



# P.S. 133Q

## "Lights Up Your Mind"



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P.S. 133 Students and Families,

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This school year continues to fly right by, as February is already here! With only about two weeks until the mid-winter recess, February is going to be gone before we know it, but thankfully, we have some exciting events planned for all students, staff and families that we know this month will be a memorable one. Across New York City, the week of February 13<sup>th</sup> is Respect For All week, and it is a beautiful time for us to immerse our entire school community into our C.A.R.E.S program, which has been the foundation of our character-building work throughout the school year. Across the week of 2/13, we will have various activities, assemblies and events to celebrate the character traits we have learned about since September, but most importantly, we are looking forward to our assembly for YOU, the families, on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in our Auditorium.

We continue to refine and revise our systems and structures to support student achievement across all grades, and we are happy to share that student performance in each grade K-5, in both ELA and Math have shown progress from October to January, and we are excited about how we can continue to support student learning from now through June. We continue to have our students take ownership over their learning, as we ask them to speak to what they need to work on, what they are doing well, while setting goals for themselves as they work to continue to improve academically, socially and emotionally.

While a short month, there sure is a lot going on at P.S. 133 throughout the month of February:

- 2/1 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Photos, Student Makeups
- 2/3 – 3K/PreK Open House – 10:00AM
- 2/8 – Our first-grade families are welcomed into to participate in lessons anchored to "Kindness".
- 2/8 – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade visits the Cradle of Aviation, where they will get to visit a planetarium among other exciting experiences!
- 2/10 - PTA "Bestie Bash" from 5:00pm-7:00pm, where all students and their chaperones are encouraged to partake in an exciting evening of fun, dancing and socialization with their peers.
- 2/13 – We will hold a community-wide vote to determine how we will spend our Civics Participatory Budget funding to support indoor and outdoor recess at P.S. 133.
- 2/14 -
  - OMEGAMAN assemblies for our students during the day (Thank you PTA!)
  - Family C.A.R.E.S assembly at 2:30pm!
- 2/17 – Basketball game vs. I.S. 178

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

- Our NEW Computer Science lounge is now fully functional! Our beautiful new furniture and technology has arrived, and Ms. Sabbagh is facilitating Computer Science at lunch for those students who have shown interest!
- We have two students who have been invited to participate in the citywide spelling bee, as a result of their top 10 finish in the Queens Bee! Congratulations and good luck!

We have a lot to look forward to in March! Parent Teacher Conferences, Civics week, Computer Science spotlight visits as well as March MATHness! More to come regarding each of those activities and events!

This month's **SLT meeting** will be held virtually on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, while our **PTA meeting** will also be held virtual on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. All families are invited to visit P.S. 133 on the morning of Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> **for Coffee and Conversation with the Principal** at 8:00am. If this 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,

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