



P.S. 133Q

"Lights Up Your Mind"

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P.S. 133 Students and Families,

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Welcome to the month of October and the fall season, where it feels like the first typical school year in a long time. Over the past month, the P.S. 133 staff has laid down the foundation for what we fully expect to be an extremely successful school year, specifically pertaining to character development and student achievement. Beginning with the 9 Days of Love, Social and Emotional Learning and our "Feel Good Friday" launch, Respect for All and C.A.R.E.S school-wide initiatives, various supports have been put into place to ensure our children have their feelings cared for, tended to, while also being mindful, aware and accountable of the appropriate way to act within a school building.

Throughout the month of October, staff will be administering academic screeners in their classrooms, using both the Acadience and I-Ready programs, across grades 1-5. These baseline assessments are not graded, but rather utilized to gather information so that we can best support each individual student, whether they are in need of additional supports, or enrichment opportunities. Our goal is to ensure each individual student achieves at their greatest potential, and our collective efforts will support that goal throughout the school year.

October also provides our school community to celebrate various holidays, religions and cultures while providing our students, staff and families with various experiences throughout the month.

- During the week of **October 11th**, we will be celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, with various activities, videos, daily trivia, read-aloud and more throughout all classrooms.
- During the school day on **Friday, October 21st**, our PTA will be setting up a "Pumpkin Patch" in the front school yard, where all students will have the opportunity to pick their pumpkin during recess.
- On Tuesday, **October 25th, from 2:30pm-3:30pm**, will be there P.S. 133 Dwali Celebration, a free event for all interested students and families, where we will be creating diyas, dancing to Indian music, henna design, while you can experience various cultural foods.
- On Tuesday, **October 27th** during the school day, students and staff will be participating in a Breast Cancer Awareness walk.
- Finally, on Friday, **October 28th, from 5:00pm-7:00pm**, our PTA will be hosting our Halloween Party, where tickets can be purchased for \$10 at our PTA website: <https://www.ps133qpta.com/> Price of admission includes costume contest, DJ, raffles, cotton candy and additional refreshments! (Additional information to come regarding Halloween, 10/31).

As ongoing communication and feedback continues to be a priority, I will be hosting a Coffee and Conversation for all interested parents and family members on Tuesday, **October 11th from 2:30pm-3:00pm** in our Library. Additionally, I will be present at our October PTA meeting, taking place virtually on Zoom on Tuesday, October 18th at 6:00pm to respond to any potential questions or concerns you may have.

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

Sincerely,
Matthew Paolano
Acting Principal