



# PS 24 Queens Email Blast

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## PS 24Q's Multicultural Festival

PS 24 is fortunate to be part of a multicultural community and we celebrated the diversity of cultures with a **Multicultural Festival** last evening! The Showcase and Performances were a huge success and highlighted the strength of our community as we came together to share and learn more about each other. We would like to thank the school administrators, teachers, staff, Child Center of New York, PTA volunteers and all of our families for your support and effort.



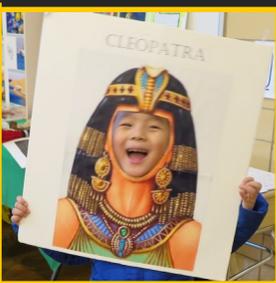
**PS 24Q MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL**  
Thursday, April 6, 2017  
Beginning at 6:30pm

Cultural Displays in the Gymnasium

Performance Program:

- American National Anthem & Indian Instrumental Melody by Rohan G
- Dance Fusion by Child Center of New York
- Rhythmic of the Rain by Ajayak Das
- Columbia Dance by Borromini Yorgana Family
- Indian Speech by Arun Lakshminarayanan
- Ghazal & Dastgah by North Indian Group
- Dance on Ford & Egg by Punjabi Group
- Classical & Kathak by South Indian Group
- Lungi Dance by Indian Boys Group & Vaidhyanath
- Mattini Laga by Indian Group
- Bangladesh Speech by Sajibul Hossain
- USA Bangladesh by Bangladesh Group
- Frog by Child Center of New York
- Chinese Lion Dance by the New York Hung Sing (Egong) Lion Dance Troupe

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## Explore With Your Child in Central Park!

More than a million visitors a year flock here for quality time with some 130 species that inhabit this 6.5-acre corner of Central Park. Don't miss the Allison Maher Stern snow leopard exhibit, where tots can look for the critically endangered cats in a rocky evergreen landscape meant to replicate the mountainous regions of Central Asia. Visit the frigid penguin house to see the Gentoo and Chinstrap penguins waddle, and try to spot King penguins. At the Amphibian Crisis Center, children can observe jungle frogs, poison-dart frogs, Surinam toads and tons of other little critters. Your family can also gape at a giant indoor ant farm complete with interactive "I Spy..." challenges or explore the outdoor Tisch Children's Zoo: It houses more than 30 species, including goats and cows that enjoy being petted.



### Conservatory Garden

This serene garden is a quiet zone, so if you bring your kids, be sure they abstain from biking, running, playing sports and making noise. Generally that's pretty hard, but give it your best shot. At the center of the garden, you'll find Frances Hodgson Burnett Memorial Fountain, a tribute to the author of *The Secret Garden*, with two figures said to depict Mary and Dickon at one end of a small lily pool. Visitors flock to the garden in the spring to see gorgeous tulip displays, and in autumn to see chrysanthemums—believe us, it's worth the trip.



### Conservatory Water

Also known as the "model boat pond," this contained body of water hosts miniature radio and wind-powered vessels from April through October. Originally, the ornamental pond was created as a reflecting pool for a glass conservatory, but that particular project was abandoned. E.B. White also famously set the boat scene in *Stuart Little* here! Visitors can rent a boat or purchase snacks at the Kerbs Memorial Boathouse, just east of the pond. Nearby, you'll find the Hans Christian Anderson statue, so be sure to check it out.



### Belvedere Castle

Take in a sweeping view of the Great Lawn, the Ramble and Turtle Pond from Belvedere Castle, a folly built on one of the highest points in the park. Inside they'll find the Henry Luce Nature Observatory, where they can peer into microscopes and telescopes, look at skeletons and papier mâché birds, or borrow a free discovery kit (requires two forms of ID, one of which is kept as a deposit) from inside the castle, which includes binoculars, a map, sketch paper and a field guide for exploring the Ramble's woods.



### Friedsam Memorial Carousel

As you walk along Playmates Arch in the Children's Zone section of Central Park, you'll hear the organ music before you see the Friedsam Memorial Carousel, which features 57 nearly life-size steeds. A merry-go-round was first installed at the site in 1871; it and two or possibly three successors, according to park lore, caught fire and had to be replaced. In 1950, the Parks Department found the current carousel—crafted in 1908 by Brooklyn manufacturer Stein and Goldstein—in an old trolley terminal in Coney Island, had it restored and moved it to its current location. Expect a long line for the ride, though the balloon, hot dog and popcorn vendors may distract your little ones from the wait.



### Ancient Playground

Inspired by the Egyptian Wing of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, this lavishly redone playground just north of the great institution is also the perfect post-museum destination. Originally designed as a European-style "adventure playground" (think pretend play over athletic feats), it reopened in 2009 sporting an all-new network of stone pyramids and tunnels and treehouse-like wooden forts—ideal for somewhat older kids—plus two user-activated water features, a sandbox with a mini obelisk in the center and nine slides. Be sure to tote along sunglasses and sunscreen, as trees are in Sahara-like short supply.



### Billy Johnson Playground

Plenty of sparkling new playgrounds in Central Park are tricked out with posh design elements and expensive equipment, but this oldie but goodie has its charms and has withstood the test of time. An extensive sand area, rustic summerhouse-like structures made of wood, and a stone bridge alone would endear it to local families, but the coup de grace is the 45-foot-tall, carved-granite slide that awaits in the playground's leafy back. Shiny, smooth and pretty darn fast especially when kids use stray pieces of cardboard to sit on, the "ride" is well worth the wait on line along the steep rocky path leading to the top. Central Park, east side at 67th St ([centralparknyc.org](http://centralparknyc.org))

