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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to begin my newsletter by thanking all the parents who attended Career Day on Friday, January 29th. It was wonderful to see you all. Our students found your visits interesting and we hope that you will continue to join us in the future.

The children will celebrate Cultural Share Week during the week of February 1st. Each day they will participate in a special classroom activity from sharing unique artifacts from their culture, bringing in CD's of traditional music, listening to fascinating cultural stories, dressing up in clothing worn from around the world and enjoying delicious foods. It is a week that P.S. 99 looks forward to every year. It culminates with a Parents' Association special event "World Festival" on Friday, February 5th from 6-8PM in the main building. Come celebrate your heritage. Fliers were sent home where you can request tickets to attend this event.

"**Promotion in Doubt Letters**" will be sent home beginning February 2, 2016 to the parents of all students who are at risk of not meeting promotional criteria. Please sign and return the tear-off to school upon receipt. If you have not already done so, please arrange to meet with your child's teacher to discuss this matter.

The students in grades 3-6 will be taking the NYS ELA and Mathematics exam. The schedule is as follows:

NYS ELA Test Dates	**NYS Math Test Dates**
Grade 3 – April 5, 6 & 7	Grade 3 – April 13, 14 & 15
Grade 4 – April 5, 6 & 7	Grade 4 – April 13, 14 & 15
Grade 5 – April 5, 6 & 7	Grade 5 – April 13, 14 & 15
Grade 6 – April 5, 6 & 7	Grade 6 – April 13, 14 & 15

In order to prepare the students so that they are ready, the school will be administering practice exams. The practice schedule is as follows:

Practice ELA Test Schedule	**Practice Math Test Schedule**
Grade 3 – March 8, 9 & 10	Grade 3 – March 30, 31 & April 1
Grade 4 – March 8, 9 & 10	Grade 4 – March 30, 31 & April 1
Grade 5 – March 8, 9 & 10	Grade 5 – March 30, 31 & April 1
Grade 6 – March 8, 9 & 10	Grade 6 – March 30, 31 & April 1

We will be celebrating our 13th Annual "**100th Day of School"** on Friday, February 26th in the Annex. It is an event in which our K-2 students will display special exhibits showcasing their understanding of "100."

February's traditional special events will take place as usual. **Warm and Fuzzy Day** will take place on Friday, February 12th. This is a day where students can send a note to someone special. Our annual **Bunny Hop-A-Thon** will take place on Friday, February 26th for grades K -2.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming **Parent/Teacher conferences** on Thursday, March 3rd. Both the day and evening conferences will be held on this day. Please mark your calendar.

Important – School will be closed for Winter Recess Monday, February 15th – Friday, February 19th.

Sincerely,

Paulette Foglio
Principal