

# P.S. 99 Queens - The Kew Gardens School

*Two Buildings, One Heart!*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the 2018/2019 school year comes to a close we celebrate our achievements. Our students have worked diligently this year in achieving the standards and our teachers and staff offered a wide range of opportunities for students to learn in a nurturing environment. I am very proud of our school community because together our parents, staff and students collaborated which allowed the education being offered to be one of high quality. Listed below are some special events we will be celebrating in June.

- **Annual Book Swap** will take place in both buildings on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Grade 6 Promotional Ceremony** will take place on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at P.S. 144 in Forest Hills. Students should arrive no later than 8:30AM.
- **Grade 6 Dance** will take place on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-9:30PM in the Annex. Students must be picked up by an adult.
- There will be a **Grade 2 Moving Up Ceremony** Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. in the Main Building Auditorium. The ceremony is to acknowledge the fact that our grade 2 students will be moving up from the Annex to the Main Building. I am hoping that you will join us. Your child will be looking forward to seeing you there.

Please note schools are closed on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Eid al-Fitr and there is no school for students on **Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. In addition, the last day of the Parents' Association After School Program will be Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**STUDENT COUNCIL:** Student Council had a wonderful 2019/2020 school year. They began the year with the annual City Harvest Food Drive, where P.S. 99Q students collected over 700 pounds of food to feed the hungry in New York City. New this year was their partnership with Birthday Wishes, an organization that gives birthday parties to children in shelters. With some of the Box Tops money they earned this year (over \$900) they put together enough goody bags to help six children celebrate a birthday with friends. A goal they reached this year was to expand the school's lunch clubs to include more activities such as Lego, board games, puzzles and computers. This helped make the indoor days a little brighter! We are proud of their accomplishments!

**PEACE COMMITTEE:** Ms. Portnoy and Mr. Maire worked with 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to spread peace among P.S. 99. They began the year working with artist, Karen Fitzgerald. Together, they observed parts of nature to create sketches that represented peaceful images. They learned how to enlarge their drawings onto larger pieces of paper. Then they used their imaginations to add whispers to their sketches, inspired by the poem, "Each Sky Has It's Words," by Richard Lewis. After they finished adding their whispers, the designs were traced and cut from copper. These designs are now hanging on display in the entranceway of the Annex building. The students also created prints of their designs, which are displayed in the windows of the entrance. The students loved being able to make each piece personal by adding a part of their imagination. Head over to the Annex to see the beautiful copper creations soar from above, while the whispers are speaking out from the windows around you.

**SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS:** All students are mandated to complete a summer math and reading assignment by the first day of school, Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Students will receive a reading assignment in which they are requested to read a given number of books and complete an activity, such as creating a puppet, cereal box, book jacket, etc. Please read the directions carefully. In **math**, all grades will receive a take home packet. Please return the tear-off that indicates you are aware that your child has summer assignments, to your child's teacher **by Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**. These assignments will be graded by your child's teacher when they return in September.

**Please mark your calendar. School will reopen on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> for students. The Parents' Association After School program will begin on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> for grades 1-6 only.**

Best wishes to the P.S. 99 community for a restful, safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

*Paulette Foglio*

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Principal

**REMINDER - 2019/2020 P.A. AFTER SCHOOL SESSION 1 REGISTRATION**  
**Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 3-5PM in the main building and**  
**Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 3-5PM in the main building**