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P.S. 133 Students and Families,

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As we transition to the month of October, we first must celebrate the month of September, where we launched the 2025-2026 school year, with the "Nine Days of Love". This provided our students and staff with the opportunity to foster relationships, while building and implementing various classroom systems, structures and routines that will provide a foundation for the months ahead.

Throughout October we find various ways to demonstrate our awareness for Breast Cancer, as we recognize all of the lives that have been touched by this disease, even within our own school community. We have a variety of activities planned and scheduled throughout the week and month, including our Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on Friday, October 3rd, where everyone is encouraged to wear pink, while displaying posters or signs to show their support. Together, we stand as one P.S. 133 family in raising awareness for breast cancer.

We have begun our Respect For All assemblies with our students, while continuing our very important character development work with C.A.R.E.S, focusing on the values of Community, Compassion and Creativity. While student achievement will always be the main priority for all of us at P.S. 133, character development and ensuring a safe, positive social and emotional well-being is just as important. We are confident in the various systems, structures and supports already in place, to ensure our students have their feelings cared for, tended to, and heard, while also ensuring they are being mindful, aware and accountable of the behavior we expect them to demonstrate on a daily basis. Be on the lookout for C.A.R.E.S. CASH, our school-aligned reward system for all students.

As we begin to support the progress and performance of each and every student, fall Universal Screeners are already being administered in K-5 classrooms, using both the Acadience and I-Ready programs. These assessments are not graded, but rather utilized to gather information so that we can best support each individual student, whether they are in need of additional support, or enrichment opportunities. Please see the letter detailing the I-Ready and Acadience programs that was distributed to all students and families, and also posted on our website [here](#). Throughout the school year, we will continuously monitor all of our students, ensuring they each have the opportunity to achieve at their greatest potential, as we utilize [Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports \(MTSS\)](#) to support our collective goal of student achievement.

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Beginning on September 15th, and continuing through October 15th, we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at P.S. 133. Our TEAM has put together an ample amount of resources that can be utilized by all staff to educate our students on various cultures, music, food, etc, while we formally celebrate Hispanic Culture throughout the week of October 6th with student activities, assemblies, and a “Family Friday” event.

- 10/2 - Yom Kippur **(School Closed)**
- 10/3 - Breast Cancer Awareness Walk - **WEAR PINK!**
- 10/6 - Grade 1 Library Trip (Mejia/Arcuri)
- 10/7 - Grade 1 Library Trip (Steck/Scarpulla)
- 10/8 - Grade 1 Library Trip (Athanasoplous)
- 10/8 - Hispanic Heritage Musical Assemblies
- 10/9 - Middle School Application Workshop - 10:30AM
- 10/10 - Hispanic Heritage Family Friday (See Schedule)
- 10/13 - Indigenous Peoples Day, Columbus Day **(School Closed)**
- 10/14 - Grade 1 Library Trip (Shenocker)
- 10/15 - Virtual Club Fair - (Google Form Link Sharing at 2:30PM)
- 10/15 - Middle School Applications Open
- 10/17 - PTA Presents...**Pumpkin Patch!**
- 10/20 - Diwali **(School Closed)**
- 10/23 - MS 172 visit...”Little Big Hearts”
- 10/24 - Student Council Induction Ceremony, 9:00AM
- 10/24 - PTA Presents...Halloween “Boo-Bash” - 5:00pm
- 10/28 - Middle School Application Workshop - 10:30AM
- 10/31 - Halloween “Vocabulary” Parade! (Details to follow)

As ongoing communication and feedback continues to be a priority, you are all invited to attend our in-person **SLT** meeting each month, being held on **Monday, October 6th at 5:30PM** in our Library. Additionally, we hope you are able to attend our monthly **PTA Meeting**, taking place on **Tuesday, October 21st 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, October 24th at 8:00AM in the Reading Garden.**

Thank you for your continued support of our entire school community, and we look forward to a great school year.

Sincerely,
Matthew Paolano, Principal

