

April 2024

# The PS 234Q Tea



## Upcoming Events

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| 4/1 - Easter (No School)      | 4/16 - 4/17 - ELA State Test |
| 4/2 - Parent Workshop @3PM    | (Grades 5)                   |
| 4/5 - Student Art Show @4PM   | 4/16 - Parent Workshop @3PM  |
| 4/10 - Eid (No School)        | 4/17 - PTA Meeting @ 6PM     |
| 4/11 - 4/12 - ELA State Test  | 4/18 -- Family Engagement    |
| (Grades 3&4)                  | 4/22 - 4/30 - Spring Recess  |
| 4/12 - Spirit Day "Mismatched | (No School)                  |
| Day" & PTA Snack Sale         |                              |



Pat Cummings grew up in Chicago with a brother and sister. As a young child, her parents would read to her and her siblings stories about fire breathing dragons and princesses. She had an amazing imagination. As a child, she would imagine the ghosts, witches, princesses and princesses. She also grew up moving a lot because her father was in the army. In high school, she volunteered, joined art clubs, and the yearbook committee to fit in better. When she was at Pratt Institute, she freelanced for children's theaters. In graduate school, she would even sell her ballerina artwork to make some money. After graduating, she had a portfolio full of her favorite posters and flyers. After graduate school all she wanted to do was make books like "Clean Your Room Harvey Moon". She continued to read and write books and a lot of children read her books now.

Researched By Sofia Rolfe

ALL STAR SCHOOL 2023-2024 Move To Improve

## The Principal's Corner

P.S.234 students, thank you for always being your best selves, for sharing your interests and thoughts with me, for your love of our school, your sense of humor, excitement for every new experience, your ability to show compassion and empathy and for your courage to always try new things even if they scare you. I am so proud to be your principal and I love watching you grow and bloom just like all the trees and flowers are currently blossoming in nature.

The upcoming weeks are very important for all of us here are P.S.234 but especially for our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. They are venturing into the first state assessment cycle with the English Language Arts exam. Additionally, all English Language Learners will be taking the speaking portion of the NYSESLAT during this time. This is why making sure that the children rest and get a good night's sleep each evening is so important. Additionally arriving on time to school and limiting distractions is so important.

One important reminder is that our school has a wellness policy that reinforces good nutrition during the school day. Please be mindful about sending beverages and foods for snack or lunch that are giving your child the healthy nutrition they need to be productive, engaged learners throughout the day. Candy, soda, sugary drinks and potato chips are foods and drinks to be consumed in moderation.

Another important reminder is to always remember to take your belongings with you when transitioning from one area to another. Everyday students are leaving their coats, jackets, sweaters, hats and lunch boxes all around the school. If you are missing something please remember to check the "Lost & Found" which is located outside the school cafeteria.

Spring is a hop and a skip away and as you may know this is the time that students make the most academic and social learning progress. Make school a priority. As the weather gets warmer it can become challenging to remain focused on learning but we have to remember to stay focused. Make attendance a priority. Students should be made aware that unless they are sick, they must attend school and be on time. Talk about school activities and projects and make an effort to attend school events as much as you can. It is so important to remain positive and to set a positive example for your child.

April is a busy month but with the Spring Break at the tail end of it, April 22nd to April 30th it will be over before we know it so remember to take it slow and be present. There is so much to look forward to this month and I cannot wait to see you at the events, trips and various assemblies.

- Some of the events I'm looking forward to are:
- April 2nd, Bricks 4 Kidz STEM Workshop sponsored by our one-of-a-kind PTA
  - April 5th, Student ART Show by Ms. Piazza
  - All the Inside Broadway Performances
  - April 11th, Music for Many Assembly
  - April 12th, Spring Bling Celebrations
  - April 16th, Grade 1 & 2 Bowling Trip
  - April 3rd and April 19th: Goal Getters Soccer Games

See you all there!

Fondly,  
Ms. Danner



## PERFORM Council Updates

Attention P.S.234 students!!  
Perform Council is introducing a **Climate Action Day** to highlight Health, Wellness, and Green Spaces on **April 17, 2024.**

Things To Do On climate Action Day:

- Wear **GREEN**
- Eat Healthy (i.e. Fruits, Vegetables, etc.)
- Take care of yourself. Exercise!
- Engage with our Hydroponics Lab



and...

**CURBSIDE COMPOSTING IS HERE!**  
Curbside Composting is when you recycle food to reuse it as fertilizer.

We are doing it here at PS 234, for our very own Hydroponics Lab!

Pay close attention and follow the signs in the cafeteria when putting away your food waste and garbage during breakfast and lunch time.

Curbside Composting also helps in assuring that we are not wasteful and are extremely healthy.

More Student Council Updates Coming Soon!

Written By Bella Borrero - PERFORM Council Secretary



CHRISTINA ANTONOPOULOS 2-213



Chloe Lobrutto PK-104



Sophia Rosas K-200



GABRIEL KELLOGG 2-213



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PreK:  
**Collaborative Community**  
 Kindergarten:  
**Shark Discovery**  
 1st grade:  
**Imaginary Animals**  
 2nd grade:  
**"Beautiful Oops"**  
 3rd grade:  
**Imaginary Landscapes**  
 4th grade:  
**Japanese Notan Collage**  
 5th grade:  
**Food Mosaics**



Daeden Davis 5-326



Maggie Zheng 5-326



ELCHIBEK TURUSBKOV 4-344



JOUD SALLAM 4-344



Julia Villafuerte 1-226



Jackson Mangold 1-226



MOHAMMED IKBAL 3-308



GLORIA NIKOLLI 3-308



Ms. Piazza says, Our school wide **ART SHOW** will showcase a diverse range of projects from each grade, highlighting the exploration of imagination and self-expression. Students drew inspiration from various sources, including books and other artists' works, to create their own unique pieces. Through the use of different materials such as collage, drawing, and mixed media painting, students were able to express their creativity. Each student will have an art piece that they created in art class in the exhibition. The art show is a celebration of the students' artistic talents and individuality.

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
 FRIDAY - APRIL 5TH - 4PM - 6PM  
 (Location: 1st floor & Auditorium)



LET'S GO!

### BEHIND THE SCENES WITH SARA

Are you ready to learn about what's happening behind the scenes? Sara's favorite part of cheerleading is seeing the happy faces of the people in the audience when she is finished performing. Her least favorite part is waking up early to go to cheerleading practice. The cheer squad leaders are Ms. Mcglone, Ms. Julissa and Ms. Smith. Ms. Julissa and Ms. Mcglone help the cheerleaders with the dances, while Ms. Smith controls the music. Sara shared that when she dances it makes her feel happy inside. She is proud to be a part of the Elite Rock Squad!

Interviewed and Written By Lina Sabour



GOALS GOALS GOALS

Have you heard about the Goal Getters? Well, if you haven't... Listen Up! Recently, the Goal Getters had their first game. "We started a soccer team because the basketball team was a big success and many of our students were interested in soccer," said Ms. Danner. The Goal Getters were determined to win, and the players did very well, but unfortunately they lost. At the start of the game, two players from class 4-344, Marcos Karaiskos & Milan scored the first 2 points! But, at half time the score was tied 2-2. Soon after, the other team scored another point, and another one right after! We thought we were catching up when Abdelmageed Abdelmageed from class 5-300 scored, and brought our score up to 3-4. However, when the game ended, the score was 3-5. Ms. Danner chose Goal Getters as the team name because of "...the competition and dedication...", she said. We may have lost this game, but there are still more games ahead that we can win!  
 Go GOAL GETTERS!

Written By Sofija Boskovic

GO! GOAL GETTERS!

## CONGRATULATIONS Citizens of the Month

Leonidas Lance Ethan Stefan Liam Jessipina Zion Alan Matthew Isabella Alan Joud Zendaya Pheobe Leah Victoria Sebastian



Stephanie Devine Layla Sarah Siraj Avi Hoor Klara Usman Adel Vincent Gabriel Johanna Matteo Lashea Fouad Oliwia Maggie

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