

JUNE EVENTS:

- 6/1 - Inside Broadway Performance @9AM
- 6/1 - 5th Grade Picnic
- 6/2 - Field Day: Grades K - 2
- 6/5 - Field Day: Grades 3 - 5
- 6/6 - Parent Workshop @ 5PM
- 6/7 - PTA Meeting @ 6PM
- 6/8 - Anniversary Day (No School)
- 6/9 - Clerical Day (No School)
- 6/13 - PreK Moving Up Ceremony @ 8:15AM
- 6/13 - Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony @ 9:30AM
- 6/13 - 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony @ 11AM
- 6/16 - Spirit Day: "Luau Day" & PTA Snack Sale
- 6/19 - Juneteenth (No School)
- 6/27 - Last Day of School!

DIPLOMA

Photos By
Skyler Jarreau

Positively Perfect

Last month Ms. Danner brought Positively Perfect dolls to the Kindergarten and Pre-K classrooms. "I am completely thrilled to spread the Positively Perfect dolls around the school. I would love for our students to express themselves freely and feel welcome at our school", Ms. Danner said. The creator of the Positively Perfect Dolls is Dr. Lisa Williams. Her dolls received the Toy of the Year award in 2022. Dr. Lisa is a respected researcher and an award winning speaker. Positively Perfect provides dolls that encourage dreams and promote self expression. I spoke with two students from Ms. Lee's class. "I really really love the dolls and I was very excited when Ms. Danner came in with them," Lily said. "My favorite doll was Jackson and I was super excited when the dolls were given out," Landon said. Dr. Lisa Williams also created The Fresh Dolls.

Written By Eva Sgorbati

The Principal's Corner

Happy June Everyone!

As we approach the last few weeks to the end of the school year, I would like to express how grateful I am to be leading such an amazing community of students, parents and staff. It has been an amazing year filled with learning and growing. I am so proud of all the achievements and accomplishments of our students.

Reflecting on the past school year, we have had so many great memories and exciting events to look back on. We continued many successful traditions, such as partnerships with community-based organizations and residencies with some of the most renowned theater, dance and music organizations in the world. We hosted family nights, spirit days, performances, movie nights, Selfie Awareness, Poetry Café, special visits from the Harlem Magic Masters, the FDNY and much more. We also added many new experiences and clubs such as journalism, photography, cheerleading, basketball, and the winter & spring break camp.

Looking ahead, we have many exciting new initiatives. We are always focused on the improvement of our school in all aspects and we cannot wait to begin to implement them next school year.

I want to give a special congratulations to this year's 5th graders. I wish you all the best as you continue your journey next year in middle school.

A special thanks to all the P.S.234 families and our wonderful PTA who have contributed in ways small, large and unimaginable! Thank you for the partnership between home and school, which is so important. We appreciate all that you do each and every day for our school and our children!

Together, we've learned much and shared experiences that will remain in our hearts for years to come. The passion and strength within our community makes our school truly a special place for our children and a place that I am not only extremely proud to lead, but also one that I can call HOME.

Have a safe and fun filled summer! See you next year!

-Mrs. Danner

THE PS 234Q TEA

JUNE 2023



GOODBYE, FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am very upset that the school year is coming to a close because this is my last year in this school. I am going to miss this school very much because I have been here since Kindergarten. And I have to admit... leaving this school is going to be a very hard thing for me. I have done so many things in this school and in my next school I won't have any of the things we have here at P.S. 234. This school has done so much for me. I am really sad that I have to leave. It feels like the school year just began and now it is over. I wish that I could stay here forever. I am going to miss everything; especially Ms. Danner, all the teachers, the staff, and this building. Everything in this building is so beautiful it will be so hard not to miss it. I want everyone in the other grades to know that sometimes things might get hard and you might feel like you want to give up, but always remember that the PS234 family will always be there for you.

-Eva Sgorbati



CLASS OF

2023

"I'm very excited because the 5th graders have worked very hard and they will do well in their new middle schools. Most of the 5th Grade I have known since they were 4 and the children have come along the journey. It will be a bittersweet moment for me. I don't think that I should hold any students back because the moment you let go of your fear is the moment you truly start living. The hardest part of seeing the 5th grade go is...there will be no more memories to make. I am going to miss everyone's smile," Ms. Danner said.

DID YOU KNOW JUNETEENTH FACTS?

- In 2021, President Joe Biden signed the *Juneteenth National Independence Day Act* into law recognizing the day as a federal holiday.
- It is the oldest known holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the U.S.
- Some also refer to Juneteenth as *Emancipation Day*, *Freedom Day* or *Jubilee Day*.

Researched By
Bella Borrero

DID YOU KNOW FACTS ABOUT: PRINCIPAL DANNER

Her sense of style comes from her father because everything he wore matched.

- Both her father and husband were in the army.
- She is 1 of 7 children.
- She attended the High School of Fashion Industries.
- She was born at Metropolitan Hospital on the Upper East Side.
- Her parents met in a candy store in North Carolina.

Interviewed By Eva Sgorbati



Photo by Bella Borrero

Oh, The Places You'll Go...

When I interviewed Ms Burke I found out many things about her that I did not know before about her like she used to work as a counselor at a camp and then that's when she realized that loved kids and wanted to teach. She said she has been teaching OVER 30 YEARS (THAT'S CRAZY!) She first went to both Queens College and Adelphi University. Things that her PreK students are mainly trying to learn are: social skills, coloring, counting and writing their names. She is teaching them to be good students. I asked if there are any words that she would like to say to all of the graduates..." Oh the places you will go", Mrs. Burke said.

Interviewed & Photographed By Sofia Rolfe



Ms. McGlone started dancing when she was 3 years old. However, when she went to high school, her teacher encouraged her to pursue dance. Did you know that Ms. McGlone taught at a District 75 school? A District 75 school is also known as a school for children with special needs. Teaching at a special needs school takes a lot of kindness, love and patience. We should all learn from her!

Interviewed By Emiliano Ruiz Nieto

"One of a Kind"



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Off to See the Wizard...

As we all know, 5th grade is coming to an end. Ms Nordstroms class & Ms K + Ms Filippidis' class are graduating. So we asked a few kids from Ms Nordstrom's class about how they feel about the end of the year. Ruhana Khanam said, "It's super hard saying goodbye, but I'm also excited for a new experience in a different school with different teachers & kids. I also think the Wizard of Oz play for Graduation will be SPECTACULAR! Each person with a part...even the stage crew will do great." Nour Nassar mentioned being upset about losing friends, "...but there's always room for more", she said. Noor wants to get into Hunters Point or Louis Armstrong and she hopes everyone has good luck in Middle School. Adam Marzook said, "It's gonna be so fun to graduate & it's gonna be an adventure in middle school." He hopes some of his best friends are going to be in the same school. Kelsey Alexandre shared that she will be proud and happy when she graduates. An important message that Emiliano Dominguez wants to tell 4th graders for when their time comes is: "Challenges are gonna come, but with hard work you'll do great." We also spoke the students in Ms. K and Ms. Filippidis' class and they came up with some cool things to say. Katerina Milonakis shared that she is a little bit nervous, but she is excited about trying new things. She also shared that it will be very hard for her to leave all of her friends and teachers, but they will always be in a special place in her heart. She is very excited for our 5th grade graduation play: THE WIZARD OF OZ. Next we spoke with Richard Steele. "I think that the Wizard of Oz show is going to be amazing. I feel angry that the school year is ending," Richard said. Blessing Byrd said "I'm going to miss my school very much because I have known them for so long. I also think that The Wizard of Oz Play is going to be very good". Aixa Ponce said "I feel sad that the year is ending and also excited. I think The Wizard Of Oz play is going to be phenomenal". Ms. Nordstrom shared that she is happy for her students, but also sad to see them leave. She believes in all of her students and thinks they will succeed in middle school. On the day of graduation she will be excited to see the Wizard Of Oz Show performance, but she is also a little sad because she knows that means her students are leaving. "Always do your best and be the best version of yourself, and always remember that your P.8234 Family will always be there for you," Ms. Nordstrom said.

Written By Skylar Jarcau & Eva Sgorbati

CONGRATULATIONS

CITIZENS OF THE MONTH:

Leonidas Adnan Gloria Wali Safy Mateo Isaac Salih Hamza Italy Minela Ismael Mason Ethan Emily Tran Omer



Dante Sofia Ivan Yasmin Daedon Savannah Ameyalli Isabella Lina Mark Ariane Tao Luna Oliwia Owais Marwan

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