

P.S. 133

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P.S. 133 Students and Families,

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I hope the entire P.S. 133 school community enjoyed a safe, restful, and joyful extended Thanksgiving recess with friends, families, and loved ones. It has been wonderful seeing so many of you in the building over the past few weeks—whether for our PTA Halloween Party, Special Education Parent Workshop, Student Council Induction Ceremony, SEL Family Fridays, or the Thanksgiving celebrations across our 3K and Pre-K classrooms. We truly value these opportunities to engage with you and to see you connect so meaningfully with your children.

Respect for All (CARES) and Social Emotional Learning continue to be our top priorities at P.S. 133. We remain committed to developing the character of our students and celebrating positive behavior through a variety of individual and collaborative incentives from 3K through Grade 5. While we look forward to recognizing students who consistently demonstrate positive behavior, we also remain dedicated to educating—and holding accountable—students whose actions fall below expectations. In addition to our CARES Assemblies, we will be visiting classrooms to reinforce what it means to be a respectful and responsible member of the P.S. 133 community, as we continue to integrate Respect for All, SEL, and the MindUp curriculum into daily instruction.

If you are interested in learning more about MindUp, please visit: <https://home.mindup.org/>

Our Green TEAM continues to make a significant impact throughout our school and community. They have prioritized Take Action Days, promoted plastic-free lunch opportunities, empowered students to sort lunchroom waste responsibly, and placed large blue recycling bins on each floor in collaboration with our custodial TEAM. We are excited to continue expanding composting, recycling, and other sustainability initiatives to ensure P.S. 133 actively contributes to protecting our environment.

We also extend our gratitude to our Student Safety Patrol for ensuring that students arriving early for breakfast or clubs enter the building safely each morning. They help maintain a clear and orderly main entrance as students and staff arrive each day. As always, please reach out directly with any safety concerns—student safety will always remain our number one priority.

We continue to be encouraged by our progress on our Instructional Journey, especially in the areas of Literacy and Math from 3K through Grade 5. Our staff works tirelessly to meet the diverse needs of all learners—those who need additional support and those who require deeper academic challenges. Equally important is ensuring that families have the tools needed to support learning at home. We hope our [Family Success Guide](#) serves as a helpful resource. Included in this packet is information to help you monitor your child's progress in i-Ready; students can access their i-Ready My Path at home at any time to support their individual learning journey.

Finally, student safety remains our highest priority. We continue to share best practices to ensure the safety of all students during arrival and dismissal. Traffic conditions around our school are an ongoing concern, and we ask for your partnership and compliance with traffic laws around the school property. Please keep the following reminders in mind:

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- Please obey all traffic and parking signs around the school
- Have your child enter through their designated grade-level door
- Do not block crosswalks or school/private driveways
- Do not double-park in drop-off zones
- Use crosswalks when walking your children to and from school
- If you must exit your car, please park in a designated area—not in a drop-off zone
 - Consider having your child sit on the passenger side for safer and easier exiting

For the safety of *all* children, we urge families to remain respectful, courteous, and compliant with traffic regulations during arrival and dismissal. While walking or parking and escorting your child may occasionally be inconvenient, the safety of every student must remain our shared priority. Please note that we have partnered with the 105th Precinct, who will support our collective efforts moving forward.

Below you will find information on several exciting experiences and events coming up at P.S. 133 this December.

- 12/1 - Marking Period 2 Begins
- 12/1 - 5th Grade to the Holiday Light Show
- 12/2 - Student Council Executive Board to Ronald McDonald House
- 12/2 - Classes K/1, 2/3, 4/5 to JFK - Jetblue Holiday Party
- 12/4 - Basketball vs. P.S. 266 (Home - 10:00AM)
- 12/5 - P.S. 133 Soapbox - 9:00AM
- 12/8 - Computer Science Family Event - 2:30PM (Main Entrance)
- 12/9 - First Grade to Alley Pond
- 12/9 - Basketball vs. P.S. 133 (Away - 10:00AM)
- 12/10 - 3rd Grade to NY Hall of Science
- 12/11 - 4th Grade to NY Hall of Science
- 12/12 - Middle School Applications Close
- 12/12 - 2nd Grade to Arts on Stage
- 12/15 - Marking Period 1 Report Cards (Digital)
- 12/15 - Scholastic Book Fair - All Week!
- 12/17 - 3rd Grade Ballet Residency
- 12/18 - 3K Family Engagement
- 12/19 - PreK Family Engagement
- 12/19 - 3K, PreK, Kindergarten Open House - 9:00AM
- 12/24 - 1/2 - Winter Recess (School Closed)

As ongoing communication and feedback continues to be a priority for all of us at P.S. 133, you are all invited to attend our in-person **SLT** meeting each month, being held on **Monday, December 8th at 5:30pm** in our Library. Additionally, we hope you are able to attend our monthly **PTA Meeting**, taking place on **Tuesday, December 16th at 6:00PM** via Zoom. Lastly, to ensure all families are able to have any questions, concerns or wonderings asked, I will be hosting a **Coffee and Conversation** for families on **Friday, December 19th at 8:00AM**.

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

Sincerely,
Matthew Paolano, Principal

