



PS 24 Queens Email Blast

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KIDZ BOUTIQUE— December 2nd & December 5th At PS 24 Main Building and PS 24 Annex @107

Our PTA will be hosting the annual Winter Holiday Sale. Many of our students love to budget and shop for loved

ones this holiday season. During the school day, they will have an opportunity to select from a variety of reasonably priced gifts. We welcome assistance from parent volunteers! Please let us know when you are available to help by calling or emailing our Parent Coordinator—Ms. Lu.

The Arts and Education at PS 24

PS 24 has always been proud of the arts programs that we are able to offer our students. We invite you to share our children's creativity and accomplishments by viewing our hallway displays and attending day-time and night-time performances.

ART—We have our travelling Art Teacher—Mrs. Sanchez who brings out individual creativity and help grow our children's voice through various mediums of art.

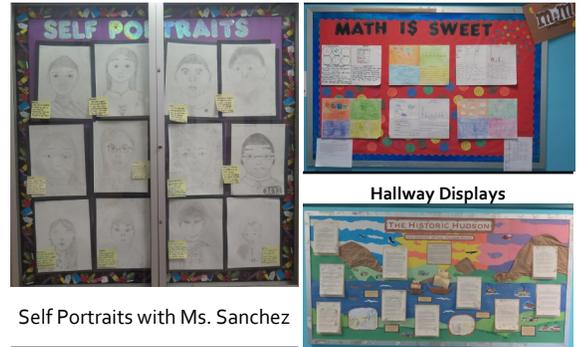
DRAMA—We have our Drama Teacher—Mrs. Kaufman who bring to life stories— storyboards are being brought to life so be sure to check your child's schoolbag for invitations to special productions.

CHORUS—Chorus Directors—Mrs. Kaufman & Ms. Rajwan and piano accompanist—Ms. Kim—have been harmonizing with our Chorus who will debut at the **Winter Sing Along** at December's PTA meeting.

STRINGS—The Strings Program is offered to all 4th and 5th grade students. Performing Artist- Ms. Kang - has been grooming children for the Orchestra by teaching them to read musical notes and the proper technique to holding string instruments.

CREATE! DANCE PERFORMANCES—We are also fortunate to have our Dance Teaching Artist— Ms. Sara - a professional dancer - who comes to our school to teach our students through a program called Create! This is an eight week program where children learn and rehearse various dances and then families are invited to the culminating performances. Recently, we enjoyed performances by our fifth and third grade students. Our arts programs are often paired with subjects like Social Studies to make this a more meaningful learning experience. This year, our fifth grade researched the decades and shared what they have learned of the times and performed exciting popular dances that were a reflection of the changes in our society. With performances by the third grade, we were able to travel the world!

Elders Share the Arts (ESTA) - is a pioneer of the Living History Arts methodology - where older adults from the Selfhelp Innovative Senior Center cultivate their role as bearers of history and culture by connecting with our fifth graders through a high-quality arts program. This collaboration culminates in a show that is performed at the Senior Center and at PS 24.



Self Portraits with Ms. Sanchez

Hallway Displays



Travelling the World with Third Grade



Learning Through the Decades with Fifth Grade



ESTA—Elders Share the Arts

Winter Recess— December 26, 2016 through January 2, 2017. School Resumes January 3, 2015.

Fall Fundraiser



Our thanks to all our families who are busy selling for our school Fall Fundraiser. All funds raised will support our school programs and specifically our students. This is one more way we can help our children.
Thank you!

Just a reminder!

Due Date for All Orders:
Monday, November 28th.

The Big Apple Awards: Recognizing Teacher Excellence in New York City

Great teachers change lives. They unlock their students' potential and put them on paths to success. In New York City, more than 75,000 teachers are making a difference in the lives of our 1.1 million students each day.

The Big Apple Awards is a citywide teacher recognition program open to all current, full-time public school teachers in New York City. The Big Apple Awards celebrate educators across the City and honor those teachers who inspire students, model great teaching, and enrich their school communities.

PS 24 has a long history of being a high performing school in large part because of the dedication and best practices of our teachers. Do you have teachers who are making a difference for your child? A nomination would give recognition to them and acknowledge that we know they are working hard everyday for our children; and that they do make a difference for a successful academic experience.

The Big Apple Awards nomination process is open to all members of the New York City education community. Anyone can make a nomination, including teachers, students, families, colleagues, school staff members, administrators, and community members

Ready to nominate? Go online to: schools.nyc.gov/BigAppleAwards

A select group of recipients will be recognized and serve as citywide Big Apple Fellows during the following school year, representing teachers citywide as advisers to the Chancellor.

NOMINATION PERIOD ENDS: Friday, December 9, 2016

Checking Your Child's Schoolbag Daily

There are many special events coming soon, parents should check their child's schoolbag every day.

Thursday, December 22, 2016—The monthly **Parent Teacher Association** meeting will begin at 6:30pm. The PTA will be hosting our very popular **Winter Sing Along** showcasing our 4th and 5th Grade Chorus and Orchestra. We will also be honoring our Students of the Month for their excellence in Technology. Also back this year, will be the exciting Winter bag raffles. Please note that the PTA may sell raffle tickets to adults only.

As the winter weather can be very harsh especially at night, our January and February PTA meetings will be held in the mornings. We will return to the evening PTA meetings in March.

Friday, December 2nd and Monday, December 5th —The PTA will be holding their annual **Winter Holiday Sale**. During the school day, students will be brought to the sales area by their teachers to make purchases for their family and friends and maybe a little for themselves too! Parents will be invited to shop during First Friday. If you wish to volunteer, please contact the PTA (there is a mailbox in the Main Office).

Holidays & Vacation—As we move into the holiday season, we would like to remind our families that vacations should be planned around the school schedule. Unauthorized and extended absences will not be excused and may adversely affect your child's academic growth and success.

