



P.S. 133Q

"Lights Up Your Mind"

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P.S. 133 Students and Families,

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I hope that all members of our school community enjoyed the Thanksgiving Recess with your friends and family, as the stretch to complete the 2022 portion of the school year is underway!

November has provided our families with multiple opportunities to engage with our school, whether it was at Parent Teacher Conferences, our Club Fair or you had the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and partner in the teaching and learning taking place. It has been so nice to see so many family members in our building over the past few months, as we continue to reimagine what parent engagement looks like at P.S. 133.

The holiday season reminds us to be 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. Thank you to all of those who have donated items to support P.S. 133's Student Council initiative, "Families Helping Families". Collections will continue through December 7th, when our Student Council will then begin preparing packages to distribute to families in need within our community.

On December 1st, we will be having our monthly C.A.R.E.S assemblies where Respect and Resilience will be highlighted, at the same time, which we celebrate those who demonstrated what Authenticity and Appreciation look like throughout the month of November. As our C.A.R.E.S. program continues to build within our students and staff, we are planning to share what this looks like with families on a more intimate level in the near future.

All teachers and staff continue to utilize the student data from the fall academic screeners (Acadience and I-Ready) to support student achievement in a variety of ways. In addition to the teaching and learning that happens inside the classroom throughout each school day, we provide students with Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS) on a daily basis, where students work in small groups, providing our staff the opportunity to support individual students in the area in need of improvement, or with enrichment activities. Throughout the winter, we will be monitoring student progress in specific areas, to determine the effectiveness of the strategies currently being utilized in the classroom, and making adjustments as needed, to ensure students are achieving both in terms of progress and performance. As a reminder, all families (K-5) can support their children by utilizing I-Ready at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher for more information.

The month of December provides numerous opportunities for families to be engaged in various activities in our school building, while also enhancing the daily experience students have at P.S. 133 with the launch of our before and after-school clubs and activities. Additionally, our Student Council has amended their bylaws, declaring that they would like our school to sell ice cream during the lunch periods on behalf of the student body, to support all before and after school activities at P.S. 133. We will begin selling ice cream during all lunch periods on Friday's, beginning with Friday, December 2nd.

Some additional highlights, activities and events taking place over the next few weeks are listed below.

- As a result of our school-wide Soapbox speeches that were shared, we will be having our finalists share their speeches on Friday, December 2nd to determine who will continue on to the citywide Soapbox competition.

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- The week of 12/5 is Computer Science week at P.S. 133! In addition to the numerous activities taking place throughout the week, on December 6th, our Computer Science TEAM will be hosting "Winter Coding Land", inviting all families to come engage in some of the exciting work your children have been working on throughout the school year. Our Computer Science parent engagement session begins at 2:30pm in the mini-gym, and all families are asked to enter through the main entrance, showing photo ID and proof of vaccination upon entry.
- On December 7th-9th, our first grade classes will be taking a walking trip to the Bellerose Library to obtain their library cards! If you are interested in accompanying your child to the library, please reach out to your child's teacher!
- Our Scholastic Book Fair will be held throughout the week of 12/12, and our Parent Coordinator will be in touch with additional information in the coming days.
- On December 13th, our 5th graders will be going on a field trip to Alley Pond Environmental Center, while Ms. Tapp, School Counselor, will be hosting a family workshop on Child Abuse in the afternoon at 2:30pm.
- All Marking Period 1 Report Cards will be available online on Thursday, December 15th. If you are unable to access, please reach out to the main office.
- Our PTA is hosting our "Winter Wonderland" party on Friday, December 16th from 5:00pm-7:00pm at P.S. 133. Tickets and space are limited, so please purchase your tickets today! All students must be accompanied by an adult, and adults must show proof of vaccination to attend.
- On December 20th, our 3K/PK families are invited to participate in Ms. DaGama's STEAM Activity workshop at 2:30pm. Discover some wonderful activities to do with your child over the holiday recess!
- The last day of school prior to the Holiday Recess will be 12/23, and we will return in the new year on January 3rd, 2023.

This month's SLT meeting will be held in the P.S. 133 library on Monday, December 12th at 5:30pm, while our PTA meeting will be taking place virtually on Zoom on Tuesday, December 20th at 6:00pm. We are looking forward to sharing what Computer Science and Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) looks like at P.S. 133 with all families in attendance. Additionally, I am looking forward to seeing you, and answering all questions that may be on your mind.

Lastly, I will be hosting a Coffee and Conversation with the Principal on Thursday, December 15th at 8:00AM in the Library. If these time does not work for your schedule, but you would still like to meet in person, please reach out so we can schedule an alternative time to meet.

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

Sincerely,

Matthew Paolano
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