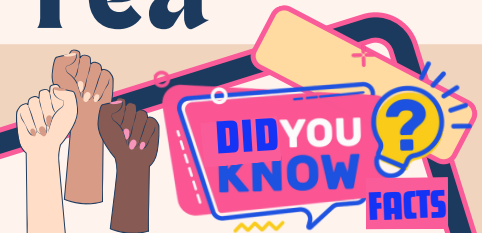


March 2024

# The PS 234Q Tea

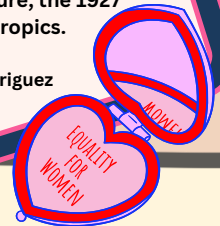
## Upcoming Events

3/4 - 3/8 - SEL Week	3/15 - March Madness Party @4PM
3/7 - Parent Teacher Conferences	3/19 - Parent Workshop @3PM (In - Person)
Early Dismissal @11AM	3/20 - PTA Meeting @ 6PM
3/8 - PTA Talent Show @4:30PM	3/22 - Women's History Month Performances
3/11 - 3/14 - Book Fair	Kindergarten & 1st Grade @8:10AM
3/12 - Parent workshop @3PM	2nd grade & 3rd grade @9:10AM
3/14 - Pi Day	4th grade 5th grade @10:10AM
3/15 - Spirit Day "Team/Sports Day" & PTA Snack Sale	3/29 - Easter Weekend (No School)



- 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

It is hard to believe that March is already here. It won't be long before the warm weather arrives. This means that we are in the second half of the school year. As we move closer to our Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences on March 7th teachers are often asked one important question, "What do you think I can do at home to help my child be more successful at school?" My answer is very simple, "Read with your child every day. Let them see you read." Before, during, and after the reading, encourage your child, begin a discussion about the story, ask questions, visualize the story, offer information, share personal thoughts, and connect the story to real-life situations. Make the time an enjoyable experience and let your child see that reading is fun. Celebrate this special time together!

Women's History Month is celebrated in March. In the United States, Women's History Month traces its beginning back to the first International Women's Day in 1911. In honor of Women's History Month, we are celebrating and highlighting author and illustrator Pat Cummings. On March 26th she will be virtually visiting all classrooms to read her book "Clean Your Room Harvey Moon". As we celebrate Women's History Month, and all the revolutionary women in history, let us also not forget to lift up the voices, contributions and bravery of women in our daily lives.

I just want to take a moment to talk about the wonderful time we had with all the children who joined us during our February Winter Camp. It was a huge success. Students in grades K-5 had the opportunity to be a part of Technology, Art, STEM, ESL and Nutrition Club. Students were coding and designing video games, making crystals, building Lego models, drawing, and baking delicious desserts. One of the biggest hits of the week was when the Nutrition Club made my mother's southern banana pudding recipe. They even had a taste test and compared and contrasted it to Magnolia's and let me tell you there was ONE clear WINNER and that's all because of my mother's secret ingredient! You will have to find a member of the nutrition club to ask them all about it and find out what the secret ingredient was.

Last week we ended the week by celebrating our District 30 Basketball Champions. The entire school paraded around the school and celebrated our amazing "Ballers" and "Elite Rock Squad". They worked so hard all season!

From their commitment to waking up early to be at school for 7:00am practice two times a week, to staying focused and most importantly having a positive attitude and working as a team all season long.

On Saturday all the players, cheerleaders and their families were honored and celebrated further at the Championship Brunch Gala. It was definitely a day to remember. Not only was there a catered brunch, a delicious dessert table filled with a variety of treats, a 360 Video Booth with a red carpet, a flower wall, a balloon arch but each player and cheerleader received a certificate, a trophy or medal and a swag bag. Everyone looked so dapper and elegant in their formal attire and I am so proud of each and every one of them.

-Kaiden Diaz: Has a great sense of humor and wants to be a boxer when he grows up.

-Owais Elnagar: Owais is a clever young boy who wants to be a soccer player.

-Milan Flores: Very athletic and wants to be a professional soccer player when he grows up.

-Lam Hai Hoang: He really enjoys reading and writing and wants to be a writer when he grows up.

-Christopher Krasniqi: He is very funny and friendly and wants to have a career in basketball.

-Angelo LoBrutto: Our Most Improved Player who also has a love of baseball and would love to play for the MLB.

-John Milonakis: John is very caring and has a big heart. When John grows up, he wants to be a SWAT police officer to protect people.

-Adel Radoncic: Has a lot of energy and wants to be a professional basketball player when he grows up.

-Chase Rodgers: Received the Coaches award and wants to be a basketball player when he grows up.

-Alexa Rodriguez: Is very friendly and has a great sense of humor. She wants to be a scientist when she grows up.

-Joshua Saintu: He loves playing video games and wants to be a basketball player when he grows up.

-Lucan Anastasiadis Taveras: He is a great runner and wants to be a basketball player when he grows up.

-Matthew Tsiampas: Loves baseball and he is very athletic.

-Elchibek Turusbekov: Wants to be a professional wrestler and is very athletic.

-Chase Williams: Our Most Valuable Player who wants to be a professional basketball player or a police officer when he grows up.

Fondly, Ms. Danner

## MARCH 4-8 2024 SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING WEEK!

### MONDAY

### 3/4 MINDFULNESS DAY



Be Mindful and Be Positive! Manage your emotions by Wearing a Shirt that Displays a Positive Message. Support Students with spreading positivity throughout our school building!

### TUESDAY

### 3/5 SELF AWARENESS DAY



Students may show their Uniqueness by Wearing their Favorite Color. Support students in exploring and expressing themselves!

### WEDNESDAY

### 3/6 SOCIAL AWARENESS DAY



Students may Dress to Match with a friend or group of friends. 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.

### THURSDAY

### 3/7 TEAM BUILDING DAY



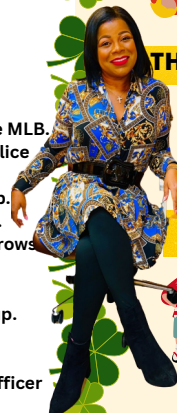
Students may Wear your School Athletic Uniforms or School Colors (Red and Black) as a great reminder to be a "team player".

### FRIDAY

### 3/8 DIVERSITY DAY



Students may dress to represent their culture/heritage by wearing traditional clothing or the colors that represent their country's flag.





### 5 FUN FACTS

The Press Club recently went on a trip to *The Museum of Moving Image!* Did You Know...?

- The Museum Of Moving Image has over 80,000 artifacts related to history
- The first projector with color was called Technicolor Process 4
- The first camera was invented in 1816 by Joseph Nicéphore Niépce
- The Wizard of Oz was one of the first movies made with color
- The name "Camera" was named after a Latin word which meant darkened chamber (camera obscura)

Researched By Oliwia Dluick



MRS. WILSON

I'm sure most of you know Ms. Willson. She has been a paraprofessional here for a long time. But guess what? Now after 10 years, she is finally a classroom teacher and no longer a paraprofessional! Mrs. Willson is a very passionate and organized person. She was very excited to become a teacher and didn't even expect that it would happen so fast. She is very happy that she is now a teacher. But, if she hadn't become a teacher, she would have been a nurse. When she was younger, her aunt was a teacher and later became a principal. "When she became a teacher, then a principal, that inspired me to become a teacher," Mrs. Wilson shared. She also said that she loves being a teacher because she can see her students grow. Ms. Wilson mentioned that she may doubt herself a lot, but NEVER GIVES UP! A quote that she wants us to remember is "You are your worst enemy...NEVER GIVE UP and NEVER Be Afraid of a Challenge."

Interviewed By Sofija Boskovic, Sofia Juarez, & Guadalupe Gomez  
Written By Sofija Boskovic



MS. TANAZAKA

Ms. Tanazaka is a wonderful teacher that has been teaching for 5 years. She currently co-teaches 2nd grade with Mrs. Afodorcei. Ms. Tanazaka was born here in Queens. When Ms. Tanazaka was younger, she taught at a summer camp and really enjoyed it. Later on in her life, she decided to become a teacher. Ms. Tanazaka mentioned that she heard really good things about our school, and decided to come teach here at PS 234. Ms. Tanazaka also shared that even though it was a hard decision, she doesn't regret it! Ms. Tanazaka is new to our school, and feels there are still a lot of things to learn. But, we will make her feel welcomed! Ms. Tanazaka's hobbies include: walking her dog, taking walks in the summer, and ofcourse teaching!

Written & Interviewed By Oliwia Dluick, Sofia Dominguez, Paulina Kalmeta, & Guadalupe Gomez



# CONGRATULATIONS

## DISTRICT 30 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

# THE BALLERS

PS 234 & THANK YOU ELITE ROCK SQUAD

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Citizens of the Month

Aiza Nikola Ethan Matteo Stephanie Jonah Laylani Matthew Avianna Danilo Dennys Pema Christopher Julia Daris



Lea Danny Ilyana Isaac Aarsal Joshua Mohammed Sofia Sienna Jade Angelo Aya Jakobe Gabriel Rayan Adelina