



Upcoming Events

5/1 - Principal Appreciation Day	5/16 - 80's Day Party @ 4PM
5/6 - Family Engagement	5/23 - PTA Family Paint Night @ 4:30PM
5/7 - Math State Test (Grades 3-5)	5/26- Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)
5/14- PTA Meeting @ 6PM	5/29 - Field Day (Grades PreK & K)
5/16 - Spirit Day "80's Day" PTA Snack Sale	5/30 - Field Day (Grades 1 & 2)



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 día de la batalla 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.

The Principal's Corner

Dear P.S.234 Families,

I hope this message finds you well as we head into a busy and exciting month of May here at P.S.234 The School of Performing Arts & Technology. This week, we successfully concluded the ELA NYS Assessments. Next week, May 7th and 8th we will continue with the Math NYS Assessments in grades 3-5 and the following week, Monday, May 12 to Wednesday, May 14th ESL students in grades K-5 will take the NYSESLAT. Please help your children do their best by ensuring they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and most importantly, come to school on time and ready to learn each day. As the warmer weather arrives, please remember that students should continue to dress appropriately for school to support a comfortable and respectful learning environment. In addition to testing, we have many wonderful activities planned for May! In celebration of Teacher Appreciation, Monday, May 5th will be a bonus, Spirit Day. All students are encouraged to wear their favorite t-shirt. On Thursday, May 16th, we'll celebrate 80s Day, so start planning your fun throwback outfits. And mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 29th at 5:00 p.m., when our 5th graders will perform their show, Newsies, it's sure to be an unforgettable evening. Thank you for your ongoing support. Let's make it a great month!

Warmly,
Dora 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!



DID YOU KNOW?

MS. ERIKA RIVERA

Do you know Ms. Erika?

If you don't, let me tell you a little bit about her...

Did you know that Ms. Erika is a school aide?

Did you know Ms. Erika used to work at PS 148?

Did you know Ms. Erika's favorite hobby is to cook?

Did you know that Ms. Erika has worked at PS 234 for five years?

Did you know that when Ms. Erika was a stay-at-home Mom, she volunteered at P.S. 112Q? After one year of volunteering she also became the assistant president of the PTA. The following year she became the president of the PTA.

Ms. Erika likes plants, and she enjoys taking care of her plants. She also has 10 orchid flowers.

Her Favorite Quote:

The only way to do great work is to love what you do.

- Steve Jobs

Article By Maria Gabriel

Ms. COMMISSIONG

"One of a Kind"

Ms. Commissiong was previously working as a paraprofessional here at P.S. 234 for 12 years. Ms.

Commissiong recently transitioned to her role as a teacher at the beginning of this school year, in September. Ms. Commissiong shared that the transition seemed intimidating to her but she stood by her motto which is to "...Stay committed to putting my students FIRST and give them my very BEST every single day". In doing so, she realized that her passion for student learning has remained the same. Ms. Commissiong says that her most favorite moments with her class are when they are able to overcome challenges that they struggle with, by executing hard work. "It is very rewarding to see that they never give up", Ms. Commissiong said. Ms. Commissiong also wants to give a special shout out to her class, 246! She wants her students to continue to grow every year and to continue to be themselves no matter what obstacles come their way.

Article By Victoria Commissiong

Why are Planets Round?

Have you ever thought... Why are planets round?

Well if you have I'm here to tell you why. According to "Colossal Questions", it all starts when little bits of molten space debris, like hot chunks of rock or gases, dump into each other and start to clump together. Eventually, after collecting enough debris, the big globe becomes heavy enough that it starts to have a good amount of gravity. Gravity is the force that holds stuff together in space, pulling everything towards the center. Then, it becomes a big heavy, floating lump, as it starts to orbit it's nearby star, pulling anything in its path into its gravity along the way, making even bigger. The big molten baby planet's gravity pulls equally as hard from all sides, which basically means that everything is about as equally close to the planet as anything else, making it into a ball form. Hence, this is why planets are round!

Researched By Haru Inoe

OMG! BRIANNA STOLE MY DIARY!



DORK DIARIES vs. DIARY OF A WIMPY KID



Hey, do you like the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series?

Well, let's say that you read the whole series and you want to try something new....You can try *Dork Diaries*. It's a great book series.

I hope you try *Dork Diaries* someday.

Here are a few "Did You Know" facts about

Dork Diaries and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*:

Did you know both *Dork Diaries* & *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* came out in 2009?

Did you know the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* book came out first?

Did you know the first *Dork Diary* book came out June 2009?

Did you know that the first *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* book came out April 2009?

Did you know that both books are diaries?

Did you know both books are popular with kids our age?

Did you know that Greg Heffly and Niki Maxwell (the 2 main characters in the stories) struggle to be popular and find their place in the world?

I hope you enjoy these books as much as I do. Happy reading!

Article By Maria Gabriel

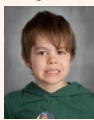
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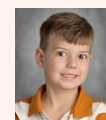
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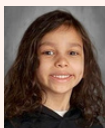
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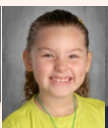
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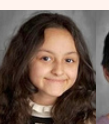
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