

P.S. 99 Queens - The Kew Gardens School

Two Buildings, One Heart!

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As Spring arrives so does the administration of the NYS assessments. It is important that you mark your calendars with these dates so that your child is in attendance at school. The NYS English Language Arts exam will be a two day exam on **March 25 & 26**. The NYS Mathematics exam will be a two day exam on **April 22 & 23**.

In order to simulate testing conditions for your child, practice tests will be administered on March 11th and 12th in Math. Please make sure your child is in school on these days. It is the school's way of giving your child the opportunity to experience what it is like to take a State exam prior to the actual test.

IMPORTANT – WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. The school hopes to get as many of our parents to complete the NYC 2020 School Survey – During Parent/Teacher conferences, surveys will be distributed to parents as they arrive. A Raffle will be held for families who complete their survey at the school (1 ticket per family). Surveys can be completed in either the Main Building Library or the Annex Cafeteria. Mailboxes where you can place your completed survey will be located at both school entrances, the Library and Annex Cafeteria. If you prefer to complete your survey online you can go to the Main Building Library where computers will be available. Assistance will be on hand, if needed, in multiple languages. *Your opinion matters.*

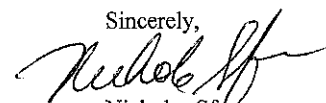
P.S. 99 has an Instagram Page!! Please follow us at [ps99_kew_gardens_school](#) for upcoming school events, parent workshops, student activities, etc. Please understand this page is for informational purposes only. It is a way for us to let our parents and community know what is happening at P.S.99.

March Events at P.S. 99. There will be many events for parents to participate in during this month.

- **School Safety Committee Open Meeting**, Wednesday, March 4th at 8:45 a.m. in the Library. This meeting is open to all members of the P.S. 99 community.
- **Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on the afternoon and evening, Thursday, March 5th from 1-3 and 5:00-8 p.m.** This will provide you with an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to determine strategies that will ensure your child's success in school. The Parents' Association will host a **Bake Sale** during Parent/Teacher conferences.
- **Punch 'n Pillow Day**, Friday, March 6th is a day for special read-alouds where the school invites parents and members of the community to visit classes and read their favorite book. Students come to school wearing their most comfortable clothing and the school provides refreshments for them to enjoy.
- **Grade K-6 Parent Workshops**, Friday, March 13th from 8:45am in the main building's library. The topic will be "Improving Reading Skills."
- **Parents' Association General Membership Meeting**, Thursday, March 19th from 6:00-8:00PM in the Main Building. Parents are encouraged to attend to learn about upcoming events, as well as learning about the daily functions of the school.
- **Grade 5 Tea with the Principal**, Friday, March 20th. A teacher from the grade will share what students are learning on their grade. In addition, you will have an opportunity to chat with the Principal and get to know other parents better.
- **Twin Day**, Friday, March 20th. Staff and students participate in this fun event by dressing alike.
- **Birthday Celebration**, Friday, March 20th. Happy Birthday to those of you celebrating a Birthday in the month of March.

I hope you will have the opportunity to join us at one of the special events, as well as our Spring Parent/Teacher conferences.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Sforza
Principal I.A.