

# THE BURNSIDE BEATS

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## MAKING CONNECTIONS

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

Here at PS 396, our amazing teachers are always looking for new ways to engage our students and keep them learning. Recently, our music teacher Jonathan Pellerin used was able to set up a unique learning experience for some of our youngest students. Here is a little information from Mr. Pellerin about this fun day.

On Wednesday, January 17th, The ROCKIN' class K10 demonstrated how to play mallet instruments for a 3K class at P.S. 226, our neighbors down Burnside on Sedgwick Avenue. They shared their talents on Zoom and everyone had so much fun. We started with Mr. Pellerin demonstrated parts of the drum set and how to play it. Class K10 students danced to the different beats. Everyone at the other school was clapping along, they LOVED IT!

Then each student in K10 played a mallet instrument for the younger 3K students. They played a marimba, vibraphone, xylophones, and glockenspiels. K10 was ROCKIN'.

Then we all sat down and the 3K class asked us questions. One of the questions was 'is playing the mallets hard?' Our response was.....it was difficult at first but we practiced! Such a great day of learning for everyone.



## A FOOD EDUCATION FOR ALL

As part of NYC DOE Schools Chancellor Banks' efforts to expand food education opportunities across city schools, earlier this school year the DOE launched a Food Education Grant Program. All Title 1 elementary schools were eligible to apply for an \$11,000 grant to use for food education related work in their school.

I'm proud to say that our School Wellness Committee, lead by the efforts of our music teacher Jonathan Pellerin, applied and WON a grant for our school. After meeting with several different community partners we decided to partner with two organizations, Allergic to Salad & Leave it Better.

Allergic to Salad will begin working with our students across all grades Prek - 5 next month to provide hands-on learning experiences to develop core culinary skills including kitchen safety and knife skills, fruit and vegetable identification and appreciation, and increase in nutritional knowledge.

In addition to the work in school with our classes, we are also planning a FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT program, so that all of you can join us for a hands-on, life-skills culinary experience which is sure to be fun and delicious.

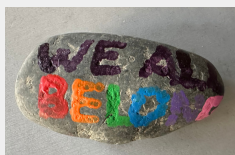
In the meantime, the Leave it Better Foundation will also be working with us to rebuild our garden and get it looking awesome again. They are going to rebuild the raised beds, refresh the soil, and get some flowers and early season crops planted so students can have experience gardening, and community members can see life breathed back into this little triangle of land.

I want to say a big thank you to Mr. Pellerin and the Wellness committee for bringing these opportunities to our school community.



## A ROCKIN' GARDEN

Hi! We are the PS 396 Student Council and recently we painted rocks to represent the ROCKIN' values. Ms. Zoe kindly supplied us with everything we needed for this special project. In the spring, we are going to bring these rocks to the "Green Space" to make it more beautiful and welcoming. We wrote the ROCKIN' value words and other positive words to remind us of how PS 396 lives these values inside and outside the classroom. We hope everyone students, staff and families will get to the visit the garden this spring and enjoy.





## 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. 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. Our **SCHOOL SURVEY 2024 OPENS UP ON February 12, 2024 and closes on April 5, 2024**. Families can take the survey online or by completing a paper survey. On February 12, everyone will be able to access the survey at [nycschoolssurvey.org](https://nycschoolssurvey.org). will use a lower case "f" followed by their child's OSIS number as an access code when taking the survey online. **YOUR SCHOOL. YOUR CHILD. YOUR VOICE.**



## PLAYBILL

The P.S. 396 Musical Theater  
Club Proudly Presents.....



Performances:

Thursday, February 15th at 5pm  
Friday, February 16th at 9:30am

## 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