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## A Message from the Principal

AS 2022 COMES TO A CLOSE, WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE START OF A NEW YEAR. WE WISH THE WARMEST HOLIDAY WISHES TO YOU AND YOURS DURING THIS WINTER BREAK.



**Heather Benson** 

#### **Important Dates:**

December 23:

School Spirit Day

Wear Pajamas to School

December 26 - January 2: No School.

Winter Recess

The PS 14 Mission is to create a community where students, parents, and staff work together to inspire leaders who innovate, own their learning, and empower one another so we can be our best selves.

#### **Parent Connections**

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### P.A Meeting:

December 13, 2022 5pm-6pm held virtually on zoom

### Cornell University Nutrition and Health invites you to an 8-session parent ZOOM workshop!

Pease join us virtually for a great opportunity where parents will learn Delicious and Healthy Recipes! With Fun Physical Activities!

Here are some of the topics: Save the dates:

- · Make quick and healthy meals October 18 at 9:30 am
- · Plan meals and save money October 25 at 9:30 am
  - · Practice food safety November 1 at 9:30 am
  - · Shop safely for food November 8 at 9:30 am
  - · Enjoy physical activities November 22 at 9:30 am
- · Prepare meals with your children November 29 at 9:30 am

December 6 at 9:30 am

Those who attend 6 sessions will receive a certificate from Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Stay tuned for the Zoom link.

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#### DECEMBER 2022: Breakfast Express Menu

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

WE'RE PROUDLY CELEBRATING LOCALLY SOURCED & PRODUCED FOOD ALL NEW YORK ITEMS ARE HIGHLIGHED IN GREEN



Sweet Potato Oatmeal Muffin (V)

New York Apples Silcas (VE)

Whole Grain Bagel (VE) served with Cream Cheese (V) & Jelly (VE)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (VE)

New York Yogurt Choice (V)

Assorted Granola (V)

Raisins (VE)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (VE)

Banana Muffin (V)

Mozzarella Cheese Stick (V)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (VE)

Mini Blueberry Waffles (V)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (VE)

Zucchini Carrot Breakfast Bread (V)

Fresh Apples (VE)

Whole Grain Bagel (VE) served with

Cream Cheese (V) & Jelly (VE)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (VE)

New York Yogurt Choice (V)

Assorted Granola (V)

Raisins (VE)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (VE)

Apple Cinnamon Breakfast Bread (V)

> Cheddar Cheese Stick (V)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (VE)

Whole Grain Croissant (V) served with Jelly (VE)

Sunflower Seeds (V)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (VE)

Blueberry Muffin (V)

New York Yogurt Choice (V)

New York Apples Stices (VE)

Whole Grain Bagel (VE)

served with Cream Cheese (V) & Jelly (VE)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (VE)

New York Yogurt Choice (V)

Assorted Granola (V)

Raisins (VF)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (VE)

Honey Com Breakfast Bread (V)

Colby Cheese Stick (V)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (VE)

Cinnamon Burst Pancakes (V)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (VE)

Sweet Potato Oatmeal Muffin (V)

New York Apples Stices (VE)

Whole Grain Bagel (VE)

served with Cream Cheese (V) & Jelly (VE)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (VE)

Winter Recess

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New York

Yogurt Choice (V)

Assorted Granola (V) Raisins (VE)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (VE)

Banana Muffin (V)

Mozzarella Cheese Stick (V)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (VE)

Mini Blueberry Waffles (V)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (VE)

Zucchini Carrot Breakfast Bread (V)

Fresh Apples (VE)

Whole Grain Bagel (VE) served with Cream Cheese (V) & Jelly (VE)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (VE)

Milk\* 1% Low-fat Fat Free

\*Alternative options are available upon request

Breakfast After the Bell Grab and Go

Alternative Breakfast Grab and Go (Cereal, Fruit and Milk) OFFERED DAILY

Options may vary by location

**Cold Cereal Choices** Shredded Wheat Multi-Grain Oats (VE) Toasted Oats (VE) Oat Circles (VE) Cinnamon Flakes (VE)

Seasonal Fresh Fruit

Apples, Apple Slices, Bananas, Grapefruit, Oranges, Pears, Grapes, Honeydew, and Strawberries



#### ATTENTION:

All Pre-K Students CANNOT be Offered CHOCOLATE MILK

Vegan Item (VE): A plant-based food that consist of whole grains, vegetables, legumes, nuts, and/or full; and excludes any eggs, dairy and animal
products. Vegan also excludes honey

Vegetarian Item (V): A food that consist of whole grains, vegetables, legumes, nuts, fruit, eggs and or dairy, excludes animal products





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Milk\*

Drumsticks

Baked Beans (VE)

Green Garden Salad (VE)

Buttermilk Biscuit (V)

New York Apples Stices (VE)

Salad Bar Broccoll Salad (V) served with Rice (VE)

Veggie Nuggets (VE)

Confetti Com (VE)

Crispy Tortillas (VE) Served with Salsa (VE)

> Salad Bar Carrot Raisin Salad (V)

Prohibitive Ingredients List

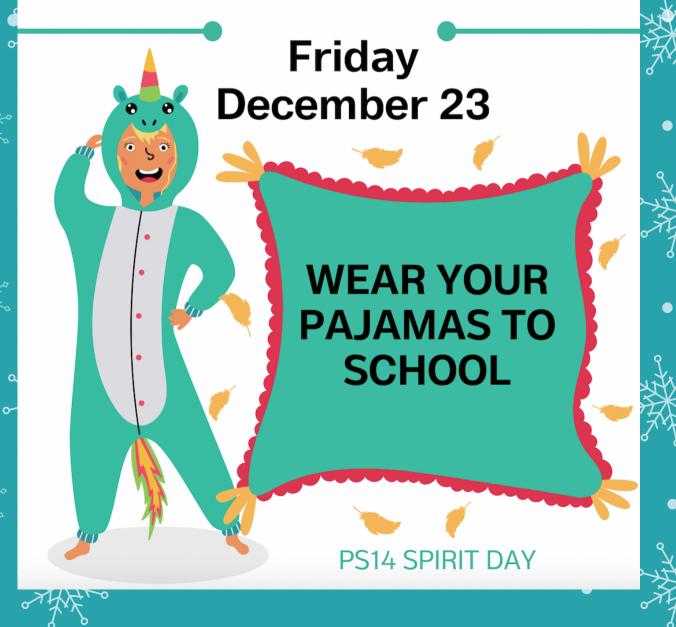
Seasonal Fresh Fruit

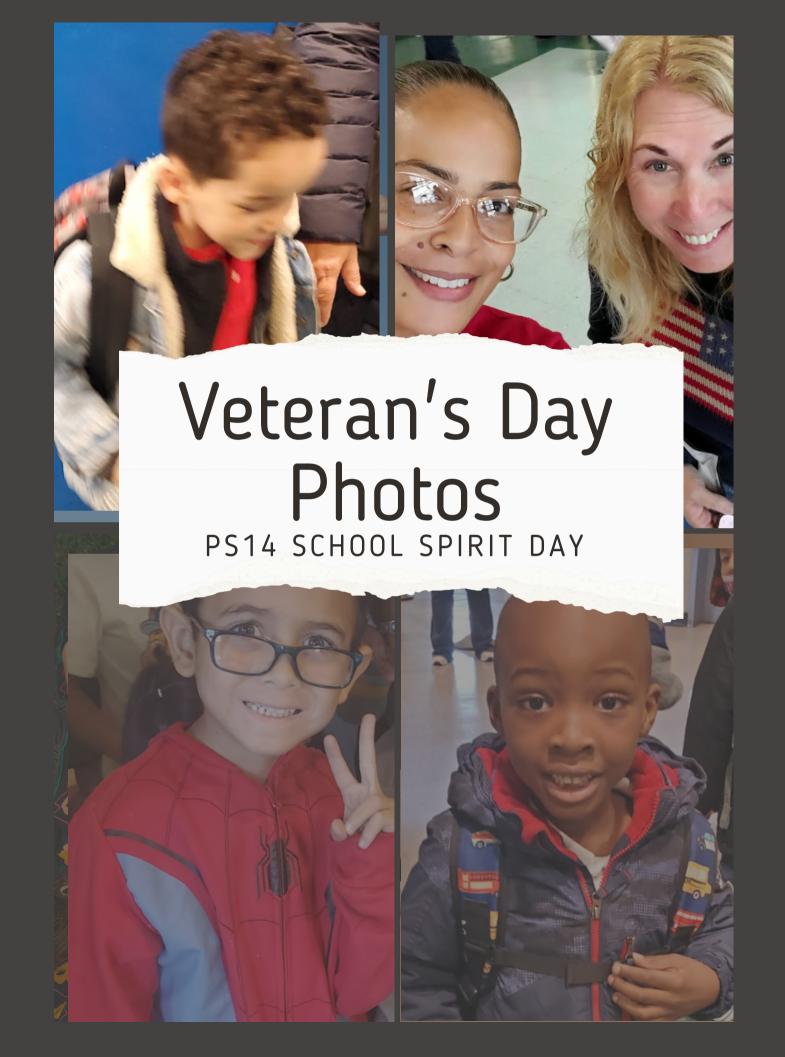
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Clauda Chann	Crispy Chicken Sandwich Whole Wheat Burn	Plastic Fran Lunch Day	Roasted Chicken Thigh	Black Bean and Plantain Power Bowl (VE)
Classic Cheese Pizza (V)	Grab and Go Salad  Roasted Chickpeas With	Mozzarella Sticks (V) with marinara sauce (VE)	Haney Diced Sweet Potato (V)	with Vegetable Rice (VE) and Pico de Gallo (VE)
Italian Green Beans (VE)	Basil Pesto (V)	Fresh Broccoli Florets (VE)	Dinner Roll (VE)	Southwest Burrito (V)
	Seasoned Wedge Fries (VE)		Fresh Apples (VE)	Green Garden Safad (VE)
Salad Bar Kale Caesar (V)	Salad Bar Pickles, Lettuce and Tomato (VE)	Salad Bar Veggle Dippers (VE)	Salad Bar Lemon Arugula Salad (V)	Salad Bar Fresh Cilantro Healthy Cole Slaw (V)
10	20	21	22	23
French Bread	Crispy Chicken Tenders With Dipping Sauce Grab and Go Salad	Hamburgers or Cheeseburgers	Roasted Chicken Drumsticks Baked Beans (VE)	Three Bean Chili (VE) served with Rice (VE) Veggie Nuggets (VE)
Pizza (V)		Whole Wheat Bun		Andida undidate (AE)
Corn, Peas and Carrots (VE)	Sweet Potato Waffle Fries (VE)	Home Fries (V)	Green Garden Salad (VE)  Buttermilik Biscuit (V)	Confetti Corn (VE) Crispy Tortillas (VE)
	Garlig Knot (V)			Served with Salsa (VE)
Salad Bar Fresh Marinated Vegetable Salad (VE)	Salad Bar Strawberry and Cucumber Salad (V)	Salad Bar Pickles, Lettuce and Tomato (VE)	New York Apples Slices (VE)  Salad Bar  Broccoll Salad (V)	Salad Bar Carrot Ralsin Salad (V)
Winter Recess 26	Winter Recess 27	Winter Recess 23	Winter Recess 29	Winter Recess 30
Personal Pizza (V)	Chicken Quesadilla	Veggle Burger (VE) Whole Wheat Burn Fish and Cheese	Chicken Dumplings with Veggle Ginger Soy Rice (VE) Grab and Go Salad	White Bean and Pasta Primavera (VE)
Crispy Broccoli (V)	Fiesta Black Beans (VE)	Sandwich Whole Wheat Bun	Seasoned Fresh Green Beans (V)	Roasted Fresh Tornatoes (VE)
Salad Bar	Safsa (VE)	Seasoned Wedge Fries (VE)  Salad Bar	Fresh Apples (VE)	Homemade Grilled Cheese (V)
Italian Classico Salad (VE)	Salad Bar Kid Friendly Kale (V)	Pickles, Lettuce and Tomato (VE)	Salad Bar Asian Red Cabbage Slaw (V)	Salad Bar Greek Zucchini Salad (VE)
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## School Spirit Day



### **PAJAMA DAY**





## DECEMBER KINDERGARTEN NEWS

#### WRITING

Show and Tell Books
Children are learning to fill pages
with items and places they love using
pictures and words.

#### SHARED READING

We are developing concepts and starting to use letters and sounds to read.

#### MATH

We are studying: Comparing numbers 0-10 Classify and count data



#### PHONICS

We are learning letter names, sounds, and sight words.

#### **DUAL LANGUAGE**

Students will write narratives across three pages using special moments.

#### SCIENCE

We are studying the needs of plants and animals

### SOCIAL STUDIES

Self and Others:
We are studying the
United States and
Symbols of the
United States.







#### **CLASSROOM NEWS**

This month, First Grade will be working on:

Reading: Unit 2-Super Power

Writing: Unit 2-How-To Writing

Math: Addition Facts to 20: Use Strategies and Subtraction Facts to 20:

Use Strategies

**Science:** Animal and Plant Defenses

**Social Studies:** Families and

Communities

#### TO-DO

- Read at least 20 minutes per day at home
- Practice Habit 3-Put First Things First
- Practice counting numbers and writing numbers.

#### **REMINDERS**

If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, please do so during Parent Engagement Time Parent Engagement Times is every Friday at 7:40 am to 8:05 am.

#### **EVENTS**

December 23

Pajama Day

December 26-January 2

Winter Recess





# **DECEMBER**Second Grade Newsletter

### We are learning

**Reading**- Becoming Experts in nonfiction reading

Writing- How-To guide for nonfiction writing

**Math**- Topic 4 Fluently add within 100

**Science**- Plant and Animal Relationships

Social Studies- UNIT 2: New York City Over Time

### **Important Dates**

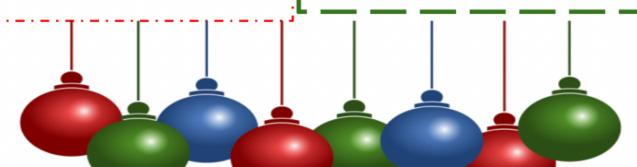
No School:December 26th-Jan 2nd

Students return on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023

### To Do List

2nd Grade Teachers wish you all a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year.

Stay Safe and Healthy!



# Third Grade News



#### **READING/WRITING**

Our third grade students will be reading their exciting mystery books.

Our grade grade students will begin their crafty persuasive essay unit.

#### **MATH**

Our third grade mathematicians will continue multiplication and will use strategies and properties to add and subtract.

#### **SCIENCE**

Our third grade scientists will explore inheritance and traits.

#### **SOCIAL STUDIES**

Our third grade students will explore the culture and traditions of Nigeria.



### IMPORTANT DATES

December 23rd- Pajama Day

December 26th-January 2nd Winter Recess- No School







#### 4th Grade Newsletter

All the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers would like to wish all the families a blessed holiday season!

Math: We will be starting multiplication of two digit by two digit numbers. We will also be working with factors and multiples.

Remember to practice learning your multiplication facts and practice your skills on IXL!

ELA: We will beginning a new unit of Details and Synthesis. We will be close reading fiction along side with writing literary essays where we write about fictional stories we have read. We will be referencing the skills and strategies they learned in Unit 1: inferencing and interpretation. Students will be invited to choose books that go together in order to make comparisons across texts.

#### Science/Social Studies:

Students will continue to learn about Electricity in their science unit. In Social Studies we will learn how the colonists from Europe impacted the lives of the Native Americans and how colonization started.

## 5th Grade News

Your weekly newsletter about our classroom!

#### Science

Students will be learning about Modeling Matter and the Chemistry of

#### **Social Studies**

We will be learning about European Exploration. We will explore how Spanish, French, Dutch and English Explorers impacted life on the Western Hemisphere, and how people acclimated to it.

#### Important Dates

No School Week of 12/26 through 1/2

(Students return to school 1/3/23)

### **Reading & Writing**

In reading, we will begin a unit on Interpretation Book Clubs. We will focus on various reading skills, while immersing ourselves into rich conversations about various books and texts.

Students will be immersed in Literary Essay Writing across a variety of texts and short stories.

### Math

Students will begin Topic 5. Students will learn to use Models and Strategies to Divide Whole Numbers



# R.O.A.R. NEWS



## SPOTLIGHT: RESPONSIBLE

Students are expected to be **RESPONSIBLE** in all areas of PS 14. This includes classrooms, hallways, stairwells, cafeteria, auditorium, bathrooms and the schoolyard. Students show they are **responsible** when they follow directions, listen carefully, are prepared with their supplies and materials and alert an adult of any issue they are having.

At home, you can ask your child how they show they are responsible at school each day and also encourage them to be responsible at home by completing their homework and making sure their bookbag is packed each morning with the supplies they need for the day!



K-275, K-276, K-277

1-221, 1-223

2-371, 2-375

3-302, 3-305

4-312, 4-314, 4-350

5-423A, 5-425B, 5-412

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CLASSES EARNING 50
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3-305



AMPLIFY SCIENCE

K Where are the milkweed plants?

Gl Plant and Animal Defenses

G2 Plant and Animal Relationships

G3 Balancing Forces

G4 Energy Conversions

G5 Patterns of Earth and Sky

#### Computer Science & Tech

CS tech students will continue to explore the concept of algorithms and programming.

How do we create instructions to complete a task?

In this unit, students will learn that we follow algorithms in our daily lives. They will apply the knowledge of real life algorithm and create instructions on the computer. They will learn how to debug code and loops and variables.



#### THIS MONTH!

We're excited for CS WEEK!

This coming December 5-II,
2022 is computer science
week. We will join millions of
students and teachers in
over 180 countries starting
with an Hour of Code.

#### **ENGINEERING**

Building Technology Solving Problems

Kindergarten: Designing and building shelters to protect pets from the hot sun

1st Grade: Designing and creating

hand pollinators

2nd Grade:
Designing mortar to build a strong wall

3rd Grade: Creating a maglev transportation system

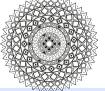
### SEL/ART: SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING:

#### **DECEMBER:**

#### VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: GRATITUDE

- Students will discuss all the ways to show gratitude, to each other, to ourselves and to the world!
- Students will create a gratitude mandala





### Theater:

#### December:

- Students will learn how to act out a scene from a picture book.
- Students will read/act out scenes from a script.
- Students will be introduced to the art of improv acting (creating a scene without a script).





Dancers will continue to study the Elements of Dance

#### Body Action Space Time Energy

Energy: Dancers will explore 2 different kinds of energy; smooth/sustained movements, and sharp/sudden movements.

Weight: Dancers will contract their muscles to move with strong force, and relax their muscles to move with light force. They will show passive weight by releasing the tension in their bodies, and active weight, engaging their muscles to move energetically.



2022 NBC Start Choir Competition Winners@

December 21st

Winter Music Showcase

- Senior Choir
- Violins
- Band
- Music and the Brain Keyboard musicians



Musical Theater Auditions

### MULTI-LINGUAL NEWS

tis the season

TO BE JOLLY

#### WRITING

Choose several photographs from your family's culture. Encourage speaking with your children about these cultural events.. Paste them on paper and have your children create a book filled with cultural memories.





#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

iFelices vacaciones! - Spanish

节日快乐! - Chinese

Bayramlar bilan! - Uzbek

শুভ ছুটির দিন! - Bengali

חג שמחו - Hebrew

Arabic - اجازة سعيد



### HOLIDAY RECIPE -GINGERBREAD



Ingredients I box spice cake mix l eaa 1/2 cup butter, melted butter

2-3 Tbsp flour (optional)

Directions: Heat oven to 350°F.

In a large bowl, stir together cake mix, egg, and butter. Turn dough out onto a piece of parchment. Cover with a second piece of parchment and roll to 1/4-1/2" thick.

Cut dough into desired shapes. Transfer to a nonstick baking sheet. Bake for 9-12 minutes, or just until cookies are set. Remove and cool. Decorate with icing or buttercream, as desired.



#### WINTER WORD WALL

Use these words in an original story! arctic blizzard boots freeze powder snowy snowstorm slush wind



Here are some great songs for working on your English! Click to listen and sing along!

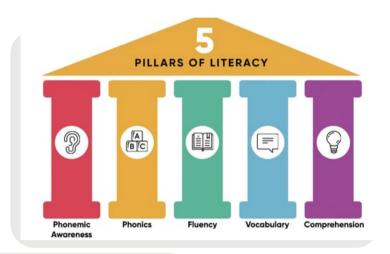
Easy: Cocomelon Winter Cocomelon Snowman Medium: Frosty the Snowman Hard: Let It Go





# December Newsletter

### RTI FOCUS ON FLUENCY



#### **FLUENCY**



A fluent reader doesn't have to stop and "decode" each word. This means the reader can focus his attention on what the story or text means

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Parents can help their child develop reading fluency through a few simple and fun activities.

Paired or "Buddy" Reading
Read together every day, which is often called
paired or buddy reading. To use paired reading,
simply take turns reading aloud.

Reread Favorite Books
Encourage your child to reread favorite books
over and over again.

#### Record It

Another fun way to practice reading and build fluency is to have your child create her own audio books.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Reminder: As the days get colder we ask that students wear layers, and comfortable gear for Physical Education. Please make sure to wear sneakers on PE days. Boots can not be worn in gym.

#### **GRADES: K-2**

Students will be working on object manipulation, while safely moving around the gym.

example: using a floor scooter while holding a bean bag

#### **GRADES 3-5**

Students will continue to complete the Fitness Gram during the month of December.

Once data is complete student will continue working on cooperation in competitive

