



PUBLIC SCHOOL 32 JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Dear Public School 32 Families:

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and I wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2011!

Holiday Show

This year's Holiday Show was a huge success! Our students were incredible. Their musical expressions and artistic talents were extraordinary. I would like to thank all parents and staff who participated and supported this wonderful event. A special thank you to Mr. Noel, Mr. Dave, their Assistant Teachers and the P.S. 32 PTA and Arts Committee for their exceptional work and dedication to the Arts. In addition, I would like to thank Ms. Ziporah Mills and the P.S. 261 community for opening their doors allowing us to have our holiday show.

Homework

As we start the New Year, continue to encourage your children to read every night and review the math they learned that day. Homework should be done on a nightly basis. Children in the upper grades should know their math facts in all areas of operations. It is so important for children to read and to know their math facts to ensure success on the upcoming standardized exams. For those children in Early Childhood grades, parents you should read to your children each night. Discuss the book. Children should be guided but let your child do his/her own work. Homework is a reinforcement of the day's learning and a way that teachers can see if your child has mastered the topic. Encourage your child to do his/her homework neatly! If your child is absent one day from school it is expected that your child makes up the homework the next day. If your child is going to be absent for several days, please contact your child's classroom teacher for their assignments.

Attendance

We continue to encourage you to send your child to school on a daily basis. If children are in school, they will be able to keep up with the demands of the school curriculum and perform well each day. Children should not be absent more than 10% of the school year as per the Chancellor's Regulation. (You should send an absence note to the teacher explaining the reason for your child's absence on the day your child returns to school). Please refrain from making medical appointments or other appointments during the school day for your child. If your child leaves early, he/she is missing valuable instructional time. Kindly make appointments for after school hours or on weekends. They are subject to retention in their current grade if they are absent more than 10% of the school year. As you have been informed previously, student attendance and performance on the standardized tests in grades 3- 5 will determine promotion to the next grade. Students must score a minimum of a level 2 on all standardized tests as well as have good attendance in order to be promoted to the next grade. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration of your child's attendance in school. *It is also important that students are in attendance on half days. On Friday January 7th students will have a half day of school. Dismissal will be at 11:45 a.m. Students who attend Good Shepherd will be dismissed to Good Shepherd staff at 11:45. On this day the PS 32 staff will be studying the new common core standards and planning for instruction.*

Office News

Please check your child's school bag daily for important notices, letters or fliers that are sent home by the teacher, school or PTA. This is our primary way of keeping in contact with you and to keep you apprised of school activities and information. In addition, if you change your address, home phone number, cell phone number or work phone number, please notify Ms. Jeri Yodice, in the main office, so that your child's blue emergency contact card can be brought up to date as well official information in ATS, the Department of Education computer system. We need to have current information so that we may contact you in the event of an emergency or if your child becomes ill in school.

PBIS CORNER
The PBIS focus for the month of January & February is **Kindness!** We are asking everyone in the P.S. 32 community to act kindly and with respect to each other throughout the school day. The children will engage in many activities promoting kindness.

Dates For Future Planning
Mid Winter Recess — School closed
Monday February 21 -
Friday February 25

Parent Teacher Conferences
Tuesday March 15, 2011
1:00-3:00 & 5:00-7:30 p.m.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our January 11, 2011 PTA Meeting and Family 'Fun' Fitness Night. May our school community continue to work together as we advocate for the wonderful P.S. 32 students and families. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours truly,
Ms. Florio



A Message from our Parent Coordinator

Happy New Year!

I would like to thank all the families that participated in our December Family Fun Bingo night event. It was so nice to see so many families having fun and celebrating with other families.

This month P.S. 32 will begin showcasing our wonderful classrooms with Kindergarten tours. It also begins the pre-registration application process for Kindergarten students. Tours begin Wednesday, January 5th at 9am in the main lobby.

The next Family Fun Night will take place on Tuesday January 11th, following the PTA meeting and we will be celebrating Physical Fitness. You will get an opportunity to participate in a light workout and find out about an important assessment that children in the upper grades are required to take.

My Parent Nutrition Workshop begins on January 12th. This is an eight week workshop. The time is 8:45 am - 10:45 am. You must commit to all eight weeks. This workshop includes cooking and light exercise. If you are interested please contact me. All are welcomed! Younger children are welcomed to attend at all workshops!

More exciting news! P.S. 32 has been awarded 3 Family Reading Nights from Target. The dates are January 19, 26 and February 2. These workshops will emphasize the importance of reading as a family and offer tips to help make reading fun. There will be refreshments and giveaways of books and tote bags at each family night! Hope to see you there!

Important: Saturday school begins for students in grades 3 - 5 on January 22nd. It is important that your child attends these classes as it will prepare them for the upcoming State exams as well as provide them with enrichment opportunities, including Tennis. Students that attend will be able to participate in our free tennis program. Your child will learn to play tennis and may even get to compete citywide. This is a great opportunity!

Please contact me if you have any questions at 347-563-5369 or email me at Abowie@schools.nyc.gov.