



# The Fantastic Fourth Grade



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## Parent Newsletter – February 2019

### WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

#### **Literacy:**

Students will be analyzing persuasive texts and developing opinion writing based on the pros and cons surrounding the issue. Students will be using text evidence to support their interpretation on the discussion topic.

#### **Math:**

Unit 7 will focus on developing our understanding of fraction equivalence, addition and subtraction of fractions with like denominators and multiplication of fractions by whole numbers. Students will be working on using models and multiplication to generate equivalent fractions. We will also be working on writing fractions in their simplest form. The unit will also include comparing fractions by first writing them as fractions with a common numerator or denominator.

#### **Social Studies:**

We are beginning to discuss the reasons behind the American Revolution. Students have been learning about the beginning of the thirteen colonies, England's control over the colonies, and the start of the Revolution.

#### **Science**

This month the curriculum will include simple machines and forces of motion. Students will begin preparing in class for the upcoming state test. Vocabulary is a very big part of the science test. We encourage you to continue to review vocabulary by making flash cards.

### What's New in Music and Art?

**Mr. Cintula:** We are beginning the song "This is Me" (from *The Greatest Showman*). We are working on following our voice section in this two part arrangement. The students are getting prepared to see and follow multiple parts in their fifth grade music next year.

**Ms. LaMorte:** Students will begin study of Soprano Recorder with securing familiar notes B, A and G, learn new piece with new note Low E and possibly new note Low D with new piece.

**Ms. Granatelli:** During the month of February, students will explore creating collages. They will also continue learning about and exploring the "Elements of Design".



### **Technology:**

During the month of February, your child will be focusing on both keyboarding and mouse skills, as well as proper use of the Internet. We will be using online tools and a Typing Software Program to help maximize these skills. Along the way, we will work on integrating their literacy and mathematical skills, ensuring that all our students maximize their learning with hands on opportunities to succeed. We will also be continuing to learn about Microsoft Word and how to find information about a topic using online resources.

### **\*IMPORTANT DATES**

2/5 – Lunar New Year – No School

2/10 – Sweetheart Dance, 2 to 5pm – Tickets on sale now

2/13 – PTA Meeting, 7:00pm

2/14 – 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

2/18-2/22 – Midwinter Recess – No School

### **News/Information/Tips/Reminders**

- Homework is given daily and checked daily. Please be our partner in your child's education by ensuring that they complete assignments in a timely manner.
- Please remember to check the red folders (take home folders) daily. There are many forms and notices sent home which need your attention. Please empty the folder once a week so that it is easy to identify new information.
- Please make sure that your child comes to school with all of his/her supplies, especially sharpened pencils.
- Students should remember to wear or bring appropriate footwear on gym days. Many students are wearing boots to school and forgetting their sneakers at home. Please note that 4<sup>th</sup> grade gym days are Mondays and Thursdays.

*"We would like to remind you of the importance of complex text assignments. These assignments help to build stamina and reinforce the skills being taught in class. Please, review the packet with your child and hand it in on Monday."*

*-Ms. Dalton, Ms. Cicale, Ms. Komar,  
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### **PTA News**

Thank you to all our Kindergarten cuties who showed us their favorite season's fashions in our Four Season Fashion Show! These kids owned the stage and put on a great show! On Sunday, February 10th the PTA will be hosting a "Sweetheart Dance" from 2-5pm. So be sure to invite your favorite sweetheart and come ready to party! Our next PTA meeting will be February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm, we hope to see you there! Thank you for supporting our school.

### **A Note From Ms. Ponzi**

Dear Families,

February certainly brings about thoughts of love and happiness—and I truly LOVE Petrides and all of our families. Thank you for your continued support and for volunteering your time in our school, it really makes our school such a special place. This month, our Kindergarten cuties walked the runway at the Fashion Show modeling their most adorable outfits. Thank you to the PTA for coordinating this awesome event. Please take note of all of the upcoming events planned for this month. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at [JCaputo9@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:JCaputo9@schools.nyc.gov).

Sincerely,  
Ms. Ponzi

