

P.S. 133

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P.S. 133 Students and Families,

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It has been so nice seeing so many families of late, either at our recent PTA "Boo Bash", Diwali Celebration, or during our most recent Halloween "Vocabulary" Parade! Not only do we love when our students are having fun; we love when our families are alongside them having fun together!

As the fall and winter months approach, **health and hygiene** continue to be extremely important to all of us. If your child is sick, please keep them home. Unfortunately, if they come to school and symptoms present themselves, they will be brought to the nurse and you will be contacted to pick your child up. Anytime you pick up your child from the nurse, you must first sign them out from the main office, followed by picking them up in the nurse's office. Additionally, if you ever need to pick up your child for an appointment, you are advised to avoid the lunch/recess period, as it may take a while to have your child brought to the office, as additional moving parts are involved at those times.

We continue to support our students' character development with our **Respect For All** program, C.A.R.E.S., as we continue to educate, and reward positive behavior through our School "CARES CASH" Store, pertaining to Appreciation, Authenticity and Achievement, based on the past two months. As we continue through the next few months, our focus will shift towards the ways our students demonstrate what Community, Compassion and Creativity look like, while we praise, and reward those students as opportunities arise. We look forward to continuing to highlight these positive behaviors, and look to see these values show up even more in the cafeteria and during recess, as our "Owl is on the Prowl". Remember, P.S. 133, CARES about you!

Our Canyon Creek portal remains open throughout the week for you to schedule appointments for upcoming **Parent Teacher Conferences** being held on Thursday, November 7th. This will provide all families with a formal structure to connect with their child's teacher on how your child is progressing academically, socially, emotionally and behaviorally, as we ALL collectively support them on their individual journey. We continue to educate our students in alignment with the [NYC Reads](#) and [NYC Solves](#) initiatives, as we design and deliver lessons in both HMH Into Reading, as well as Illustrative Mathematics. Please ensure you peruse our recently shared [Family "Key to Success" Guide](#), as it provides you with ample information and strategies on how to best support your child at home.

Our TEAM continues to do fantastic work, as it connects to our **school priorities** of Supportive Environment and Rigorous Instruction, as we will always prioritize the ways our students feel when inside our school. Additionally, we can't say enough about the way our teachers and staff are engaging students in daily lessons, as they engage them in a variety of ways, connected to real-world authentic experiences. We

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continue to work to find new ways to support families, and urge you to reach out with any suggestions that you have, with how we can support you, with supporting your child, at home.

See below for some exciting school experiences on the horizon at P.S. 133.

- 11/3 - CARES Assemblies and CARES CASH Store open for business
- 11/4 - NO SCHOOL (Election Day)
- 11/5 - 5th Grade Parent MS Application Workshop (1PM - Library)
- 11/6 - Parent Teacher Conferences (Half-Day for Students - Dismissal at 11:20am)
- 11/7 - Little Big Heart visit from M.S. 172
- 11/10 - 2nd Grade Trip to Green Meadow Farm
- 11/10 - 5th Grade Parent MS Application Workshop (5PM - Zoom)
- 11/11 - NO SCHOOL (Veterans Day)
- 11/14 - "Family Friday" - Spread Kindness!
- 11/17 - Schoolwide Spelling Bee (Grades 4,5 Only)
- 11/18 - Special Education Family Workshop (8:45am)
- 11/18 - Picture Day - All Students (3K-5th Grade)
- 11/19 - WASTE Climate Action Day - No Paper!
- 11/20 - PreK Family Engagement - 11:00AM
- 11/24 - 5th Grade Trip to M.S. 172 - Irwin Altman Experience
- 11/24 - 11/26 - Spirit Week! (PJ's, Fall Colors, 133 Gear)
- 11/26 - 3K Family Engagement - 11:00AM
- 11/26 - Marking Period 1 Ends
- 11/27, 11/28 - NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Recess)

As ongoing communication and feedback continues to be a priority at P.S. 133, please be mindful of the following formal and informal dates and times. All constituents are welcome to attend our in-person **SLT** meeting each month, being held on **Monday, November 10th at 5:30pm** in our Library. Additionally, we hope you are able to attend our monthly **PTA Meeting** taking place on **Tuesday, November 18th at 6:00PM** via Zoom, which will also serve as our Safety Town Hall. Lastly, our **Coffee and Conversation** taking place in November will be held on **Friday, November 21st at 8:15AM** in the Library, as we share some of the ways that families can support their children at home.

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

Sincerely,

Matthew Paolano, Principal