

Dear Parents and Guardians,

April 2023

Happy April!

Thank you for all who attended and supported the March 31st Music and Dance show. The students worked hard to perform for everyone.

Our first song, "Rainbow of Hope" was a song I wrote with the students inspired by Mrs. W's rainbow of ribbons on the front fence.

"Golden Hour" was a song chosen by 4th grade students. We used an instrumental recording and created 3 different parts to the song. Part 1 was students stating their identity, "I am..." Part 2 was a personal experience of when they were bullied. Part 3 was a solution about how they will deal with bullying. At the end a child says, "I may not deal with this today, maybe tomorrow." They expressed that bullying will always be around, it's exhausting and sometimes it's easier to not deal with it right away.

"Dara's Story" was a play created entirely by the students. It was about a girl who wanted to play a fictional instrument but only men were allowed to play the instrument. The girl in the story was brave and courageous and never gave up on her dream to play it.

"Thankful" was a song that we have sung school wide at assemblies and in our classrooms. 3 students created their own choreography to the song.

"Who you are" was sung and played by 4th and 5th graders. All the songs were about being appreciative of who we are and our experiences.

Our 5th grade band performed two songs written by our student teacher from Queens College, Ms. Washington and myself. Band students have been taking their instruments home to practice almost everyday.

As always thank you for all your support.

["Light Up your Mind"](#)

["I will"](#)

["Pick It Up"](#)

Sincerely,



Andrew Ramsingh