



February 1, 2025

Dear PS 234 Families,

At P.S. 234 The School of Performing Arts and Technology we believe that respect and equity begin with self-awareness, and so for the 10th year we will be incorporating our annual Selfie Awareness Campaign into Respect for All Week. We believe in empowering our students and giving them opportunities to demonstrate their unique strengths. We teach them that we are all different but beautiful in our own way.

We allow students time to focus on how they view themselves, how they view others and the connection between the two. During this time, we encourage students to reflect on their goals, their dreams and how positivity and self-esteem is a big component in achieving these dreams.

Throughout February all students will be immersed in theme-based lessons and activities that promote acceptance and understanding. Our goal is for our students to see the beauty and potential in themselves and in others. We are always working towards maintaining and improving our inclusive welcoming environment where our students and their families from all backgrounds can have meaningful experiences and thrive.

Respect for All Week will be observed beginning Monday, February 12th through Friday, February 16th. Please note that many of the activities, teachers have planned or practice this week; are not limited to this month or week alone. The ultimate goal is to bring about awareness and sensitivity to culture, race and physical appearance.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "SELFIE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN"

**Monday, February 3rd to Friday, February 28th**

### [Selfie Awareness Photo Submission Link](#)

**As in prior years, we will be creating Selfie Posters to be hung throughout our school building. Please use the Google Form to submit selfies of your children and/or family. The deadline for submissions will be February 28, 2025.**

**Please note that by submitting a photo you are giving permission for it to be posted in our school building as well as our virtual school site therefore please be mindful of what you upload.**

Respectfully,

**Dora Danner**  
Principal

*10th Annual Selfie Awareness Campaign*



February 2025

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February is a very exciting month here at P.S. 234 The School of Performing Arts and Technology. Throughout the month of February all students will be immersed in theme-based lessons and activities that promote acceptance and understanding. Our goal is for our students to see the beauty and potential in themselves and in others. We are always working towards maintaining and improving our inclusive welcoming environment where our students and their families from all backgrounds can have meaningful experiences and thrive. The ultimate goal is to bring about awareness and sensitivity to culture, race and physical appearance.

We have included some activities to engage with your child. Click on the links for interactive activities and ideas to try at home or virtually with friends and family.

If you have any questions please contact our parent coordinator, Mr. Brown at [jbrown112@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:jbrown112@schools.nyc.gov).



[Respect for All Week Families Trainings](#)

[The Way I Act](#)

[I Just Don't Like the Sound of No](#)

[Do Unto Otters](#)

[Lupita Nyong'o Reads "Sulwe"](#)

[The Big Umbrella](#)

[110 Acts of Kindness for Children](#)

Ideas for Conversation Starters:

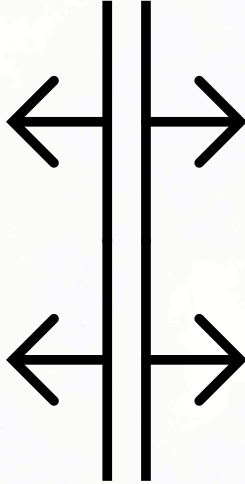
- Talk with your child about what it means to be respectful, to be courteous and to use their manners, to solve conflict peacefully, and what it means to treat others the way they want to be treated.
- Share a story about a time you felt disrespected and what you did about it in a way that demonstrated Respect.
- What do "good manners" look like in our family? How does using good manners show Respect?
- How does it feel to be respected? How does it feel to be disrespected? Who are the most respectful people you know?

**HAPPY**  
**100<sup>th</sup>**  
**DAY OF**  
**SCHOOL**

[Would You Rather?](#)

[100 School Days](#)

[Create a 100 Day of School T-Shirt](#)



**February 1 - February 28**

[Kids Explain Black History Month](#)

[I Am Enough by Grace Byers](#)

[The ABC's of Black History Month](#)

[3D Portrait Craft](#)

[Amazing Inventions by](#)

[African Americans](#)

**Selfie Love**

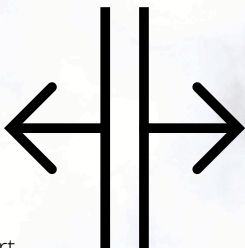
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FEBRUARY 10-14 2025

# RESPECT FOR ALL WEEK!

MONDAY

## 2/10 MIX & MATCH DAY



**It is important to RESPECT each others differences! We are DIVERSE, unique and gifted in our own way and we are proud to show it!**

Students can wear mismatch clothing to represent their unique style and/or personality.

Students may wear traditional clothing/accessories to represent their country, culture and/or religion.

Read Aloud of the Day: The Reflection In Me  
Respecting Differences Lesson

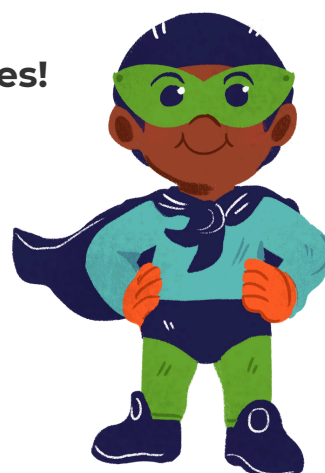
TUESDAY

## 2/11 SUPERHERO DAY

**Support students in exploring and expressing themselves!**

Students dress up in their favorite superhero costumes! Students will honor our own real-life superheroes.

Have a Discussion With the Class: What does it take to be a superhero every day? Respect is about resolving conflicts peacefully, without violence. It requires listening to each other. How do you make sure that you're really listening when you're talking to someone? Is that harder to do when you don't agree with them? Why? How can you get past not agreeing with their opinion, but still respecting who they are? How can we show empathy in action?



WEDNESDAY

## 2/12 SPREAD LOVE THE PS 234 WAY



**Praise Acts of Kindness and Support Students with spreading positivity throughout our school building!**

Students may wear BRIGHT colors (i.e. red, yellow, orange and variations of pink) that evoke warmth, optimism and enthusiasm

Share Compliments/recognize a friend/teacher/person who has offered you support when you really needed it.

Throwing Kindness Like Confetti: Students will write kind words/sayings on "post it" notes and hang on communal wall.

Create a powerful statement/poem about kindness.

THURSDAY

## 2/13 TWIN DAY & NYPD ASSEMBLY

**Support Students in Building Positive Relationships by Getting to Know One Another Better!**

Students choose a classmate/friend to dress alike in the same clothing and accessories.

NYPD Officer Ocasio w/ K9 "Lasso" will be our Guest Speaker at our Assembly aimed to foster positive and respectful relationships with our community partners.

Provide students with "The Commonalities Game" available by Sanford Harmony.

Buddy pairs will read questions and compare answers to identify their similarities and differences. This helps players share their unique characteristics with one another.

Read Aloud of the Day: Kindness is Cooler



FRIDAY

## 2/14 SHOW SCHOOL PRIDE & NO ONE EATS ALONE DAY

**Here at PS 234, we stand up against Bullying and Cyber-bullying every day! Support students in promoting an anti-bullying school community!**

Students may wear their PS 234 clothing or red and black to represent our school colors.

Read Aloud of The Day: Kindness Is My Superpower

Protect Yourself Rules: Bullying

Be an Up-stander

Social Responsibility and various SEL Lessons

Do The Right Thing About Bullying Video! K-2

Bullying: You Are Not Alone Video! 3-5

Kindness is a Muscle

Kids Talk About Bullying Video! K-2

Create No Hate Video! 3-5



Remember to join in on our 11th annual Selfie Awareness Campaign. All photos must be submitted by Friday, February 28, 2025

**[SUBMIT YOUR SELFIES BY CLICKING HERE](#)**

