

March
2025

The PS 234Q Tea

Upcoming Events

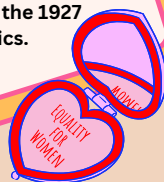
3/3 - PTA Read-A-Thon Begins SEL Day	3/10 - 3/14 - Book Fair
3/4 - Parent workshop @3PM	3/14 - Science Expo @ 4:30PM PI Day
3/6 - Parent Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal @11AM	No Afterschool
3/7 - Spirit Day "Team/Sports Day" & PTA Snack Sale	3/19 - PTA Meeting @ 6PM
Ballers Championship Parade @ 1PM	3/21 - PTA Read-A-Thon Ends
March madness Party @4PM No Afterschool	3/25 - Parent Workshop @3PM (In - Person)
	3/27 - PTA Talent Show @4:30PM
	3/31 - Eid Al-Fitr (No School)



DID
YOU
KNOW

- Dr. Rebecca Lee Crumpler was the first Black woman to earn a medical degree in the United States.
- Phillis Wheatley was an American author who is considered the first African-American author of a published book of poetry.
- Josephine Baker was the first black woman to star in a major motion picture, the 1927 silent film Siren of the Tropics.

Researched By Alexa Rodriguez



The Principal's Corner

Dear P.S.234 Families,

Happy March! We have an exciting and event-filled month ahead of us, and I want to take a moment to share some important updates and celebrations with you. First, we proudly celebrate Women's History Month throughout March. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize and honor the contributions of incredible women in history, science, literature, and beyond. Teachers and students will engage in activities that highlight the achievements of women who have shaped our world.

We are also thrilled to announce that our basketball team, The Ballers, are back-to-back district champions! To celebrate their incredible achievement, we invite everyone to join us for the Parade of Champions on Friday, March 7, at 1:00 PM.

Let's show our support and school spirit for our talented athletes!

Looking back at February, we had a fantastic Winter Camp, which was a huge success! Our students had an amazing time engaging in fun activities while also learning new skills. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and excitement throughout the camp. Additionally, we celebrated the 100th Day of School on Monday, February 24, with a day full of exciting activities. This milestone reminded us of how much we have accomplished so far this year and the importance of staying focused as we finish out the remainder of the school year strong.

March is a busy and exciting month, filled with wonderful opportunities for our students and families:

Scholastic Book Fair: March 10-13 – A great time to find new books and encourage a love for reading.

Readathon: March 3-21 – Keep up the great reading and let's see how many books we can enjoy together!

March Madness Event: Friday, March 7, 3:00-6:00 PM in the gym – Come watch our Ballers play a special game!

Science Expo: Friday, March 14, 4:00-7:00 PM – Explore exciting projects and discoveries by our students.

Championship Gala: Friday, March 21, 4:00-7:00 PM – A night of celebrating The Ballers and Elite Rock Squad! This event is by invite only (Basketball, Mascot, & Cheer students).

Talent Show: Thursday, March 27, 4:00 PM – Come cheer on our talented students as they showcase their amazing skills.

We look forward to seeing our students and families participating in these events and making wonderful memories together. Thank you for your continued support in making our school such a vibrant and engaging community.

Warm regards,
Ms. Danner



"One
Of a
Kind"

Do you know Ms. Filippidis ?

Well, if you don't...

I'll tell you about Her...

Her favorite color is turquoise.

Her favorite holiday is Christmas.

She loves Christmas because she gets to spend time with friends and family and drink hot cocoa...

And if you also didn't know...she loves art and...

Her favorite artist is William Merritt Chase.

Her favorite subject to teach is writing.

Her favorite book are *Superfudge* & *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*.

Her favorite teacher is Ms. K!

Her favorite flower is a sunflower.

Her favorite clothing brands are Free People and Banana Republic.

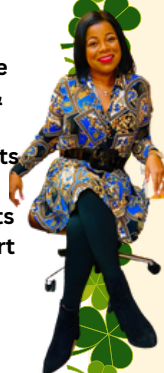
She has been a teacher for 23 years!

Her favorite animal is a dog.

Her favorite plant is venus fly trap.

Her favorite movie is *The Incredibles* and anything *Star Wars*. Now you know a lot more about Ms. Filippidis because I am the first person to interview *Her*!

Interviewed By Julia Sgorbati



CONGRATULATIONS

**DISTRICT 30
BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP
2024 WINNERS**

2025

THE BALLERS

**ELITE
ROCK
SQUAD**



Article By Maria Gabriel

The Ballers have been winning all season! We won the championship twice in a row. One reason why the Ballers won was because the Elite Rock Squad was cheering them on. The final score of the championship game was 42-25. I asked Mr. Sloan, "Were there any other teams tough to beat? If so, which teams?" He said, "Yes! The team we played in the first game (PS 78) gave us a real challenge." Mr. Sloan also shared, "The team this year is really well balanced and they play great together." And he said "I really enjoyed coaching them and they are great kids." When I spoke to Mr. Duffy about the championship games, he agreed that PS 78 gave us a real challenge. He also said, "This year's team was very different from the team we had last year." Mr. Duffy also said that our team this year was very well balanced, and, "we had a lot of veteran leadership." I asked Mr. Duffy if there was anything he would like to say to the team. He said, "I am very proud of the way they played this year. They all worked very hard and played very well together. It was an impressive year!"

Q&A

Featuring...
Antonis Roussos
&
Mr. Sloan

Q: How did you get into P.E?

A: I always loved sports and working with kids. With this, I thought that I would be able to do both at once.

Q: Have you ever had a different job? If so, what was it?

A: Yes, I worked at a Boards of Cooperative Educational Services

Q: Did you ever look up to "someone" who helped you become more familiar with P.E?

A: Mr. Duffy is the person who helped me along the way.

Q: Was becoming a P.E teacher your dream job?

A: It was not. I wanted to be a professional baseball player.

Q: How long have you been teaching P.E?

A: 7 years.

FACTS

Featuring...
Phoebe
Shikhar

ABOUT



Hello! Do you like snacks? If you do, I have a few facts about them...

Did you know the word s'more means some more? Did you know pistachios are fruit?

Did you know that Froot Loops are different colors, but they don't have flavors? That's all for this month! I hope you enjoyed my Facts About Snacks!

NICE TO MEET YOU

Do you know Mr. Erick? ...If you don't, I'm here to tell you a little bit about him. Did you know he has been a paraprofessional for two years! That's a long time! And he loves his job! He also loves helping and meeting other students. In the past he has also helped students in PS 17, PS 11 and PS 166. But, he hasn't always been a paraprofessional. He was previously a manager at Amazon warehouse. When he was younger, his dream job was to be a soccer player, and he has once considered being a teacher. Mr. Erick wasn't ever a student here at this school, but his younger brother was here in 2009.

Mr. Erick



Article By Haru Inoue

CONGRATULATIONS Citizens of the Month

Adrian Aliza Hoor Anabella Luca George Derek Georgia Xia Lillian Yasmin Sadie Madison Mijai Kazii Sihat Louisa Nell Keylor Alessia Lance Sabreen Safy



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