



The PS 234Q Tea



January 2025

Upcoming Events

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1/7 - Parent Workshop @ 3PM | 1/21 - Parent Workshop @ 3PM |
| 1/10 - Pre - K Open House @8:30AM | 1/24 - Spirit Day "College/Career Day" |
| 1/15 - PTA Meeting @6PM & PTA Talent Show Interest Meeting @6:30PM | & PTA Snack Sale & "New Years Party" @4PM |
| 1/17 - PTA Meeting @6PM | 1/28 - Picture Re-Take Day |
| 1/20 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School) | 1/29 - Lunar New Year (No School) |

DID YOU KNOW?

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ... FACTS



- Martin Luther King Jr. was named after Protestant reformer Martin Luther.
- Martin Luther King Jr. entered college when he was 15-years-old
- Martin Luther King Jr. the first non-president to have his birthday become a national holiday.
- Stevie Wonder wrote and recorded his song "Happy Birthday" in honor of Dr. King.

The Principal's Corner

Dear P.S.234 Families,

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you well and rested after the winter break. As we embark on the second half of the school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the progress we've made and share some exciting updates with you.

The start of the new year provides us all with an opportunity to renew our commitment to academic excellence, growth, and community. We are proud of the dedication and resilience our students have shown thus far, and we look forward to continuing to support them in reaching their full potential. Teachers and staff have worked diligently to create an engaging and challenging environment, and we are excited to continue these efforts as we move forward.

As always, we have many exciting events and activities lined up for the month of January and beyond. I encourage you to keep an eye on our school calendar for updates. Some of the highlights include:

January 7 – Anja Dance Assembly

Our first event of the New Year is the Anja Dance Assembly. This exciting assembly will showcase the vibrant world of dance and rhythm, providing an interactive and educational experience for all of our students. We can't wait to see the students' enthusiasm and creativity come to life as they explore new forms of artistic expression!

January 9 – Basketball Game vs. P.S. 70

Get ready to cheer on our school basketball team! We'll be hosting a basketball game on January 9th, and we encourage all families to come out and support our athletes. It's a wonderful opportunity for our students to show their school spirit, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

January 13, 14, 31st & February 6– Animals Alive Residency

We are thrilled to welcome the Animals Alive Residency. This engaging experience will give students the chance to learn about a variety of animals, their habitats, and the importance of wildlife conservation. It's sure to be a memorable and educational experience for all!

- January 13th- Class 5-339, 5-247, K-204, K-202, 3-313, 2-251
- January 14th- Class 4-308, 4-338, Pre-K104, K-200, 1-226, 1-239
- January 31st – Class Pre-K 102, K/1/2-244, 3/4/5-246, 2-216, 2-253
- February 6th – Class 3-326, 3-300

January 17 – Movie Night

Join us for a fun-filled Movie Night on January 17th! This family-friendly event is a great way for our school community to relax and enjoy a movie together. The movie selection will be announced soon, so stay tuned for more details.

January 24 – College and Career Day

On January 24th, we will host our annual College and Career Spirit Day, where students will have the chance to explore various career paths and learn more about different colleges and universities. This is a fantastic opportunity to inspire our students to think about their futures and the many possibilities that lie ahead.

January 24 – New Year's Party

We will celebrate the start of the year with a New Year's Party in the afternoon on January 24th. There will be snacks, games, music, and lots of fun activities for the students to enjoy. It will be a wonderful way to wrap up the month and celebrate the start of a new year together. Please make sure to mark your calendars and participate as your schedule allows.

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure that students are prepared in case of building closures, the NYC Department of Education (DOE) hosted a remote simulation this fall which our school participated in. This exercise was designed to help both students and staff practice and be ready for potential remote learning scenarios. In the future, if we are faced with a partial or full building closure, it is crucial that families remain engaged and actively monitor their child's activities. Students need to be able to log on and know exactly what to do, ensuring a smooth and easy transition to remote learning. To ensure that your child is fully equipped for remote learning, please make sure they have access to a DOE issued device at home and know their NYC Schools and Teach Hub log-in information. If your child does not have access to a device, please reach out to Mr. Garcia at fgarcia25@schools.nyc.gov for assistance. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in ensuring that our students are ready for any situation.

With the colder months upon us, please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for the weather. Layers, hats, gloves, and warm jackets are essential for outdoor recess and physical education activities. Please continue to monitor your child's school schedule for any updates on homework, assignments, and other important information.

As we begin this new year, I want to take a moment to thank you, our dedicated families, for your ongoing support. Your partnership in your child's education is invaluable. Together, we can continue to foster an environment that encourages learning, growth, and success. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns. We are here to support you and your child in every step of their journey.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and successful start to 2025!

Warm regards,
Ms. Danner
Principal



Interviewed By
Julia Sgorbati

Well, if you don't know her well... I'm here to tell you more about her. Ms. Danner wanted to be a principal because she wanted to be a role model to other kids. Before she was a principal, Ms. Danner was a staff developer. Also, while in college, she even worked at Burger King! Ms. Danner has been a principal for 10 years. Ms. Danner's favorite animal is cats because she has two "Scottish Folds" named Tommy and Luna. Ms. Danner's favorite holiday is Christmas because she was born two days before the holiday! Ms. Danner's favorite thing to do during the holidays is to visit cold places like Switzerland and the South of France. Ms. Danner's favorite movie is "Viva Las Vegas", starring Elvis Presley. A fun fact, Ms. Danner doesn't like flowers because they die, but her plants don't. Ms. Danner's favorite plant is the "snake plant" Snake plants are natural humidifiers. ... Now you know a lot more about Ms. Danner!



Tommy

Luna

LET'S LEARN ABOUT

EID

Hey, do you know about the holiday Eid? Let us tell you a little bit about it. Eid is celebrated by Muslims at the end of their holy month of fasting (Ramadan). We interviewed a student named Marwa Baioumi who celebrates Eid. Did you know that during Eid, those who celebrate pray and exchange gifts? Marwa shared that her favorite part of the celebration is spending time with her family. Another fun fact about Eid is that the *day* changes every year!

Article By: Haru Inoue & Phoebe Shikar



Ms. Nordstrom is my teacher. She knew she wanted to become a teacher when she was in second grade. She has always loved working with children so it was an easy decision for her to become a teacher. If you would've asked Ms. Nordstrom last year...she would say that she really likes teaching 5th grade, but now she likes teaching 3rd grade even more! Mrs. Nordstrom's favorite subject to teach is math. Becoming a teacher was her dream job. She always wants to make a difference in children's lives.

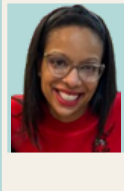
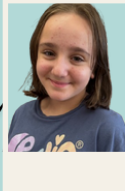
Interviewed By: Antonis Roussos

"One of a Kind"



Q&A

FEATURING...
Alma Ceho
&
Mrs. Johnson



Alma: Would you like to become a homeroom teacher?

Mrs. Johnson: I wouldn't mind having my own class where I could facilitate even more student-led groups and teach more in depth, about mindfulness practice along with SEL.

Alma: Why did you create the newspaper and photography club?
Mrs. Johnson: With our newspaper, I really wanted our students to have a place to express themselves, using their own voices, and to be able to showcase their creativity. The photography club was Ms. Danner's idea, which adds visuals and another layer of creativity.

Alma: What is your favorite thing about being the leader of the newspaper and photography clubs?
Mrs. Johnson: I get to assist the students in the club from start to finish, and it's amazing to watch their ideas come to life!

Alma: Would you rather lead the clubs or teach SEL (Social Emotional Learning)?
Mrs. Johnson: I actually enjoy the balance of both. I appreciate the larger groups so that I can reach more students. But, I also enjoy leading the clubs because it gives the students an opportunity to express themselves more freely and creatively.

Alma: Do you like teaching SEL (Social Emotional Learning)?
Mrs. Johnson: I do, I love it!

Alma: Is SEL (Social Emotional Learning) important to you?
Mrs. Johnson: Yes, I believe all of us (adults and children) should continuously build our emotional intelligence.

CONGRATULATIONS

Citizens of the Month



Legend Peyton Maleha Chloe Sufyan Sofia Ripley Angie Uma Ethan Silas Theo Alaina Paisley Violet Riley Gladys Aaraf Frances



Jonah Avery Adam Joshua Nathalia Haru Maria Anna Gabriela Adrian Julia Stylianos Itan Ja'nie Malek Liliana Jade Jake Konstantinos

Photos By Emilia Catalan