

THE BURNSIDE BEATS

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YOU'RE WELCOME!

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

After a 3-year hiatus due to the COVID pandemic, we were delighted to welcome back our Musical Theater Club this school year with the performance of Moana on February 15th & 16th. Under the co-direction of our music teacher, Jonathan Pellerin and one of our 4th grade teachers, Kelsey Kovacs, students in grades 3-5 have been working since October to learn lines, songs, and choreography.

One of our special education teachers, Erin Bekowies also joined the cast to help out both behind the scenes and in the role of Tafiiti. Mona was brought to life by a collaboration of staff, parents, and students including our school Art Club led by our art teacher Zoe Rosenberg which created many of the props and overall set design. And we cannot forget the amazing balloon art done by Ms. Bueno who works as a school aide at MS 390.

In addition to building social and communication skills overall, involvement in drama performances has been shown to improve students' self-esteem as well as their confidence in their academic abilities. With exposure that not only raises school academic performance, but also encourages creativity, culture, patience, morals, and imagination, we are so grateful to bring "Broadway" to Burnside. We are already looking forward to next year's show.



CIVICS FOR ALL



The DOE believes civics education is an essential part of every student's core academic experience. We launched the Civics for All initiative to strengthen opportunities for students to develop skills and knowledge related to democracy. The goal is for all our students to be engaged community members who can think critically and are empowered to chart the course that our city and country take. Civics for All helps schools support students in making connections between history, current events, and democratic structures.

This year Civics Week will be taking place March 11-15, 2024. Civics Week is a time for schools across the city to celebrate youth voice, civic empowerment, and the importance of registering to vote. Civics Week includes efforts to get every young person to understand that their voice matters and that they can create change as active participants of their community.

During the week, K-12 schools across the City celebrate youth voice, civic empowerment, and the importance of registering to vote. Each year Civics for All shares resources to help prepare schools to organize Civics Week events.

We're happy to share that our theme for Civics Week 2024 is **Democracy Needs YOU!**

This year's theme is intended to ensure that our students know that democracy requires all of us to participate, regardless of age or voting eligibility. Our Civics Week resources will be available soon for all grades, K-12, and will include lots of ways to teach NYC students that democracy requires their action and engagement!

We cannot wait to share this learning opportunity with our students and with you in the weeks ahead.

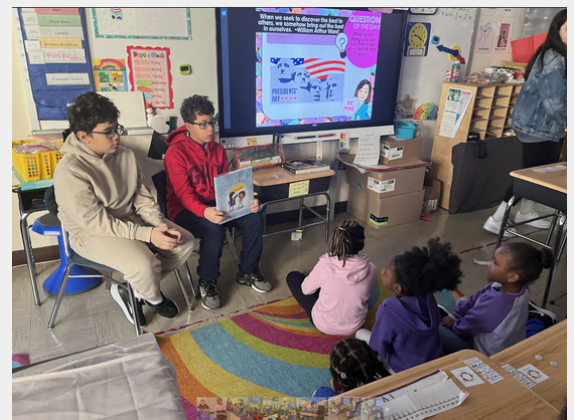
MAKING AN IMPACT

February was a busy month for Student Council! On February 7th, New York City Public Schools held its second Climate Action Day with a focus on Waste. We visited classrooms to show how to use the bins properly and helped younger students to put their waste in the correct bin in the cafeteria. Also, during the week of February 12th, we visited classrooms to do a read aloud of books on respect, kindness, and love. Check out the pics!



Climate Action Days are fun, creative learning opportunity for entire school communities to learn how we can make a difference and change the world is a positive way!

December- Energy Conservation
February—Waste
April— Health, Wellness and Green Space
June —Water



Jayden & Jadel reading with class 203



Jander & Mileena reading with class K10

March is Women's History Month!

This month serves as a time to honor the achievements and contributions that women of all backgrounds have made throughout the history of the United States, both by remembering those who paved the way in the struggle for gender equity in the United States, and by recognizing the history-makers and barrier breakers of today.

This year's theme for Women's History Month is "Women Who Advocate for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion," which recognizes women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions."

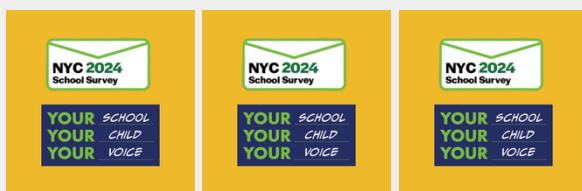
As New Yorkers, both the city and state where we live are rich with women's history; as our own family stories. Please take some time this month and share your personal stories of strength and perseverance with your children.

NYC School Survey

Your School. Your Child. Your Voice.

Every year, we ask all families, teachers, and staff in grades 3-K through 12, and students in grades 6-12 to take the NYC School Survey. The survey gives school leaders a better understanding of what members of their school community think about their school. The information collected by the survey is designed to support a dialogue among all members of the school community about how to make the school a better place to learn.

Online access to the survey can be found at nycschoolssurvey.org.



Parent Coordinator Corner

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Families,

Every year, we ask all families, teachers, and staff in grades 3-K through 12, and students in grades 6-12 to take the NYC School Survey. **YOUR SCHOOL. YOUR CHILD. YOUR VOICE.**

Also parents don't forget **ACTIVATE NYC kids RISE SAVE FOR COLLEGE PROGRAM.**

This academic year **KINDERGARTEN, 1ST AND 2ND** grade students can participate in the program. if you need help with surveys or the program activation come to parents room 115.



REMINDERS

- Complete or update the Emergency Blue Cards
- Register at our school Health Clinic
- Download and connect to ClassDojo for school and class information
- Create your NYC Schools Account for each child
- Arrival begins at 7:55AM
- Dismissal for Prek – 2nd grade is at 2:15PM, 3rd – 5th grade is at 2:20PM