

P.S. 99 Queens - The Kew Gardens School
Two Buildings, One Heart!

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

December 2019

It was a pleasure to see so many parents visit the school during the month of November. During the Fall Parent/Teacher conferences, 93% of our parents attended and many came for open school week visits. I am hoping to see you again in December at one of the upcoming events listed below.

I want to extend my appreciation to all of you who have participated in this year's principal's fundraiser/candy sale. It was a huge success. Your continued support helps make the school a great place for students to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS - There will be many more opportunities for parents to join us at the school this month. There are Holiday Concerts (both during the day and evening) and the Parents' Association Winterfest. Below are the dates for these events.

- **Grade 2 Tea with the Principal** - Friday, December 20th at 8:30AM in the Library.
- The **Parents' Association Winterfest** will be held on Friday, December 13th for grades K-2 from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. and grades 3-6 from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. in the Annex.
- The **Annual Holiday Concert** will be held during the following dates and times. Parents are welcome to attend any of the times listed. Please note that at the evening performance all students must be accompanied by an adult for the entire performance.

- Tuesday, December 17th - 9:15 a.m. Kindergarten and Grade 2
- Wednesday, December 18th - 9:15 a.m. Grades 3&5.
- Thursday, December 19th - 10:00 a.m. Grades 4&6- **December 19th Evening Performance 6:30pm**
- Friday, December 20th - 9:15am Grade 1

Spelling Bee Winners - The school conducted our annual Spelling Bee Contest on November 18th. I am proud to announce that the winner of the spelling bee was Samuel Stein, 1st runner up was Vivian Wallace and 2nd runner up was Layla Bleiweiss. These three students will be representing P.S. 99 in the Borough Wide Spelling Bee Contest. The date will be announced.

Spooky Poetry Contest - The winner of the Spooky Poetry Contest is Eva Langer from class 6-305. Congratulations. If you would like to read the poem look for it in the fall of edition of the Buzz.

Career and College Awareness Day at P.S. 99Q will take place on Thursday, January 23, 2020. Please mark your calendars. Notices will be going home in January. I do hope that many of you will be able to share what you do every day with the P.S. 99 students.

School Focus - Building teacher capacity to enable all students to actively participate in classroom discussions, utilizing ENL protocols, "Think, Jot, Pair, Share," "Echo, explain, elaborate," "Give One, Get One," and "Talk Detectives."

Schools will be closed for Winter Recess from Monday, December 23rd through Wednesday, January 1st. Students return to school on Thursday, January 2nd.

The staff of P.S. 99 and I wish you a very Happy Holiday season and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Paulette Foglio
Principal