



PS 24 Queens Email Blast

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Marvelous Monday - A "Parents as Partners" Workshop – Technology

On December 11, 2017, parents/guardians joined our students in their classrooms to observe how PS 24 uses technology to enhance learning.



Our teachers continue to learn about new devices and apps that would benefit our students; and they brainstorm in teams to determine how best to apply the new technology in the classroom to maximize learning.



Toy Drive 2017

Thanks to the generous support of our PS24 families, our Student Government (G.O.) collected over six large boxes for deserving boys and girls this holiday season!

FreeMAT (Freedom Medical Aid Team), is a voluntary organization of employees from New York Hospital who have been collecting toys since 2002.

FreeMAT partners with communities throughout NYC for children of deployed Army personnel from Fort Totten in Queens and other local reserve bases in the greater New York Region. Many children will not see their parents during the upcoming holiday season due to continued deployment and we want to show them that **WE CARE.** ❤️

Our Armed Forces representatives have also promised to return for our **Career Day** – we look forward to meeting them then!



2017 Annual Winter Concert & PTA Meeting Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017 beginning at 6:30pm

Please join us for a joyful evening of wonderful holiday music, celebration and fun!





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Meet our Assistant Principal Mrs. Bani Singh

Mrs. Bani Singh is in her second year as Assistant Principal at P.S. 24Q. She is currently supervising third and fifth grade, a role which she immensely enjoys. Prior to her current position, Mrs. Singh served as a fourth and fifth grade teacher within the District and worked with Gifted and Talented and ENL students. It may be only a year and half that Mrs. Singh has been at P.S. 24Q but in her own words, "I feel like I've worked here for years." She owes these feelings of familiarity to the genuine support of the Administrative Team, faculty members, and our P.S. 24Q families. As every Administrative Team member has their respective interests, Mrs. Singh's interests lay primarily in the realms of professional development, curriculum planning, and literacy (although mathematics isn't too far behind). Mrs. Singh currently runs the Literacy Team- a team consisting of teachers from across the grades who work collaboratively to discuss ways in which to support school staff in their literacy instruction. In addition, she is a part of the District 25 Reading Team, which is targeting literacy instruction across our District schools. She hopes that through close collaboration with teachers and administrators, we will find new and exciting ways to cognitively engage our students and foster their love of reading and writing.



Question: What can parents do to help build their child's literacy skills?

Answer:

For students in all grades, Kindergarten through Grade 5:

- ⇒ Ensure your child attends school every day!
- ⇒ Monitor your child's reading log on a nightly basis. It's a researched-based fact that children who read frequently develop stronger reading skills!
- ⇒ Take trips to the public library! The more types of reading materials there are in the home, the higher students are in reading proficiency.
- ⇒ Utilize Benchmark Universe and other school-provided resources to read different texts.

For students in Grades K-2:

- ⇒ While reading, ensure that your child carefully uses everything on the page (pictures and text) to figure out unknown, tricky words and identify the meaning of words.
- ⇒ After reading, have your child practice retelling books using their own words.
- ⇒ After reading, ask your child to stop and think- What is the text teaching me? What is making me think and why?

For students in Grades 3-5:

- ⇒ While reading, have your child pay attention to the genres.
- ⇒ While reading fiction texts, ensure your child pays attention to the mood and how characters act.
- ⇒ While reading nonfiction texts, have your child think about how the text is organized.
- ⇒ Encourage your child to write about their reading in their Reader's Notebook.

Source: Mrs. Bani Singh & the PS24Q Literacy Team: Ms. Conlon (Reading Recovery), Ms. Li (ENL Teacher), Ms. Oh (K), Ms. Valente (1), Mrs. Papas (2), Ms. Thai (3), Ms. Tang (4), Mrs. McCalla (5)

Mark your Calendar!

**Dec 23 - Jan 1, 2018: Winter Recess
No School**