



# The PS 234Q Tea



## Upcoming Events

- 2/7 - Climate Action Day (Wear Red)
- 2/9 - 100th Day of School & Lunar New Year Party @4PM
- 2/12 - 2/16 - Respect For All Week
- 2/16 - Black History Month Performances Kindergarten, 1st Grade & 244 @8:10AM
- 2nd grade, 3rd grade, PK 102 @9:10AM
- 4th grade, 5th grade, PK 104 & 246 @10:10AM
- PTA Meeting @ 6PM
- 2/19 - 2/23 - Mid-Winter Recess

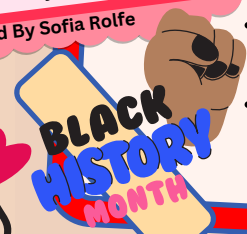
- Valentine's day is the 2nd most popular card sending holiday.
- 9 million people buy Valentine's Day gifts for their pets
- Over 36 million heart shaped chocolate boxes are bought each year.
- In 1537 England's King Henry VII officially declared February 14th as Valentine's Day.

*Valentine's Day*  
Researched By Sofia Rolfe

## DID YOU KNOW? FACTS

- Josephine Baker was a spy for the French during WWII.
- Benjamin Banneker taught himself astronomy and math to become America's "First Known African American Man of Science".
- John Baxter Taylor was the first African-American to win an Olympic gold medal.
- Ralph Bunche was the first person of color and the first African-American to receive a Nobel Peace Prize.

Researched By Alexa Rodriguez



## The Principal's Corner

February is a month of celebrations at P.S. 234 The School of Performing Arts and Technology. This year February is extra special because it has 29 days instead of 28 days. Did you know that leap years are years where an extra day is added to the end of the shortest month, February. This day, February 29, is commonly referred to as Leap Day. Leap years have 366 days instead of the usual 365 days and occur every four years. This has to do with the amount of time it takes the earth to orbit the Sun. The Earth takes about 365.2422 days to make one revolution around the Sun. That's about six hours longer than the 365 days that we typically include in a calendar year. As a result, every four years we have about 24 extra hours that we add to the calendar at the end of February in the form of Leap Day.

As we are all aware, February is Black History Month and at P.S.234, African American culture and contributions are celebrated, acknowledged, taught and evident in our school curricula daily. Over the last few weeks our students have been immersed in a variety of projects and activities. I cannot wait to visit your classrooms and see all the amazing work you have completed and hear all about all the amazing things you have learned about some of the world's most influential people. I am looking forward to February 16th where our entire school will come together for our Black History Month Assembly.

Additionally, we are also excited to celebrate the 100th day of school this year. Our celebration this year has taken on the theme of Lunar New Year and we are excited to celebrate with you and your families during our 100th day of school Lunar New Year Celebration from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the GYM on February 9th.

Another big event in February is our Respect for All Week. This year we have many special invited guests including the amazing child author Egypt Bush who will once again be visiting our school and speaking to our students. Police officers from the 114th precinct will also visit us to speak with all students about the different types of bullying, the meaning of being kind to others and the importance of diversity. This ties in perfectly with our 10th annual Selfie Awareness Campaign which I am so excited to see all the beautiful photos at the end of the month.

Last but definitely not least, I want to give a huge MEGA SHOUT OUT to our basketball team "The Ballers" and our "Elite Rock Squad" Cheerleaders for making it to the semifinals. Last weekend they secured a spot by defeating P.S.122, 18 to 12. We are so excited to watch them play at P.S.70, this Saturday, February 10th at 9:00 AM against P.S. 69. If they win, they will advance to the final round and be District 30 Champions! We are all so proud of them! If you see a Baller or an Elite Rock Squad cheerleader in the hallway, give them a high five and congratulate them.

We are looking forward to continuing our celebration of diversity and Civil Rights as we move into "Civics for All" Week and Women's History Month in March.

Fondly  
Ms. Danner

FEBRUARY 12-16 2024

## RESPECT FOR ALL WEEK!

### MONDAY

### 2/13 MIX & MATCH DAY



It is important to RESPECT each other's differences! We are DIVERSE, unique and gifted in our own way and we are proud to show it! Students can wear mismatched clothing to represent their unique style and/or personality. Students may wear traditional clothing/accessories to represent their country, culture and/or religion.

### TUESDAY

### 2/13 CRAZY HAT/CRAZY HAIR DAY

Support students in exploring and expressing themselves! Get crazy up top. Crazy hats or crazy hair are the fashion of the day!



### WEDNESDAY

### 2/14 SPREAD LOVE THE PS 234 WAY



Praise Acts of Kindness and Support Students with spreading positivity throughout our school building! Students may wear BRIGHT colors (i.e. red, yellow, orange and variations of pink) that evoke warmth, optimism and enthusiasm.

Share Compliments/recognize a friend/teacher/person who has offered you support when you really needed it.

### THURSDAY

### 2/15 TWIN DAY & ANTI-BULLYING ASSEMBLY

Support Students in Building Positive Relationships by Getting to Know One Another Better! Students choose a classmate/friend to dress alike in the same clothing and accessories



### FRIDAY

### 2/16 SHOW SCHOOL PRIDE & NO ONE EATS ALONE DAY

Here at PS 234, we stand up against Bullying and Cyber-bullying every day! Support students in promoting an anti-bullying school community! Students may wear their PS 234 clothing or red and black to represent our school colors.



# TEACHER LOVE

Ms. Papadi is a 4th grade teacher and she is amazing! When Ms. Papadi was younger, she had a cousin with the same name as her. "She was a teacher, a really good one...She is what inspired me to become a teacher, now here I am", Ms. Papadi said. Ms. Papadi decided to be a teacher, and her journey started in the year 2000. For 6 years she taught at P.S. 85. Then, in 2006 she came here to P.S. 234Q and has not left since. Ms. Papadi tries to make learning fun by trying out new things every year. She tries out one thing next year and then if something isn't right she tries her best to make it better next year. Ms. Papadi also makes her work fit her best she can be! She also challenges them a bit on their work so they can get better from where they started. Ms. Papadi receives a lot of and sweet messages from her students over the years and she always puts them up as a sign of appreciation. Ms. Papadi has taught 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. Ms. Papadi said "I love all of the art and messages my students give me because that shows their love for me." Ms. Papadi wants all of P.S. 234Q to know, "We are what we believe we are" - CS Lewis

Interviewed & Written By Sofia Juarez & Guadalupe Gomez



## PERFORM Council Updates

Attention P.S.234 students!!  
The student council had a very important meeting about...  
**CLIMATE ACTION DAY!**  
Climate Action Day takes place on **February 7, 2024.**  
Here are some things to do on this date:

- ✓ **Wear RED**
- ✓ **Conserve Energy**
- ✓ **Be less wasteful while throwing out food that you do not eat or want.**
- ✓ **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!!**



Stay tuned for more Student Council updates next month!

Written By Bella Borrero - PERFORM Council Secretary



Photographed By Sofia Juarez & Guadalupe Gomez

Ms. Afodorci is a wonderful teacher that has taught many grades in her 9 years of teaching. She loves her job so much because she loves to see her students achieve greatness. Even though she loves being a teacher, if she hadn't become one she says she would have been an astronaut. When she came to America, from Romania, she went to IS 145 in Jackson Heights. Ms. Afodorci began teaching at PS 17 and an older teacher there inspired her. In addition, her sister Christina inspired her because she is also a teacher. Ms. Afodorci is a very unique person. She can speak 3 languages: Romanian, English, and American Sign Language. There is one quote she would like to share with you and that is:  
"I believe I can be humble in success and compassionate in failure by never giving up"  
- Ms. Afodorci

Written By Sofia Boskovic

## CONGRATULATIONS Citizens of the Month

Leo Erica Zoella Noah Sofia Michael Nala Jace Marwa Anthony Andreina Eliana Michael Tyja Walli Celine Peyton



Owais Ariana Camila Abdelmageed Ahnaf Emilia Gaja Erick Jorge Melany Diana Frances Aliana Mari Mila

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