



BURNSIDE BEATS

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A Message from our Principal, Nicole A. Tiné...

Dear PS 396 Families,

In his classic, "Winnie the Pooh," A.A. Milne wrote, "Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude." Our little pink friend was grateful for the abundance he had in his life, great friends, a warm place to sleep and a few tasty "haycorns" to eat.



As we conclude 2022, and break for the winter holidays, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who help make PS 396 an amazing school. We are a community with many gifts and talents, which we share daily with one another and most important, our students. From the classroom, to our living room and all points in-between, our collective efforts are to raise children that are well educated, respectful, take ownership for themselves, are curious and excited to learn, kind to one another, demonstrate integrity and who never give up.

Families, of course, are such a critical part of all we hope to accomplish on behalf of our students. I am grateful to all of you who entrust your children to us and who support their learning and growth at home as well. I am also grateful to our wonderful, talented, creative, inquisitive, resourceful and resilient students. Often, they make us laugh and occasionally they make us cry, but they always make us think. Most of all they push us to show up and be our best every day.

This is my 25th year as an educator in the New York City Department of Education and in that time I am grateful to have had some rich and rewarding opportunities to teach, to coach and to learn from students and staff. However, there has been no other job that I have valued more than being the principal at PS 396. We truly have some of the best students the Bronx has ever seen. To the families and friends of the PS 396 community, please have a safe and joyous holiday season.



Student Council is a group of student leaders who work with adult advisors to have a positive impact on their school and community. This year fifth grade teachers, Melissa Ahearn and Danielle De Courcey are excited to be advising our council and have gotten off to a great start with a wonderful service project.

PS 396 student council members took their first field trip last recently. The council has been brainstorming different ways to support our community, specifically during the cold months and holidays. Socks, hats, and gloves are some of the most needed items at shelters this time of year. However, they are often the least donated! Student council walked over to BronxWorks and hand delivered THREE bags of socks, hats, and gloves. They also hand-wrote a holiday card to spread kindness and cheer.

BronxWorks is an organization founded in 1972 that helps individuals and families in our community! They help all ages from toddlers to seniors by feeding, teaching and providing shelter and support. Each year they help over 50,000 Bronx Residents! We are so proud of our council members and cannot wait to see what's next



2022-2023

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Class 302- Zahara Byabysha &

Dominick Varga

Class 303- Ellen Cabo &

Cianna Martinez

Class 402- Adrian Baez &

Ariana Gomez

Class 403- Yassmihn Saleh, &

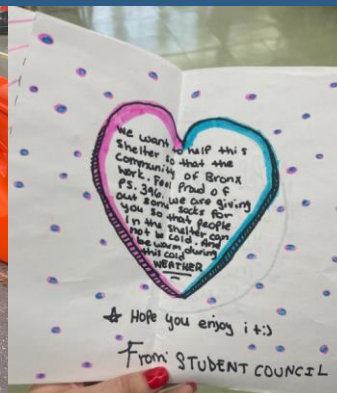
Adalis Vicioso

Class 502- Deslyn Nunez &

Aaron Rodriguez

Class 503- Dior Harris &

Genesis Pimentel



how
wonderful
it is that nobody
need wait a
single moment
before starting
to improve
the world.

ANNE FRANK



Our first meet and greet breakfast was a huge success! We want to thank all of you who joined us for raffle fun, giveaways and powerful conversation.

If you missed it, do not worry, we will organize another event soon. Stay tuned!!

We wish you a happy holiday season, and a healthy and prosperous New Year! Please remember our winter break is from December 24th through January 2nd. School resumes on January 3rd.

In unity,
Ms. Gonzalez
Parent Coordinator



All students at PS 396 visit the library each month, parents now it's your turn.

CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!

Join us with your child from 2:30PM - 3:30PM
Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Library books

Discover your child's favorite author, genre or book.

Library skills

Your child can show you the skills they've learned in the library in a scavenger hunt

Book Giveaways

Choose some books to enjoy at home.



***As per NYCDOE mandate all visitors must be vaccinated for COVID-19**

Parents and students are invited to join us for our Library Open House. There will be book giveaways for all who come!



2022 HOLIDAY DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

*It's the Season
To Sparkle*



Congratulations to Class 503, Ms. Ahearn and Ms. DeCoursey!
Their interactive holiday door display that linked to student essays about celebrating the holidays with their families truly melted our hearts.



