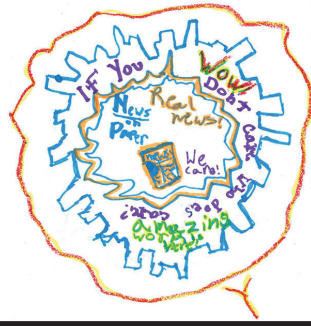


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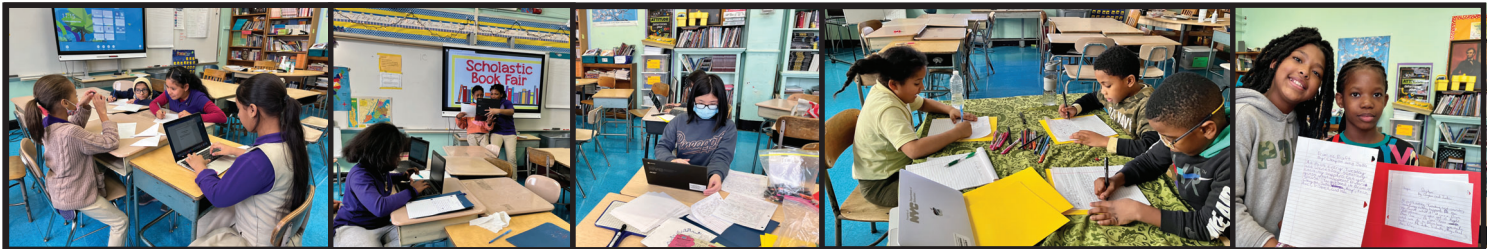
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Extra! Extra! Join the Newspaper Club: What's Your Story?

Great writing! Don't let it go to waste. Join the Newspaper Club where no writing is ever wasted. Writing is important in life. In the Newspaper Club, all members are important and we are friends. We help each other, we listen to each other's stories and we are a superior team! Are you too quiet? Do you sometimes feel awkward? Don't know what to write about? No ideas? No problem. In the club you can get help from a teacher or a fellow member. In the club your voice is really being heard and respected. We have some talkative friends in the club and we are having fun not being quiet anymore. So, if you'd like to join the club, submit a school news story to your teacher. Answer the 5W's: who, what when, where and why. Plus, don't forget the how, of any school event and interview a classmate about that event for fun. I hope you think of joining the newspaper club. What's your story?-- Jiayu Wu

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The Spelling Bee

By Jiovanna Jeanty

Monday November 21st all spellers were fighting in the ring, okay on the stage, to be the 2022 P.S. 119 Spelling Bee Champ. Mrs. Gordan moderated the event. One wrong move and they were out. When asked why she felt the Spelling Bee was important, Mrs. Gordan responded: "it's important because children need to have the chance to be exposed to new words, to use their classroom skills to spell words and it's a fun way to participate in a school activity."

On the stage, six fifth graders and five fourth graders were battling for that number one spot. The spellers went head-to-head with respect. Deborah Colas of Class 5-301 was the only fifth grader to make it into second place. Maryam Khan, a fourth grader in Class 4-206 made it to first place and Alya Kassem also of Class 4-206 came in third place. When asked what she thought about coming in first place, this is what Maryam had to say: "The spelling bee was a very important day. I studied as hard as I could, studying my paper, reading my dictionary, and even asking my friends to give me a few words to spell. That's how I won first place. Now I am supposed to be studying for the District Spelling Bee and I really want to win for my school, P.S.119."

What was the word that bumped Maryam into first place? DISASTER! Let's hope that the District Spelling Bee only spells SUCCESS for Maryam Khan as she represents P.S. 119 Amersfort. GO Maryam!



Maryam Khan, Deborah Colas and Alya Kassem

Veterans Day at P.S. 119

By: Jiayu Wu and Fatihah Bibi

Veterans day is made to honor the ones who spent years in the military serving our country. You can celebrate Veteran's Day easily by waving a swaying flag. You can also create a flag to represent all five arms of the military. In art class, we made red poppies. The red of the poppies represent the blood and sacrifice of the veterans on the battlefield. You can wave these poppies to show support for veterans.

At P.S. 119 Ms. Judge Patton organized a school wide assembly. Students and teachers gathered on November 10th at P.S. to celebrate and honor veterans. The stage was decorated with American flags and two veterans were honored that day: Julian Nardulli, brother of P.S. 119 Social Worker Mary Claire Nardulli, who served in the Army Airforce in Georgia who was joined by Sgt. Edwards, Ethan Edwards' dad. To make the event special, the Baker sisters who graduated from P.S. sang the National Anthem and America the Beautiful as a tribute to the veterans. Ises Jean Claude said, "The Baker sisters sang the most beautiful songs in the whole wide world. I cried a tiny bit because their voices were so beautiful."

When asked why she organized this event, Ms. Judge Patton said: There are so many selfless and brave men and women who make sacrifices for our freedoms so it is important for me to recognize these veterans and teach the children of P.S. 119 about their bravery."

Grace from 2-107 said: "The veterans save us from the danger. Veterans don't give up." Jada Jeanty added: "Thank you to the veterans who visited to celebrate with P.S. 119."



Principal Snow, Assistant Principal Clarke join veterans Julian Nardulli and Mr. Edwards for the Veterans Day celebration. Also, featured: Ms. Nardulli, Ethan Edwards, Elijah Klass, Camara and Chidi Baker.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Puss in Boots

By Carson Thomas, Prince Metra and Jeremiah Jimenez

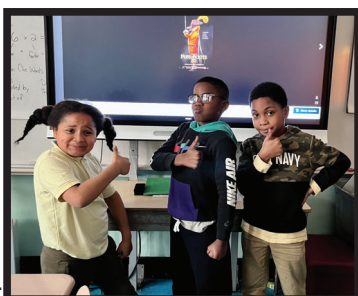
On December 21, 2022, Kindergarten, first grade and second graders went on a school trip to see the movie: Puss in Boots. We went to the movies as a reward for good behavior and to celebrate the holiday season. First, we hopped on the school bus to go to the Kent Movie Theater. We had popcorn and a choice of Sprite or Fanta.

The movie had some good parts. For example, Jeremiah Jimenez liked when Puss In Boots sang: Fearless Hero. The song was about facing your fears. Carson agreed and said: "I started dancing when it came on." Prince liked when Puss In Boots became friends with: Kitty Soft Paws, the Three Bears and Goldilocks.

Carson thought the movie was good because Puss In Boots won the battle with the wolf hunter. Both Puss In Boots and the wolf hunter had some good and some bad in them. But Carson thought the lesson of Puss In Boots is: you should use your words to settle a problem instead of sending a hunter who uses violence. Prince chimed in: you have to be careful who you trust because you could get tricked.

Overall, the movies was good but we all agreed there was some bad language that was beeped out so we could not hear the bad words. This was a good thing but we wondered why would a movie made for children have bad language at all?

How did you like the movie? Let us know. We'd like to hear your opinion.



Jeremiah, Carson and Prince

Parent Teacher Conferences

By Fatimah Bibi

November 3rd was a half day, but why? It was the Parent Teacher conferences where tell parents how their child is doing in school. "I am so nervous for the conferences." said Chyanna.

Students went home and waited for their Zoom call. After the call, I thought I could do a little better in math. Mrs. Fields of Class 5-310 said: It was a great experience to connect with students and their parents about their children's progress." Ms. Richardson also of Class 5-310 was asked how she felt after the conference and she had this to say: "I feel very confident and happy that I got to meet and see some of the parents. I got to put a face to the name and I learned more about their children." The Next Parent Teacher Conference is in March so we have lots of time to improve our grades.

The Thriller Dance

By Jada Jeanty

"Because it's THRILLER Thriller nights!" It wasn't a thriller night but it was a thriller afternoon. At P.S.119 four hundred students gathered in the school yard to perform the Thriller Dance for Halloween. Their teacher Ms. Francis was leading them in front of the school yard and for weeks, everyone had been practicing for this one day...HALLOWEEN!! October 31st, students were dressed in costumes such as princesses, dinosaurs, horror characters, and more. Parents were recording and cheering for their children. When asked what she thought about performing "The Thriller Dance," Jiovanna Jeanty said, "It's very exciting and great to show off our dance moves to our parents and the community."

Drum Line

By Jada Jeanty and Chayan Marotiere

Every Tuesday and Wednesday something exciting happens at P.S. 119. Can you guess what it is? DRUMROLL PLEASE!!! You guessed it drum-line. Do you know what we do in drumline? We create beats. Chayan, Trishelle, Jada, Roy, Daena, Axel, Kai, Felix, create different beats to establish a rhythm.

We don't only make beats for fun but also to entertain people. Mr. Sammy, a former P.S. 119 student teaches us new things to learn about the drums. For example, the snare drum is played to set the back beat. We practice ditto beats to memorize and to build speed and strength in both right and left hands. You have to grip the sticks a certain way in order to be successful and we are learning this. Also, Mr. Sammy taught us set. Set means to stop talking hold your drumsticks in a certain way and look straight. We also have to say: "Yes Mr. Sammy" when he says set.

In drumline we also learned something called eight on the hand. Eight on the hand is when we play eight beats with our right and left hand. Do you know the skills you need to be in drumline? The skills you need are listening, memory, teamwork, and patience. You need all these skills to be in drumline. Do you have what it takes?

If you do have all of these skills, I would recommend you join drumline with us. In the future we will learn more complicated beats. But in the present, we are learning so much with Mr. Sammy and enjoying our time too. Mr. Sammy said: having the opportunity to spread love and joy is what I love the most about being in Drumline. Let's drum our way through the day!"

School Store

By Nabeeha Adnan

P.S. 119 has a school store that is open five days a week during both lunch periods. The school store is run by fifth grade volunteer students supervised by Ms. LaRossa. Why does she run the store: to fundraise for the school and support research for: The Johnny Crisstopher Children's Charitable Foundation's.

She chose this organization because "their goal is to HELP (Heal Every Life Possible). Their mission is to raise awareness of pediatric cancer and the reason I love this charity so much is that 100% of donations go directly to the cause. In total, over 6 years, the PS 119 family has raised just over \$40,000 to support this foundation. I'm so proud of all of the hard work that the kids put into this store and I hope it inspires them to continue to help others in the future."

What items can I buy? That's exactly what I was hoping for you to ask! We sell keychains, erasers, putty and more. Cotton candy slime was a big seller and the crystal animal keychains are hot sellers too. Axel Peters, store staff member said: "Our products are always changing and we will be getting new products soon." But don't worry the prices only range from one dollar to three dollars, so if you are interested, you can buy some items and help find a cure for childhood cancer. Fatimah Bibi had this to say: "The best part of working at the school store is that I will be able to help find a cure for cancer."



Axel Peters and Dylan Joseph

International Peace Day 2022



International Peace Day
By Maryam Khan and Alya Kassem

The International Peace Day is really important for lots of reasons. First of all, since March of last year Russia invaded and has been at war with Ukraine. We the students and teachers at P.S. 119 want peace not war so we celebrate peace all day and every day. There are lots of mean people out there and International Peace Day is a day where people all over the world can be nice and kind.

To celebrate International Peace Day, we had many activities during the school day: read-alouds, crafts and games that promoted teamwork. In the afternoon the entire school gathered in the schoolyard. The Peacebuilders Pledge was recited in many languages. We released white balloons into the sky as we made a wish for peace. Afterwards, we marched around the block chanting: We Want Peace and singing the P.S. 119 Peace Song written by our music teacher Ms. Francis.

It was another great International Peace Day celebration at P.S. 119. Let's hope there will be peace between the Ukraine and Russia in 2023.



Scholastic Book Fair
By Emily Bourne and Malia Morris

P.S. 119 just held its annual Scholastic Book Fair in the library. It's a Book-a- Palooza! The book fair encourages children to read and learn new words. Plus, it is an important fundraiser for our school. The funds help support exciting events and the purchase of much needed supplies. Kindergarteners waited patiently to get a chance to purchase new books. Mckayla Beckford of Class K-105 said she picked out: Peppa Pig and Alice and the Wonderland Cooking Show because "they are my favorite shows!" Micah Picked out: I Spy Fly Guy. Amara picked out: Pete the Kitty: Ready, Set and Go Cart. Amara said she is going to read it with her mom. We know that reading with her mom will make Amara an even better reader. We look forward to next year's Book Fair.





Perspective
 By Class 5-305
 Students learned the concept of perspective
 as it applies to ART.
 Things that are NEAR look BIG
 and things that are far look small.
 Math & Art: NYSLS: 1& 2
 ART with Ms. Judge Patton



Ballet Tech: FlexAbility and Talent

by Jamesly Mentor

Tianna, Afiya, Catalina, Joshua and I along with P.S. 119 Social Worker Ms. Mariclaire Nardulli traveled for five weeks to Manhattan to the Ballet Tech studio. Ballet Tech is a free program that teaches ballet moves to kids who audition to see if they have what it takes.

Participating in Ballet Tech I think makes kids happy with themselves. Kids get to see their talents, their flexibility and their ability to do things. We get to learn little moves and we learn about what we can do with our bodies because we are flexible. Ballet Tech makes kids confident and it impresses the audience when we are performing. Ms. Nardulli agreed and had this to say: My favorite part of the Ballet Tech experience was "being able to see the students express themselves through dance. Plus, even more importantly, watching their enchantment of realizing their own skills, talent, and the leadership qualities that they had acquired while working independently and together with other students from different schools".



Walk in the Park

by Oshen Brooks

A walk in the park
 Makes you feel good
 Work your legs and walk...
 Walk your dog and...
 enjoy your walk in the park
 Take a breath and breathe
 the fresh air
 Exhale...take your time...

Walk in the park
 Calm your nerves down
 Take away all of your stress
 Set your mind to calm
 Breathe...
 Look at trees...
 Know that you are calm
 Focus on the peace
 Work your legs and walk
 Don't be afraid
 To walk in the park...



The Last Word...Barbara Snow, Principal

Greetings Readers!

I hope you will be able to get cozy and curl up with our latest newsletter during these wintery days. Be prepared to hear all about the events and activities taking place at 3829 Avenue K. We are all happy for the return of the newsletter and for the guidance of Mrs. Berretta. The reporters and photographers are alive and well. P.S. 119 is thriving and you will be reading all about it in this magnificent issue!

Senior Days

- February 4th:
Emoji Day
- March 3rd:
Sports Color Day
- April 3rd:
Mix-Match Day
- May 5th:
Fun Day