspire you too is "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" -Eleanor Roosevelt.

Interviewed By Sophia Boskovic, Guadalupe Gomez, Sofia Juarez



We interviewed Mr. B. Here's how it went. First we asked, "How long have you been teaching here?" Mr. B replied, "15 YEARS!" WOW! Longer than Ms Danner! Next, we asked, "Have you been on Broadway, and if so what shows did you do?" Mr. B said, "YES!" He did a show called Les Miserables and Phantom of the Opera. He started performing at age 21. Mr. B grew up in Exter, California. Currently, "I live in Yonkers, so it's pretty far away...One hour to 45 minutes away", said Mr. B. When we asked, "What makes you love teaching so much?" Mr. B said, " I love it because I get to teach all grades! I teach Elementary through high school. I love kids...If you can make a living doing what you love to do, you will have a happy life! That's what I did."

Interviewed By Sofia Rolfé



Everyone knows our wonderful technology teacher Mr. Garcia. He has been employed at PS234 for about 5 years. But he has worked for the DOE for over 41 years. He likes technology because it's a field that is ever changing, which means that there's always more to learn. The dynamics behind it intrigues him. However, his approach to technology is to teach us how to use it as a tool for educational gain. Mr. Garcia loves teaching technology as you can see, but if he had to teach another subject he would teach Social Studies. His favorite hobbies are biking, woodworking, fixing computers, and hydroponic gardening. If he could, he would love to tell the world about how lucky he is to have taken part in shaping so many young lives in his 41 years in education. He also shared that teaching, and influencing young lives, to *be the best they can be*, has been a pleasure for him to experience. One quote that Mr. Garcia lives by is "Do unto others, as you would like them to do unto you."



Interviewed By Sofia Juarez & Guadalupe Gomez      Written By Sofia Boskovic

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Citizens of the Month

Isabella Matias Sophia Abby Edward Lillian Aaraf Zoe Solomiia Helena Skylar Renad Alicia Avante Nicole Ripley Siraj Avery



Saiyara Joud Nayarit Cherry Kamila Elchibek Laura Michal Juan Lana Aamrin Emily Donjamin Aidan Madison Umyra

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