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Dear School 5 Families,

It's hard to believe we've been in school for three months already! During that time School 5 has been buzzing with new learning and excitement! Our teachers and staff are to be commended for their enthusiasm and passion for teaching every day.

As you will see in the upcoming pages of the first edition of our 2018-2019 newsletter, autumn at School 5 has been bountiful! Our classrooms have been busy with science experiments, solving mathematical problems, and lots and lots of reading!

With the holiday season upon us, I would like to first extend my gratitude to you for all of your support and cooperation as we work together in the best interest of your children. Finally, my warmest wishes to all for a beautiful, peaceful holiday season and New Year!

Your partner in education,

Mrs. Martinotti



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 7

PK Holiday Concerts

DECEMBER 12

Family Gingerbread House Night

DECEMBER 20

Holiday Concert Grades 1-6

JOIN OUR PTO!

Studies show that students whose parents are active in their education are more successful in school. Please consider sharing your time and talent in our PTO for the benefit of our students. We have some wonderful events coming up and would greatly appreciate your help! Please contact one of our officers:

President China Iriaka: chiriaka@yahoo.com

Vice-President: Carolyn Sacchetti:

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Or stop in at one of our upcoming meetings:

- January 15, 2019
- February 12, 2019
- March 12, 2019



INSIDE OUR CLASSROOMS

PRE-K MRS. RUTZ

In September, we began with establishing our classroom routine for our future learning. We completed exciting activities and lessons on apples such as tasting apples. In October, we began taking weekly trips to the park where we enjoyed fresh air and worked on developing their gross motor skills. Students began to learn about the changes of the season of fall and we spoke about pumpkins and leaves. As a culminating activity, we joined the other Pre-K classes for our Pumpkin Patch trip at School #5.

The students enjoyed having an apple cider donut and playing different fall games. In November, we learned about what it means to be thankful and how to treat our friends with good manners. Students had a chance to vote on either a Hershey kiss or a pretzel in honor of Election Day. We are continuing learning our numbers and letters throughout many activities.



PRE-K MS. FONTANA

In our class, we began the school year by establishing routines and getting acquainted with our teachers and new friends! We developed ways to communicate, became familiar with our classroom surroundings and materials. We started to practice identifying our names, the letters in our names and even the names of friends! While we eased into fall, we discussed apples and how they grow, and we even took a taste test among other fun learning opportunities and lessons surround apples. As we crept into the fall season, we took nature walks and park trips to discover how our surroundings reflected the change of the seasons. As October quickly approached we discussed pumpkins by participating in sensory activities, counting activities, and putting on our imaginary scientist lab coats while identifying and observing parts of a pumpkin. Of course, we also had an opportunity to get festive and celebrate Halloween with our friends, too! Before we knew it, it was November where students participated in their first election after reading *Duck for President*. We discussed the theme of being thankful while reflecting on those who are most important to us just in time for Thanksgiving: our friends, family, and teachers.



SPECIAL MOMENTS AT 5

START WITH HELLO WEEK

We kicked off our school year with “Start With Hello Week” which is a program sponsored by Sandy Hook Promise. During that week, we raised our awareness to include students who may be feeling lonely and isolated. Through activities that extended throughout the week, we discovered ways to support each other and notice how a simple “Hello” can change the course of someone’s day! The Mayor and Council also passed a resolution declaring the week of September 24-28, 2018 “Start With Hello Week” in Cliffside Park!

WEEK OF RESPECT & VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEKS

“Start With Hello” week was followed by our “Week of Respect”. Under the guidance of Mrs. Matulewicz, we continued activities to acknowledge what makes each of us special during our “Week of Respect”. We also made it our goal to raise awareness about violence and find ways to ensure our school remains a peaceful, friendly environment. Mrs. Matulewicz and Mrs. O’Hanlon teamed together to guide our students on a project aimed at promoting inclusiveness during lunch. Wait until you see how their project turns out!

PRE-K MS. BERLINGERI

In the beginning of the school year, the students were introduced to some new routines. The students also engaged in some fun activities throughout the month of September. One exciting activity was our apple tasting activity. The students had an opportunity to taste three different types of apples. After the tasting, the students voted on their favorite apple. In October, we started to discuss the season of Fall and we began observing the colors changing on the leaves. The students were engaged in daily discussions about pumpkins. We also carved a pumpkin in class and became familiar with different parts of the pumpkin. In addition, we joined other classes and had a wonderful time at our School #5 pumpkin patch trip where the students were able to play fun games, eat apple cider doughnuts, and of course, pick their very own pumpkin!



In November, we started the month with a little lesson on voting. After sampling an Oreo and a chocolate chip cookie, the students were able to cast their vote on their favorite cookie. We went on to discussions about how to be a good friend. The students made friendship bracelets for a friend in class. Finally, we engaged in conversations about being thankful and the students were able to name things they are thankful for. We will continue to work on our letters, numbers and letter sounds. The students have been working hard and adjusting nicely. I am proud of their accomplishments so far!

PRE-K MRS. MONTANA

We started our Back To School lessons with many fun activities on friendship, classroom rules and transitioning throughout the day. We studied how apples grow, by making connections with many engaging books, such as, *Apples for Everyone*, *The Apple Pie Tree* and *Fall Apples*. As a whole class, we made a "Mock Apple Pies" using cooked apples, graham cracker crumbs and whipped cream. We collaborated with Mrs. Clinton's class, participating in apple tasting a variety of apples.

Students also became engaged in the Life Cycle of a Pumpkin, by using their senses and making predictions regarding the inside and outside of a pumpkin. We explored the various changing fall colors by going on a "leaf hunt" at a local park and around school 5. Students collected leaves and made leaf rubbing placemats. Our class collaborated with the speech, physical and occupational therapists on a Halloween lesson, using fruit to make bats and other animal shapes. Our Preschool Pumpkin Patch was enjoyed by all the students and teachers. They had the opportunity to pick a pumpkin, play games, eat apple cider doughnuts and drink apple cider!

During November, student lessons focused on the Thanksgiving holiday, family traditions, friendships and food. We collaborated with Mrs. Allmers, Librarian, during Raiders Read In Day. She read to the whole class, *The Thankful Book*, by Todd Parr. She also made a beautiful placemat with the students, listing what they are most thankful for.

Students and parents participated in making a Thankful Turkey as a home project. They decorated and

listed on the turkey feathers all the things they are thankful for. Students brought them back to school and shared them with their friends.

I'm so proud of all of my preschoolers and look forward to our winter themed lessons and holidays!



PRE-K MS. CARSON

Our Pre-k 7 class has been working hard since September! In September, the students started out the school year by becoming familiar with the routine of the classroom. They started by learning where to place items in their cubby and how to adjust to the routine of the day. The students came together and made a friendship wreath with paint as a way to welcome and bring all our friends together. As September went on we explored apples by talking about them, touching them, opening an apple, and making the parts of an apple out of a plate and crayons.



As October approached, the students began exploring the community by taking trips to the park where they can see the leaves changing and work on their gross motor skills. Not only that, but the students felt the outside and inside of a pumpkin. We did many different activities with pumpkins such as name writing, shape matching, and tissue art.

In November, my class has been reading stories about being thankful and Thanksgiving. We have done art projects that involve making turkey's and also incorporate math and writing. We also made placemats that the students were sent home with to enjoy on Thanksgiving. Right before the break, the students started

their Thanksgiving feast early by cooking and tasting mashed potatoes! We are having a lot of fun in Pre-K and look forward to starting our gingerbread theme soon!

PRE-K MS. CLINTON

Ms. Clinton's pre-k class has been very busy this fall! In September, we began the year by learning the letters of our name through name-based activities and crafts. We also discussed how to be a good friend and make "happy" choices at school. We kicked off October with fun lessons on pumpkins and the changing autumn weather. We opened up a pumpkin and enjoyed a "trip" to the School #5 pumpkin patch.

In November, we learned about the holiday of Thanksgiving and the concept of thankfulness. We followed a visual recipe to create mashed potatoes for our Thanksgiving feast. We also created Thanksgiving placemats to enjoy at our home with our families. We look forward to starting our units on gingerbread and holiday traditions.



PRE-K MRS. LEE

Our Pre-k Room 3 has been working very hard throughout these first few months of school. In September, we kicked off by learning our daily routines and classroom rules and getting acquainted with new friends. We also focused around apples where we tasted, identified, and graphed our favorite apples. In October, we introduced the season of fall and learned about pumpkins. We were able to feel and learn all the parts of a pumpkin. We also made our very own pumpkin pie by using ingredients such as vanilla pudding, graham crackers, pumpkin filling, and some whip cream to top it off. We also became scientists and experimented to make pumpkin volcanoes! Oh, we were so excited to see what happened when we mix a few ingredients to make it erupt! Also at the end of the month, we had the best Pumpkin Patch event! We drank the most delicious apple cider and ate yummy apple cider donuts. My favorite! In November, we learned all the things that we are grateful for. We continued to identify letters from A-M and numbers 1-10. We continue to build our fine motor skills and work hard throughout the day. We are having so much fun in Pre-K and look forward to all the upcoming lessons in the next few months.



PRE-K MS. APICE

The fun hasn't stopped for PK1 since September! We got into the groove of the school year by becoming familiar with classroom rules and routines. We learned that apples can be different colors. We used red, yellow, & green apples and paint to make apple impressions on construction paper. Our class loved spending time on the playground. Drawing with chalk, basketball, and climbing are our favorite things to do outside. When we can't go outside, we love to sing, dance, and play games. In October, we learned a lot about pumpkins! One of our favorite activities was sorting pumpkins into different groups by size. We got to show off our creative sides by making our own jack-o-lanterns. Our favorite memories from October were joining Ms. Carson's, Mrs.

Clinton's, & Mrs. Lee's classes to make bats out of fruit and chocolate, and the Halloween parade, of course! Throughout November, we've focused on the importance of family and friend relationships. We are learning to share and take turns by playing games such as Connect 4, Mr. Bucket, & Don't Break the Ice. The Family Book by Todd Parr taught us that, although there are many different kinds of families, *all* families help us to be strong, and teach us how to love and be loved. We came together with Ms. Carson's class to celebrate Thanksgiving. Together we made mashed potatoes and fruit salad. This week we have been working on spelling our first names, counting members of our family, and the letter **H**. Our class will wrap up November by wearing our favorite hats on Friday. We look forward to all we have yet to learn, and becoming closer as our own little PK1 family!



GRADE 1: MRS. BROWN AND MS. CHICA

First grade has been very busy throughout the first trimester! We started the year off by launching Reader's and Writer's workshops. Students enjoyed listening to the mentor texts being read. Students also enjoyed publishing their very first story and shared them with both first-grade peers! We also began Sound with our science curriculum where students became scientists learning about vibrations, sound sources and sound receivers. In Math, students have learned various addition and subtraction strategies and are working hard at becoming fluent in addition and subtraction within 20. Students also have been growing as readers in our classrooms and have set goals to achieve throughout the year! We are very proud of our first graders and look forward to the second trimester!



GIRLS WHO CODE

Some of our sixth-grade girls are participating in a program that involves young women in computer science. Under the guidance of Mrs. Allmers, our media specialist, and Ms. Mounirou, a parent volunteer, our aspiring "coders" learn about women who impacted the field of computer science. They have also selected a project they will create and bring to fruition as a team. We can't wait to see the outcome!



GRADE 2: MRS. ORSO AND MRS. VENTO

Second grade has been working hard in Writer's Workshop on writing their personal narratives this trimester. Their stories were based on memories, special occasions, and people or places that have a special place in their hearts. After writing their drafts and revising and editing to make their stories perfect, they finally published their narratives and shared them with friends at a publishing celebration. They turned out great and they loved reading the comments their friends left. In Science, we have been studying solids and liquids. We learned about the properties of solids and liquids and were able to have many investigations that let the students work hands on with different objects.



GRADE 3: MRS. MAURIZIO AND MS. ROBLES

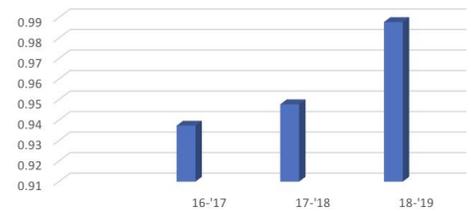
Both 3rd grades have been busy learning their multiplication and division facts! They are excited to welcome their new classmates, CRAYFISH! They will be studying the crayfish over the next month. The students are excited to learn about the structures of the crayfish and how they use them to function in their habitats. They are ending the month of November with an exciting trip to the Liberty Science Center!

GRADE 4: MR. NICHOLS AND MS. RODRIGUEZ



Both 4th Grades have participated in a remembrance of September 11th by handwriting a letter and mailing the letter to a New York Fire Station. The students were excited learning how to buy a stamp and place it correctly on a letter. In science, we've been working like scientists by asking questions, conducting investigations, and obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information. We've also learned how to multiply multi-digit numbers!

Attendance Trends



ATTENDANCE: WE ARE ON THE RISE!

Over the past three years we have been focusing on improving our attendance record here at School 5. Our percent of attendance for **2016-2017** was **93.7%**. We slightly increased our rate in **2017-2018** to **94.7%**. At this point in **2018-2019** we have increased our attendance to **98.8%**! Students are also getting to school on time. Keeping absences to a minimum for days when they are absolutely necessary due to illness is the major factor for our increase. Remember: Good attendance and punctuality are key to academic success! Way to go School 5 families! Let's keep it going!



BREAKFAST CLUB!

Don't forget Breakfast Club is available at 8:00 a.m. every day! Students can enjoy a healthy breakfast before starting their day. Free and reduced rates apply to breakfast. Breakfast Club gets us here on time and our bodies nourished to start our day! Visit this website to pay for meals online:

www.payforit.net

GRADE 5: MS. SCORDO

This year's fifth grade started with creating beautiful murals for September 11th, while they were each hung around the school as a beautiful and heartfelt tribute to our first responders and those who lost their lives. My students have also worked diligently on completing their Personal Narratives, and will soon be diving into their next Writing unit!

Our fifth grade recently enjoyed researching various Thanksgiving topics and created posters and educational activities for our friends and peers to engage in throughout our Thanksgiving Fair. Our Thanksgiving Fair was a great success and I couldn't be more proud of their efforts and creativity. The fifth grade has also taken on a great love for reading, as reading has become an everyday enjoyment throughout their daily routines.



GADE 6: MS. LAROSE

Grade 6 completed a Social Studies unit on Ancient Rome, as well as reading fiction and nonfiction passages about the immigration experience to the United States. They tracked the journey of a family member to the US and will be gathering stories from an elder over the Thanksgiving Recess to help preserve the past.

Inspired by the novel, The Hundred Dresses, students designed a dress from the POV of one of the main characters. The 6th Grade is learning how to simplify and identify equivalent algebraic expressions in Math and are busy tracking the phases of the Moon.

And every day and evening, the whole class reads!



ELL: MRS. STITZ

Our school year began with many new students from so many different places. We have been very busy learning how to communicate in English. We have been working on learning new vocabulary and expressing ourselves in English. We have been enjoying our new ESL series. Our I-pads and new Smartboard have given our class endless possibilities to acquire our new language!!!

RESOURCE ROOM: MS. MORALES

Students in the resource room became authors and published their first story from the Writer's Workshop Unit, How Writers Work. They were very excited to share their hard work with each other. While learning about Thanksgiving, students also learned about the importance of family, friends, and cultural diversity.

GUIDANCE: MRS. MATULEWICZ

In September, we participated in Sandy Hook's Promise "Start With Hello Week" to increase awareness of social isolation and promote connection in the classroom and community. Activities included Hey Day, Favorite Shirt Day and Compliments Day. In early October, we celebrated a "Week of Respect" with lessons and

activities to promote kindness. Later in October, for School Violence Awareness week we showed our community spirit by celebrating Spirit Week, wearing superhero shirts and crazy socks and showing determination to reject bullying. And finally, our districtwide Buddy Bench Project continues with phase two, painting the benches!

ART: MRS. O'HANLON AND MRS. ZURAVNSKY



4th grade started the year off learning about lines in Art while creating an Op Art piece, and are now taking their knowledge about form and creating 3-dimensional shapes. Students in 5th grade drew a vase that told a story through images about Greek Mythology, and are now starting to create Egyptian jewelry. 6th grade started the year learning about Japanese Art and created their own Notan design, and now they are creating a radial design based on a traditional guardian lion from China.

GIFTED AND TALENTED: MRS. O'HANLON

We welcomed 3 students from 3rd grade into SEARCH and they will be making their own passports and learning about form and learning about different parts of the world. 4th grade is learning about constellations while 5th grade students are creating a project on volcanoes. 6th grade is gaining knowledge about the human brain and buying and selling stocks with an imaginary \$100,000!



Under the guidance of Sgt. Miller and PO Merrill of the CPPD, our new Safety Patrol Squad was sworn in for the 2018-2019 school year.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER

BENEDETTA LIND
AMEER ALNABULSI
AZAMJON KARAEV
BEKMIRZA DALMINOV
GIADA AKKUS
ELA ULENGIN
ADELYN FERNANDEZ
DARWIN PEREIRA
DYLAN ALONZO
AUSTIN HROMIN
ELIJAH ACEVEDO
SINDY MOLINA QUEVEDO
MICHELLE SEGURA
KIARA CERNA
GIOVANNA ANJOS
SRI CHANDRIKA GOPARAJU
STEVEN CHUTA
YOUSSEFF CHAMOUN
YGNACIO FERNANDEZ
NANCY HABIB
ALANI CHRISTIAN

OCTOBER

MANOUG HABIBIAN
KIMBERLY RUIZ
VICTORIA JARZEMBOVSKY
KEREM KORKMAZ
BRIDGET PINTADO
EIDEN LLESHI
JOSEPH MARTINEZ
JACOB CHOI
NICHOLAS DONOHOE
AARON RAMAMPANDRISON
RYAN DIAZ
MIA SOSA
ALISON DAVILA
STEPHANIE ORTIZ
DEREK LOPEZ
TENEIL TURNBULL
ISABELLA LOPEZ
SELEN SARI
DAYOLIN PEREZ
BARBARA MILLAN
BRANDON VILLA
KATHERINE ESTRADA

NOVEMBER

RAYAN HAJA
ADAM GENC
AGUSTIN SOSA BARBOSA
HASAN AYGUN
YENA LI
JOSUE SARAVIA
PRICILLA MEDRANDA
JUSTIN MUNOZ
LUCAS SANDOVAL
MATTEO SANTANA
OMAR AHMAD
HAILEY MARIA
YARISA CANIL
PARSA TEROUHID
MIA CHAMOUN
GLEYDER DE LA ROCA
ESTRADA
SELENA WANG
ASHLYN ESTRADA
ALEXEI POGREBINSKIY
CARLOS LANDAZURI
JOLEEN KATTOURA
GABRIELLA LANDAZURRI



SEPTEMBER

COOPERATION & CITIZENSHIP

GIORDANA PORRINO
ADELYN FERNANDEZ
AIDEN YI
EZEKIEL VILLALOBOS
OLUTELE JAMES
FURKAN AKCABAL
SHANELLE SANCHEZ
FABIO QUEIROZ
SEAD KASAMAJ
AMIR SAHBAZ
AARON JACOB OPERIO
ISAAC LOAIZA
SAMANTHA LOZANO
JUSTIN SAGASTUME
EDWIN CANA ORDON
ANTHONY TZOY
SOFIA JURIC
BRIANNA CERNA
TATIANA TURNER
ERIK LOSHE
MARITA CHAMOUN

OCTOBER

RESPECT

SILAS JANNUCCI
AYDEN CURRUCHICH
ZAFEER BAKSH
LONDON LUGO
JANE FALERO
JEREMY JACOBO PEREZ
JOSELIN BALAN
AIDEN YI
KEN LEE
DYLAN GARDENIER
DOMINICK MARRERO
MARIANNA FERREIRA
LOGAN PERALTA
ZAHIDE AYGUN
LUIS QUEVEDO
KYLE ROBINSON
LEANDRO CASTILLO
ALISON HERNANDEZ
MELANIE ORTIZ
ALEXIS ALATISE
BILGE BALCI

NOVEMBER

HONESTY & INTEGRITY

LILIANA WOODS
GIANNA RAMSEY
LUCAS VENTURA
AVERY ESPINAL
DAYANNA VASQUEZ
ISABELLE JUNG
JOSEPH MARTINEZ
PENELOPE D'AMATO
BOSUNG PARK
AUSTIN HROMIN
KEVIN QUEVEDO
CHIDUBEM IRIAKA
JAYDEN BAKER
SAYDIA RASHID
LUIS DIAZ
ABRAR KAHLIL
GIOVANA ROBERT
TROY LEMUS
VESA SHALA
CLAIRE FALERO
SOPHIA DINATALE



Happy Holidays