



# P.S. 133Q

## "Lights Up Your Mind"

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P.S. 133 Students and Families,

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I hope all students and families enjoyed this year's Halloween celebrations, whether it was our PTA sanctioned event last Friday, our in-school parade on Halloween, or trick-or-treating with your friends and family after school.

October provided our families with multiple opportunities to be engaged in their child's educational experience, whether it was our Kindergarten Family Resource Day, Student Council Induction Ceremony, Diwali Celebration or Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. It has been so nice seeing so many of you back inside the school building, supporting your children and the school community.

November is always a time of year where we are a little extra grateful and thankful for all that we have, while also being mindful for those that aren't so fortunate, and doing whatever is possible to support those in need. Keep an eye out for our Student Council initiative of "Families Helping Families" We will be sharing some opportunities to support families in our school community, as our student council continues to support our entire school community in multiple ways.

Additionally, safety continues to be our number one priority, and that begins with our arrival and dismissal process. Please do not double or triple park on the surrounding streets of the school. This creates a serious traffic issue and a frustrating moment in time for all families, where putting all of our students in danger. Please arrive early, park down the block, and drop or pickup your child at the designated exit. In the morning, doors open at 7:58am and close at 8:04am, but we will never shut the door on your child. If you are running a little late, you can just walk your child to the main entrance. Your kindness and courtesy to others in our school community goes a long way, and if you have suggestions on how we can improve our current structures, please reach out.

Our Respect for All initiative, our C.A.R.E.S. program, continues to flourish, now with our student leaders ("Owl's Nest"). During our November assembly's, we look forward to celebrating those students who have demonstrated Compassion and Community throughout the month of October. We will be celebrating those students and classes that have represented the letter C, while sharing what Authenticity and Appreciation, our look-for for the month of November, could look like or sound like within our school building.

As a result of the academic screeners completed with Acadience and I-Ready (Grades 1-5), our teachers are prepared to support student achievement with additional systems of structures within the classroom. Targeted small group instruction will be taking place on a daily basis in order to support and enrich the daily student experience, as we personalize the instruction provided to each individual student. While the baseline assessments were not graded, they do provide our teachers and staff with information to make informed decisions about what instruction could look like, so we can be our best for each individual student. Our goal is to ensure each individual student achieves to their greatest potential, and our collective efforts will support that goal throughout the school year. More information is forthcoming about I-Ready, and how you can support your child at home will be shared in the coming days.

November also provides our students with opportunities to join an extra-curricular before or after school activity, where they can meet new friends and participate in something they are passionate about. Its these type of activities that allow a student to obtain the full P.S. 133 experience.

- On Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, our 3K/PK families are invited to participate in Ms. DaGama's "Independent Me" workshop, while those students in Grades K-5 can attend our "Club Fair", both taking place from 2:30pm-3:30pm, accompanied by an adult.
- Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> provides all families with an opportunity to connect with their child's teacher during Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you have not made an appointment yet, please reach out directly to your child teacher. .
- **NO SCHOOL:** Students will not be in attendance on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> due to Election Day and Veterans Day, respectively. Additionally, we will break for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

This month's PTA meeting will be taking place virtually on Zoom on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. I will be present and available to answer all questions on your mind.

Additionally, I will be hosting a Coffee and Conversation for all interested parents and family members on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm-3:00pm in our Library. If this time is not sufficient for your schedule, please reach out and I will make myself available at another time so that we can connect.

Thank you for your continued support of our entire school community.

Sincerely,

Matthew Paolano  
Acting Principal