

# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5th grade Open House @ JHS 144 4:00PM	2 5th grade Open House @ JHS 144 6:00PM	3 Parent Teacher Conference 1/2 Day 11:40am	4	5
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends	7	8 Election Day No School	9	10	11 Veterans Day No School	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Safety Townhall Meeting 10:30am	22 5th grade Open House @ MS 181	23	24 Thanksgiving Recess No School	25 Thanksgiving Recess No School	26
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Magnet School of  
Multimedia Arts & Design  
October 2022  
Newsletter



**October 2022**  
Newsletter

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**Where News is Happening**

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School Leadership Team**  
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**Mark your calendar!**

**1/2 Day 11:40am Dismissal**  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
November 3, 2022

**No School**  
Election Day  
November 8, 2022

**No School**  
Veterans Day  
November 11, 2022

**No School**  
Thanksgiving Recess  
November 24th and 25th



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**Obtengán ayuda con los deberes de sus hijos.**

**¡ESTUDIANTES!**

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**lectura 📞 matemáticas 📞 redacción 📞 ciencias**

**Le ayudamos también en italiano, chino,  
francés, creole, griego, hebreo, ruso y coreano**

**Lllamen los LUNES, MARTES,  
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de 4:00 a 7:00 de la tarde.**

**Un maestro contestará para ayudarlo**

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## FREE HELP WITH HOMEWORK!

**PARENTS!** Get help working with your child.  
**STUDENTS!** Call and get help in:

Reading 📞 Math 📞 Writing 📞 Science

We also speak Spanish, Italian, Chinese, French,  
Haitian-Creole, Greek, Hebrew, Korean and Russian

Call on **MONDAY, TUESDAY,  
WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY**  
**4:00-7:00 pm**

**A teacher will answer, ready to help.**

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## Principal's Message

Happy October!!

The school year is moving so quickly! October has been about anti-bullying, assessments, and setting goals for the school year. Our scholars are working hard across the board to show what they know. Expect to engage with teachers around attendance, assessments, and expectations for the coming parent teacher conferences.

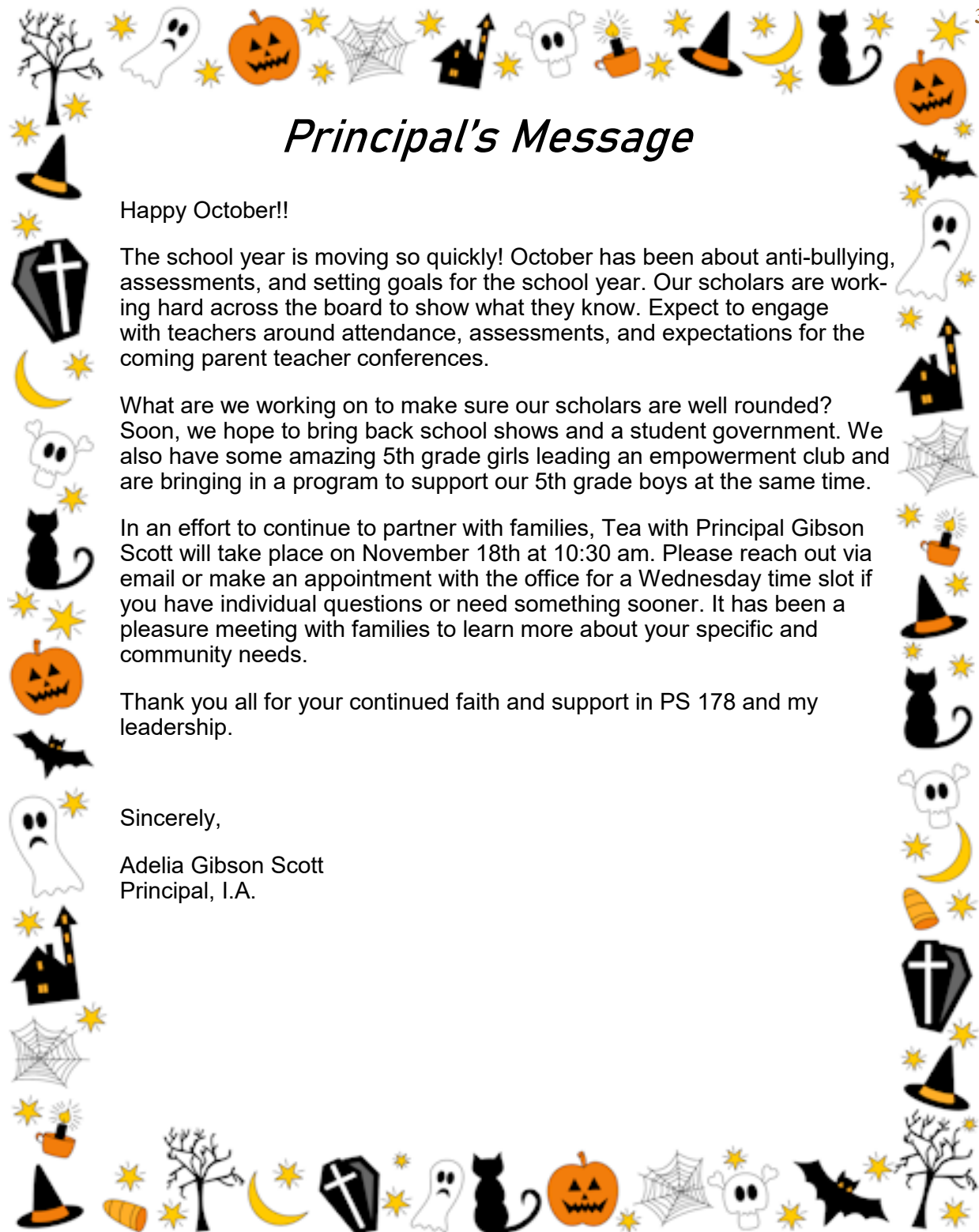
What are we working on to make sure our scholars are well rounded? Soon, we hope to bring back school shows and a student government. We also have some amazing 5th grade girls leading an empowerment club and are bringing in a program to support our 5th grade boys at the same time.

In an effort to continue to partner with families, Tea with Principal Gibson Scott will take place on November 18th at 10:30 am. Please reach out via email or make an appointment with the office for a Wednesday time slot if you have individual questions or need something sooner. It has been a pleasure meeting with families to learn more about your specific and community needs.

Thank you all for your continued faith and support in PS 178 and my leadership.

Sincerely,

Adelia Gibson Scott  
Principal, I.A.





# Parent Coordinator

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank all parents, staff and New York Edge for their generous donations of baked goods. Your donations made our bake sale a great success and we raised \$1,479.00. All proceeds will go to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Thank you to all the parents and students that got up early Sunday October 23, to walk for a great cause. If you would like to see more pictures I will have a display in the lobby. I hope that we can count on you again next year. Thank you for all your support.

Queridos Padres,

Me gustaría agradecer a todos los padres, el personal y New York Edge por sus generosas donaciones de productos horneados. Sus donaciones hicieron que nuestra venta de pasteles fuera un gran éxito y recaudamos \$1,479.00. Todos los ingresos se destinarán a Hacer avances contra el cáncer. Gracias a todos los padres y estudiantes que se levantaron temprano el domingo 23 de Octubre para caminar por una gran causa. Si desea ver más fotos, tendré una exhibición en el vestíbulo. Espero que podamos contar con usted nuevamente el próximo año. Gracias por todo tu apoyo.

Gracias

Thank You



## Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

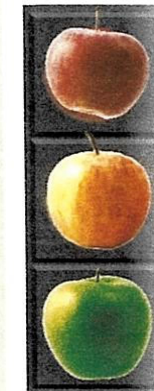
Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

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### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



**CHRONIC ABSENCE**  
18 or more days

**WARNING SIGNS**  
10 to 17 days

**SATISFACTORY**  
9 or fewer absences

Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Visit Attendance Works at [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org) for free downloadable resources and tools!



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**Would like you to join us for our Safety  
Town Hall Meeting  
All parents are welcome  
November 21, 2022  
10:30am - 11:15am  
Zoom Link**

**Meeting ID: 927 3119 1836**

**Password: 292124**



**Pink Day**







Join Us For Pablo Casals M.S. 181

# OPEN HOUSE

## Info Session

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD  
9 AM - 10:30 AM  
OR  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22  
6 PM - 7:30 PM

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# P.S. 178 Grade News

## 5th Grade

Fifth grade started a new ELA unit: What a Story! Students will build their knowledge about subgenres of fiction, with a focus on different ways to tell a great story. We will read texts and view videos about how writers share compelling stories in literature of many types. They will also write a narrative about a character going on a journey.

We are working on multi-digit multiplication in math using the standard algorithm. Our next chapter will be multiplying decimals. Khan Academy is a great resource for math support. Students should also practice their basic multiplication facts.

We are starting to learn about the Western Hemisphere in Social Studies. We are finishing our Science unit on matter and will begin learning about energy and matter in ecosystems.

Look for information about middle school open houses. The middle school application opens on October 26, 2022. Reach out to the guidance counselor Mr. Rodriguez with any questions.

# 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE



# P.S. 178 Grade News

## 4th Grade

Hello October!

**ELA:** As readers and writers, students are continuing to grow in their understanding of the interactions between culture, identity, and heritage as they wrap up Module 1. They are also developing their narrative structure as they complete their personal narratives.

**Math:** Our Marvelous Mathematicians are working on multiplication with one-digit numbers. It is crucial that they continue to practice their multiplication facts; they are prerequisites for success in 4th grade math. We'll be starting our unit on multiplication with two-digit numbers. Students will be using multiple strategies to problem solve and determine products.

**Science/Social Studies:** Fourth grade geographers have completed their Hispanic Heritage Month explorations and are beginning their journey of understanding New York State. They are working on locating New York on various types of maps. As scientists we're taking a look at energy and how it causes change.

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# P.S. 178 Grade News

## 3K

It's been so much fun learning more about ourselves this month we have learned more about our preferences interests and abilities. We have a fun and special group of children in our classes. this month in our exploration, we will have the opportunity to learn about and connect with the other children in the class. Throughout the exploration children are learning what it means to be together with friends and family, as well as to be apart. Children will have the opportunity to explore their emerging sense of belonging. They will show growth in their understanding of their personal connections with others. To help support our exploration you can ask your child about the other children in our 3K classroom and what they like to do together. Inquire about activities your child likes to do with others and provide opportunities for your child to interact, socially with others, especially children, their age. Please continue to encourage independence at home and review and use the key vocabulary words to build background knowledge, and to help your child, understand the major and careers of this exploration.



## Pre-K

We are excited to begin our unit: My Five Senses. Pre-K children naturally use their senses to explore the world around them. In our class, your child will have the opportunity to develop a wide variety of skills by using his/her senses in hands on learning and play. In this unit we are working on developing children's abilities to take in information about the world through sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch. We will take walks around the neighborhood, go on scavenger hunts and engage in many other activities where children use their senses.

Children are active learners; they have been exploring their environment through their senses since birth. We encourage the children to see themselves as scientists and to make observations and predictions using the information that they take from their senses. We also use our senses to stay safe and will be talking about this throughout the study. We will learn about being careful and remembering not to touch sharp objects, things that are hot or things that are very dirty and might make us sick. You can help with this!

Ask your child about some of the things outside of school or at home that are too dangerous to touch.

How do we use our senses of sight, smell and hearing to stay safe?

In addition to staying safe, we will talk about how to keep our hands, feet and skin clean and healthy. One way we do that in our class is by washing our hands before eating, after playing outside or after touching things that are dirty. We are also talking to the children about how life might be different for people who do not see or hear well.





# P.S. 178 Grade News

## Kindergarten

This month, Kindergarten began our units of study in ELA, Math, Writing, Social Studies. In ELA, we are continuing in Module 1 where scholars are discovering what they will learn in Kindergarten. In addition, scholars are beginning to identify the features of poems. We are reading the book of poetry titled Kindergarten Kids. In phonics, we are currently focusing on letter writing formation, as well as, identifying rhyming words. In writing, scholars are working with their teachers on stating their opinions and reasons using pictures and words. In Math, scholars just finished reading, writing, and identifying numbers 0-5. We are beginning our second unit of Math which will focus on comparing numbers 0-5. During this unit, scholars will engage in using mathematical tools appropriately in order to compare numbers. In Social Studies, we will begin studying our school community and why it is important. Additionally, scholars will identify roles of people in our school communities and the many different parts that make up our school communities. Lastly, in Science we will begin reading texts that focus on different animals and how they meet their basic needs. Scholars will then work to identify the various types of foods and shelters these animals use to survive. The Kindergarten team is excited to be seeing all of our scholars learning, growing, and working together to further their learning.



## 1st Grade

Time flies when you are having fun! As October is ending quickly, first grade has been very busy learning many new things. In reading we just finished module 1. Module 2 is all about family and community. First graders are learning different genres. In writing we are continuing to write narratives, while learning sentence structure. In math we are working on strategies we can use while adding and subtracting. Students will compare, take apart, and take from numbers. We are continuing our unit "Why are families important and how do they influence who we are?" In social studies. In science we are learning about mammals in our unit on animal diversity. We appreciate all the support we received this month for the American Cancer Society breast cancer walk. It was wonderful seeing all the PINK! Please remember to check your child's folder daily for important notices. We will continue to learn as we grow!



# P.S. 178 Grade News

## 2nd Grade

2nd graders have been hard at work! As readers and writers, scholars are working on identifying the central idea in texts and digging deeply into character analysis. They are completing their personal narratives and will explore informational writing in the next module.

Our Mathematicians have wrapped up Topic 2: Working with Equal Groups and have started focusing on Topic 3. In this topic, we will be using different strategies to add within 100. These strategies include using a number line, breaking apart numbers and compensation. It is very important for scholars to be continuing to practice all math facts at home.

In social studies, we are continuing to focus on geography and how it influences where people live. As scientists, we are focusing on properties of matter. Students will understand the concept that matter exists in different forms that possess different properties.



## 3rd Grade

Third grade classes are working hard. During the last month we've learned about different Hispanic countries, started a geography unit, learned to work together and are becoming multiplication masters. In Social Studies, we wrapped up our Hispanic Heritage unit by creating a digital poster to showcase our newfound knowledge. We are now in our geography unit where we will learn how and why geographers navigate the world. Soon we will prepare to focus on different countries across the world. In Science we are learning about the forces that exist all around us, such as gravity and friction. In Math we are learning new strategies and properties to help solve unknown multiplication equations. In Reading we are almost done with our character study module and will soon begin a new module focusing on vocabulary to further develop our reading skills. In Writing we have been working with our peers to help revise and edit our narratives to make them even better. So much fun!

