

P.S. 99 Queens - The Kew Gardens School

Two Buildings, One Heart!

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you that I have decided to retire as principal of PS 99 as of February 7, 2020. My decision was not an easy one because I love being your principal. PS 99 is a very unique school because of all of you. Here, at PS 99, we are a true family that respects one another and works together to accomplish challenging goals. I am so proud of the PS 99 students because you strive to do your best. You have shown that you love coming to school and have a great, love of learning. At this time, I would like to extend my gratitude to the PS 99 community for contributing to making PS 99 the successful school it is. I thank you for making my dream come true.

Career Day, on Thursday, January 23rd was an amazing day at our school. It is by far one of my most favorite special events. Classrooms were filled with parents and special guests sharing their professions and new ideas, which could lead you to careers that you may never have considered. Children listened attentively and asked many thought-provoking questions. I was happy to learn that many of our presenters have been here before and make it an annual event to attend.

The children will celebrate Cultural Share Week during the week of February 3rd. 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 7th from 6-8PM in the main building. Come celebrate your heritage. Fliers were sent home with information regarding this special event.

"**Promotion in Doubt Letters**" will be sent home beginning February 10, 2020 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 receive a letter, 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

Grade 3 – March 25 & 26

Grade 4 – March 25 & 26

Grade 5 – March 25 & 26

Grade 6 – March 25 & 26

NYS Math Test Dates

Grade 3 –April 22 & 23

Grade 4 –April 22 & 23

Grade 5 –April 22 & 23

Grade 6 –April 22 & 23

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

Grade 3 – February 26 & 27

Grade 4 – February 26 & 27

Grade 5 – February 26 & 27

Grade 6 – February 26 & 27

Practice Math Test Schedule

Grade 3 – March 11 & 12

Grade 4 – March 11 & 12

Grade 5 – March 11 & 12

Grade 6 – March 11 & 12

The Cultural After School Adventures program ("CASA") - Theater Group will begin on Monday, February 24th and will run for 12 Monday sessions for selected grade 5 students. Students will stay after school in the auditorium/dance studio, participating in a performing arts class with a creative arts team from City University of New York (CUNY), and our performing arts teacher, Ms. D'Andrea. Applications will be sent home shortly. This partnership was made available through funds from Councilmember Karen Koslowitz.

We will be celebrating our 17th Annual "**100th Day of School**" on Friday, February 14th in the Annex. It is an event in which our K-2 students will display special exhibits showcasing their understanding of the number "100." Join us from 9:00am – 10:30am to view the exhibit.

February's traditional special events will take place as usual. **Warm and Fuzzy Day** will take place on Friday, February 14th. This is a day where students can send a kind note to another student or teacher. Our **Hoops for Heart** event will take place from February 3-7 for grade K-2 students. Hoops for Heart donations can be sent to school until Friday, February 7th.

Our upcoming **Parent/Teacher conferences** on Thursday, March 6th. The day and evening conferences will be held on this day. Notices will be sent home for you to select the time you prefer to attend.

Important – School will be closed for **Winter Recess Monday, February 17th – Friday, February 21st**

My best wishes to each and every one of you. May you be blessed with good health, peace and success in all that you do.

Sincerely,


Paulette Foglio
Principal