



District 21 Celebrates

*Celebrating our schools,
staff, students and families*

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Superintendent Isabel DiMola



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P.S. 153 opened their new Family Welcome Center on May 23, 2018. The welcome center was designed to provide a warm and friendly place for all parents to come for information and to address specific parent questions. When parents enter the center, they will receive a welcoming smile from Parent Coordinator Yolanda Suarez. There are other staff members on hand to assist with parent needs. This Family Welcome Center was a dream of Principal, Carl Santa Maria inspired by his Superintendent. Superintendent DiMola cut the ribbon signifying the official opening of the center. The center was dedicated to Superintendent DiMola and a plaque will hang outside the center in her honor.



On Principal Appreciation Day, students and teachers at P.S. 225 sent Principal Cosmai on a scavenger hunt. The clues led Mr. Cosmai to different classrooms. When he arrived in each classroom, students had many surprises ready for Mr. Cosmai. Students sang songs, read their poems about Mr. Cosmai, and shared the artwork that they created for this event. Mr. Cosmai told all of the students how much he enjoyed this surprise and how honored he was to be the principal of P.S. 225.



On May 23, 2018, PS 212 hosted its first family game night. Their PTA sponsored event was a huge hit with staff, students and families! Everyone was able to spend “Koala-ty” time together at over 25 different game stations, while learning about new games and activities that promote high quality time spent with children.



3rd Annual District Spirit Day

On Opening Day, Saturday June 16, 2018, District 21 is planning a District wide School Spirit Day at MCU Park Home of Brooklyn Cyclones Baseball.

Come to historic Coney Island to see the Brooklyn Cyclones take on the Staten Island Yankees.

This day is a great way to celebrate the start of summer with family and friends, inject school spirit, and create lasting memories for everyone.

Contact your school for ticket information.

My Mom is special

PS101's Kindergarteners celebrated Moms with a special Mother's day appreciation event, which included milk and cookies with moms/guardians and the children reading aloud to their loved ones.



P.S. 97's hosted a family fun night celebrating "The Art of Family" where families worked together to create an original piece of artwork and celebrated students that have exhibited kindness of a regular basis.



This year for Mother's Day Bloomingdale's on 59th street and Lexington Avenue in Manhattan featured NY mothers who have made a difference for children. The inspiring women on Studio in Schools' Board of Directors have been selected and are featured in one of their windows. Studio in Schools also has an exhibition of 36 artworks on display in the store's Arcade located on the south corner entrance of Lexington Avenue through late May. We are excited to announce P.S. 90 has four students' artwork displayed. Congratulations to Jackeline Yunga, Maryam Ghuman, Yajaira Martinez and Nathalie Martinez



PS 100, The Coney Island School welcomed their first Girl Scout Troop 2368 Brownies and Daisies. Thank you to parents Charese Ferrer, Yelena Seykora and Agata Parrott who joined to be Co-Troop Leaders. Troop 2368 had a special visit from Science teacher Ms. Kominsky, to discuss her childhood experiences in Girl Scouts. On Cinco De Mayo, Troop 2368 experienced how to make meatless tacos and read stories about the unique-Mexican culture and history behind Cinco de Mayo.



More than 80 parents and students boarded buses at PS 199 on Saturday, May 12, 2018, for a trip to Lincoln Center. As part of PS 199's Title III Parent Engagement activities, parents and students saw New York City Ballet's "Robbins 100", a tribute to the great choreographer Jerome Robbins for what would have been his 100th birthday. The excitement was electrifying! Many parents said they had never been to the ballet before or to beautiful Lincoln Center. The students were in awe of the gorgeous dancing, costumes and sets.



On May 16, 2018, I.S. 303 Kiwanis Builders Club lead by Club Facilitator Mario Caggiano, and Student Government, visited Albany, NY. Assemblyman Colton invited students, to a personal tour of the Assembly chambers. Senate Senator Diane Savino, also gave the students a personal tour of Senate Chambers. The students were invited to sit in the chamber during the day's session. Students ended their day with a tour of the capital building with a tour guide.



Free Workshops for Parents and Service Providers

Spring/Summer 2018

Light refreshments will be served!

May 2 **NYC Opportunity**

June 6 **Nutrition for Infants, Children
and Families**

July 11 **Healthy Relationships:
Strong Families**

Aug. 1 **Child Support Basics** for
Moms and Dads

A Child Support Specialist will be available during each workshop to answer questions about your child support case

Sponsored by



Strong Families Studio

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Department of Homeless Services

Office of Child
Support Services

Who Everyone! Free and open to the public

When 4:00–6:00 pm on
Wednesdays

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Center**
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(between Blake and Du-
mont Avenues)
Brooklyn, NY 11212
Subway: 3 train to Junius
Street Station or
L train to Sutter Avenue
Station
Bus: B14 (Spring Creek
Stanley Av Postal Fac
Bound) to Powell Street and
Blake Avenue
B14 (Crown Hts Utica Av
Bound) to Junius Street and
Blake Avenue
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Or visit nyc.gov/hra/ocss

On Wednesday, May 16, 2018, PS/IS 121 Nelson A. Rockefeller School's sixth grade music team competed in "The Music Memory Finals", hosted at NYU Skirball Center for the Performing Arts. P.S. 121's team, competing against 28 teams from 14 schools representing all of NYC, brought home a "Gold" award from this year's Finals competition.

The Music Memory is a program that familiarizes young people with sixteen timeless musical works each school year through an innovative classroom program led by music teachers, specially trained at Riverside Symphony professional development workshops. The program culminates every spring in the spectacular Music Memory Citywide Finals. A "Name-That-Tune" event held at a major concert venue, puts the children in the spotlight. Cheered on by parents and classmates, students are given the opportunity to show off their amazing musical knowledge by identifying the names and composers of the works they have studied based on musical excerpts. Some excerpts are as obscure as a single chord played live, onstage, by Riverside Symphony. "An amazing day for our students. Congratulations!"



PS 121 students are pictured here with, (from left to right)
Elizabeth Guglielmo - Director of Music, NYC Dept. of Education,
Ann Scheil Carlyss - Pianist and teacher, Trustee for the George Shields Foundation, and
Bill Ritter - Co-anchor of Eyewitness News on ABC 7

Congratulations to P.S. 215's Award Winning Music Memory Student Finalists. They also participated in the Music Memory 2018 Citywide Finals. Music Memory exposes students to important works of music, taught by music instructors trained at Riverside Symphony professional development workshops. Twelve students from P.S. 215 were selected to compete and split into two teams, one-4th grade and one-5th grade team. Music teacher, Mrs. Tomskey, student audience members, cluster teacher Ms. Matsis, and several parent volunteers, accompanied them. Both teams were awarded Gold Ribbons.



On May 17th PS 209 parents were invited to see all of the wonderful activities their children work on while attending PS 209's afterschool and during school time programs. On display were projects made from our 21st Century program, Boost, Chinese American Planning Council Afterschool and Summer Program. Parents indulged on food made by the lead Teacher of our "Keys to Abundant Life" Saturday Culinary Parent Program. Everyone had a blast.



Joseph B. Cavallaro held their 6th Annual Memorial Day Assembly on Monday, May 21st, to honor the men and women who gave their lives for the freedoms that we are granted as citizens of the United States of America. Instilling a sense of American patriotism and reverence towards those who made the ultimate sacrifice is very important to Principal Bender. Visitors were invited from Rolling Thunder, Colonel Peter Sicoli from Fort Hamilton Garrison Base, Gold Star mother Emily Toro and special guest artist Scott LoBaido to speak to I.S. 281 6th grade students on the importance of this special holiday. The assembly was emotional, but her students now understand what it means to make sacrifices while upholding and defending the beliefs outlined in our Constitution. Also communicated was the need to support our returning service members, take part in works of charity and stand together as a community always remembering the beauty of how we became One Nation.



The generous donation from Project Boost, allow many New York City kids to experience trips, theater and fine dining, that they might not normally experience. Public School 225 is one of the schools chosen by Project Boost. This year the entire 7th grade and some 8th graders took a trip to Philadelphia.



“It takes a village to raise a child” is a popular proverb with a clear message: the community as a whole plays an important part in the growth and development of its young people. In addition to the vital role that parents and family members play in a child’s education, educators play an equally important role as they expand the boundaries of their classrooms. At PS 253 they are blessed to have a school community whose parents, students and staff work to together to make their vision come to reality each and every day. There is no greater example of this than this year’s Disney Jr. Aladdin Performance. Ms. Chishti, one of P.S. 253’s outstanding parents along with our Parent Coordinator Gina Dacchille, the amazing staff of Grady H.S under the direction of Jose Santiago and all of the volunteers worked tirelessly to sew, glue, and make extraordinary costumes, set design and life size animals created out of paper Mache.



Summer

Find and circle all of the summer words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional summer item.

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ANTS	FISHING	JULY	SUNBURN
AUGUST	FLIES	JUNE	SUNGLASSES
BARBECUE	FLOWERS	MOSQUITOES	SUNSCREEN
BASEBALL	GARDENING	NO SCHOOL	SUNSHINE
BEACH	GOLF	PICNIC	SUNTAN
BEEES	GREEN GRASS	ROLLER BLADES	SWEAT
BICYCLE	HAT	SANDALS	SWIMMING
BLUE SKY	HIKING	SKATEBOARD	U V RAYS
BOATING	HOLIDAYS	SOCCER	WASPS
BREEZE	HOT	SOLSTICE	WATER FIGHTS
CAMPING	ICE CREAM	SPRINKLERS	WATERMELON

High School News

If you applied in Round 2 of high school admissions, you will get your results letter in May. Find schools with availability in Round 2 in [NYC School Finder](#) or on this [Round 2 program list](#).

If you accepted your Round 1 high school offer, you are already registered for the fall. Look for communications from your future school—some schools reach out to new students about summer activities or an orientation event. You can also check our [calendar](#) for orientation events at your new school.

Middle School News

If you applied to middle school for the 2018-2019 school year, you can now get your results letter from your school counselor or at a [Family Welcome Center](#).

If you submitted a New Schools Round Application in March, your notification letter may also include a match to a new middle school program. You will have to choose which match you would like your child to attend if you get two matches.

If you would like to try to change your placement, complete the second page of your results letter and turn it in to your elementary school or a Family Welcome Center by April 26 to get an appeal form.

Most middle schools will have an orientation or other event to welcome families. You do not need to register at your middle school; the registration process is complete when you get your results letter.

Kindergarten News

- Offer letters have been sent to all families who applied to kindergarten by the January 19 deadline. Accept your kindergarten offer by pre-registering in person at the school where you got an offer—contact the school to schedule a time. Visit our [Forms page](#) to learn what you need to bring to pre-register.
- If you have not applied yet for the 2018-2019 school year, please email ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov or call 718-935-2009 for more information.
- If you submit a late application, you will get a kindergarten offer by mid-June.

Gifted & Talented

- The deadline for eligible families to apply for G&T programs has passed. If you applied by the April 16 deadline, you will get your results letter and find out if you got an offer in early June.

Pre-K

- Our [Pre-K Events](#) page for information about program visits and Open Houses, or
- Call 718-935-2009.

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Libraries Rock!

2018 Summer Reading Kick-off Carnival

Saturday, June 9, 2018

11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Sheepshead Bay Library

Be a part of a fun day.

- **10:30 AM**
Register for Summer Reading!
- **11:00 AM**
Summer Reading Storytime!
- **11:30 AM— 5:00 PM**
Friends Group Flea market
- **1:00 PM**
Fascinating and hilarious clown duet
Arkasha & Natasha from Russia!
- **2:00 PM**
Constellation of Stray Dogs.
Theatrical production in Russian.
- **3:30 PM**
Talent without Borders



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