

Dear Parents and Guardians,

May 2023

Welcome to May.

For many of us this is our home stretch. It was great seeing so many parents, guardians and students during the May Parent Teacher Conference.

Our 5th graders are going to be saying goodbye to us soon but they are not finished leaving their impression here at 133. Our 5th grade band students are working on a song to perform at graduation.

4th grade students that want to join the band next year will be asked to show interest in June through a survey. Students that join the band do not need any prior playing experience and they will learn one instrument (flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone or drums/percussion).

I am excited to see some of our students on stage performing in our production of Aladdin.

In many of our classes we engaged in conversation about sampling, covering, remixing and performing music from other musicians. We talked about court cases and lawyers that defend musicians. There are moral and ethically considerations when it comes to the nuances of borrowing or using someone else's music. Students were asked to be the jury who decides if a musician is guilty or innocent when it comes to "stealing" someone's music.

Please feel free to send in song suggestions that spark great conversation in the classroom to ARamsingh@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,



Andrew Ramsingh