

LEARNERS & LEADERS NEWS

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WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- Principals Note
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- Announcements
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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mr. Dalipi

We are thrilled to bring you the first edition of our 2024-2025 school year newsletter! It has been a great start to the school year, and we're excited for what's to come in the months ahead.

Our students have already begun engaging in meaningful learning experiences, and we are looking forward to more exciting opportunities, events, and achievements throughout the year. In this newsletter, you'll find updates, important dates, and highlights of all the wonderful things happening at PS 305.

Thank you for your continued support as we embark on another successful school year together!

SCHOOL EVENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LEARNERS AND LEADERS?

VISIT FROM SUPERINTENDENT CACCAVALE

We were pleased to welcome Superintendent Caccavale to our school on the first day of the school year! Her presence helped kickstart the school year on a positive note, and we're ready for a great year ahead!



RESPECT FOR ALL WEEK

A big shout out to our students who were included on the DOE page for Respect for All Week!



SCHOOL EVENTS

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4TH GRADE PROJECT

In Ms. Welnicki's Project H2WOH, students have been exploring the fascinating world of freshwater ecosystems. They identified freshwater macro and microorganisms, gained an understanding of the water cycle, and learned how these organisms fit into the food chain. It's been an exciting hands-on learning experience!



NYPD MARCHING BAND

We loved having the NYPD Marching band come and help us kick off our school year!! It was the perfect start to our day!! Thank you for always bringing awesome music for us to dance to!!

SCHOOL EVENTS

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KINDERGARTEN FUN!

Kindergarten went apple tasting today! Our kindergarten classes had a fun filled day today, tasting all different kinds of apples and learning about their different parts. They tasted red, green, and yellow apples. And they also got to see a hidden star inside of the apple! When they were all done tasting they voted on their favorite type of Apple! What a fun way to end our second first week of school. And a great way to introduce Fall, which starts on Sunday!!



OUR FIRST PTA MEETING

*Our first PTA meeting of the school year was a huge success, with so many parents joining us to support our school community! We are excited to keep the momentum going and look forward to seeing even more of you at our next meeting on October 11, 2024, where we will be showcasing our ****Students of the Month****. Thank you for your continued involvement and support!*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS



EVENTS CALENDAR

- October 3-4
 - No School
- October 7
 - Scholastic Book Fair Begins
 - Parent Workshop-Conflict vs Bullying
- October 9
 - Middle School Enrollment Begins
- October 10
 - Students in grades 3-5 begin dance classes
- October 11
 - PTA Meeting
- October 16
 - Understanding the Middle School Application Process Parent Workshop
 - ENL Parent Workshop at 6:00 pm
- October 28
 - Picture Day

REMINDERS

Morning Arrivals

We ask that all students come to school by 8:05 using our entrance in the schoolyards. Please be sure to have your children on time so they do not miss a minute of learning.

Dismissal

Please pick up your child no later than 2:30. We ask that all parents be in our school yard for dismissal by 2:20

****Parents we ask that pets are not brought on to school grounds*

Class Dojo

If you need assistance in joining our class dojo please reach out to our parent coordinator Ms. Michelle Bordoy Soto. She can be reached via email at: mbordoyso@schoools.nyc.gov

THE CLUSTER CHRONICLES

PHYSICAL EDUCATION, ART, THEATER



WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- A note from the teachers
- What we have been learning

A NOTE FROM THE CLUSTERS

Ms. Kristen, Ms. Knightley, Mr. Spector & Mr. Ronny

As the new school year begins, we are thrilled to welcome our students and their families back to Learners and Leaders. We hope you had a refreshing and enjoyable summer break, filled with fun and relaxation.

This year, our dedicated team of teachers is excited to create a dynamic learning environment where each child can thrive. We have planned a variety of engaging activities and projects designed to inspire curiosity and foster a love for learning.

We believe that strong partnerships between home and school are essential for student success. We encourage you to stay involved in your child's education by communicating with us regularly. Together, we can make a significant impact on our students' lives.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. We are excited to embark on this year full of possibilities, growth, and learning with your family.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

MS. KRISTEN & MR. RONNY

K-5

We are thrilled to announce that our Physical Education classes have been focusing on a Gymnastics Unit over the last few weeks!

Gymnastics is not only a fun activity but also a fantastic way for our students to improve their physical fitness and develop important skills.



GYMNASTICS

Participating in gymnastics helps students build strength, flexibility, coordination, and balance. It also encourages self-confidence and promotes a positive attitude toward physical activity.

ART

MS. KNIGHTLEY

K-5

Welcome back to Art Class! We've had a fantastic start to the year, and I'm excited to share what we've been up to. For many students, the art room is a new and exciting space, and we've been learning important routines that help us make the most of our time together. Our younger students are having fun learning the Art Song, which inspires us to think outside the box and express ourselves. We've also started working on "get to know me" projects, such as self-portraits, drawings of our favorite things, and pictures of our families. I'm looking forward to all the wonderful artwork we will create this year!



THEATER

MR. SPECTOR

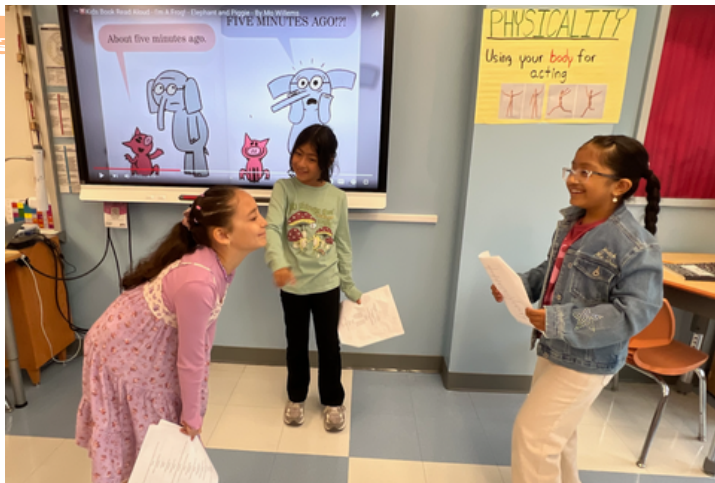
K-2

In our Theater class for grades K-2, we're beginning the year by exploring the essential tools in an actor's toolbox: the face, body, voice, and imagination. We're learning to use our bodies and facial expressions to convey a wide range of characters and emotions. Through engaging theater games like Big Face, Little Face, Mirror the Boss, and Emotion Statues, we're practicing how to express ourselves from our forehead to our toes. We also hold discussions on how to refine and enhance our techniques as we go along.

Kindergarten mirroring each other from top of the forehead to bottom of the toes.



Kindergarten using "little faces" to show they are mad that someone got them in trouble.



Third graders use scripts to act out an Elephant and Piggie story while a director adds to their "physicality" to show emotions.

3-5

In Grades 3-5, we're kicking off the year by diving into various tricks, terms, and techniques to enhance our acting skills. We're focusing on adding physicality to our performances, using movement to bring our characters to life, and adjusting the pitch and pacing of our voices to create more dynamic characters. We're using storybooks as scripts to practice these skills and more. Students rehearse in small teams of three—two actors and one director—then perform for the class. After each performance, we analyze the scenes and discuss the strategies the directors used to help their actors improve.