**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Another school year is about to come to an end. We have all worked together throughout the year to give our students the best possible experience and we have seen them grow emotionally, socially and intellectually.

Learning should not end in June. Take every opportunity to help your child to continue to learn throughout the summer. Encourage them to read or read to them; visit the Library. Share some meaningful and fun experiences with your children and engage them in conversation at all times. Let them think critically, express themselves, and give them opportunities to solve problems that arise in their everyday existence.

We are saying farewell to our 5th grade students and we applaud our Kindergarten children stepping up. We hope you join us in wishing our beloved Mrs. Caruso, 3rd Grade Teacher, a happy retirement; Ms. Fiallos a wonderful wedding as she embarks on a new phase of her life in a new place; Mrs. Jackie Rodriguez good luck, health and happiness as she relocates with her family. They will be missed.

The circle of life continues for all of us.

Have a wonderful summer vacation. Make the most of it and enjoy as much as you can.

Educationally yours,

Ms. Munoz Ms. Steenwerth

Principal Assistant Principal

**REMINDER-Promotional Exercises**

**RECORDATORIO – Ejercicios de Promoción**

 **Grade 5**-![MCj04241660000[1]]() **5to Grado**

Friday, June 24th-

 viernes, 24 de junio

Awards Ceremony for select students, June 15th at 6pm

 **Kindergarten**- **Jardín de Infancia**-

Monday, June 27th

Lunes, 27 de junio

**READ! READ! READ!**

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Have a productive summer! Remember to read, read, read! Be safe and have fun!

Keep your child’s literacy skills sharp during the summer months. Look for summer reading lists. Visit the Port Richmond Public Library.

**¡LEAN! ¡LEAN! ¡LEAN!**

**¡Tengan un verano productivo! ¡Recuerden leer, leer y leer! ¡Cuídense y diviértanse! Mantengan las destrezas del alfabetismo afiladas durante los meses del verano. Busquen las listas de lectura de verano. Visiten la Biblioteca Pública de Port Richmond.**

**NO PLACE FOR HATE**

P.S. 20 has been designated as a *No Place for Hate* School by the Anti- Defamation League. Our Guidance Counselor, Ms. Randi Huss, worked with students throughout the year teaching about diversity and the importance of tolerance. Students engaged in projects to spread the anti-bullying message throughout the school. Recently, PS 20 was recognized at the No Place for Hate Recognition Ceremony. Ms. Huss and select students representing PS 20 enjoyed the ceremony where they were reinvigorated to continue the important work of reducing bullying, name-calling and other expressions of bias within school and our community. Jada Mothersill, one of our fifth grade students, entertained the crowd with a fantastic performance of a song.  We are very proud of what our students have accomplished as they worked throughout the year on different projects with Ms. Huss.

**PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION 2016-17**

Congratulations to the following ladies elected to the PTA Executive Board. The new officers are as follows:

Maria Lucero- President

Claudia Galindo- Vice President

Blanca Lopez- Treasurer

Carolina Mendez- Recording Secretary

Roberta Escamilla- Corresponding Secretary

**PARENT COORDINATOR’S MESSAGE**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

 I can’t believe that the school year is almost over! I don’t want to finish this school year without saying thank you for all of your support and help throughout the year. We hope that all of the activities, events, programs and meetings that we have held at PS 20 helped you to be more involved and engaged in your child’s life. As a parent it is very important to be part of your child’s education. The more involved you are, the more successful your child will be in the future. I want to remind you that during the summer vacation, it is very important to keep your children reading and practicing the times table. This will help them when they return to school in September. Also, I want to thank our PTA officers for all of their help and support during our wonderful program for dads, My Hero and Me.

I wish all of you a wonderful and healthy summer vacation.

With Love, Nolvia Cartagena

**PTA MESSAGE**

Dear Parents/ Guardians

As we all know, it is the last month of school and we would like to thank you for all of your support and help throughout the year. We hope to continue the same for the next school year.

The next PTA meeting will be held on June 16th at 8:30am. Remember that our children are our future and should always be our priority.

As always, we thank you for your ongoing help and cooperation and wish you a great summer.

Sincerely,

PTA

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

June 9th- NO SCHOOL

June 14th- NO SCHOOL

June 28th- Last day of school. Early dismissal

**MURAL PROJECT**

Through a grant received from the New York City Department of Education Office of Arts and Special Projects, we have collaborated with Sundog Theater throughout the year on a mural project. Sarah Yuster, our visiting artist, worked with Fifth grade classes on various writing and art pieces and the partnership culminated with the creation of a mural depicting the importance of tolerance and acceptance of diversity. The mural will be displayed at our Annual Art Show and eventually it will replace the mural of Obama hanging over the main entrance.

**ANNUAL ART SHOW**

Throughout the year, our visual arts teacher, Ms. Viverito, has worked with all of our students teaching them about artists, techniques and various mediums.

On June 15th and 16th, there will be an Art Show displaying the work done throughout the year. The theme for this year’s exhibit is Egypt. Come and celebrate our student’s work. You are invited to visit the Art Show. A flyer will be sent home.

**URBAN VOICES**

For several years, P.S. 20 has partnered with the Metropolitan Opera Guild to teach our students how to sing properly and expose them to different genres of music from around the world through the Urban Voices program. Ms. Basia Revi is the visiting vocal artist who has worked with our classes for several years. Last week was the culminating Urban Voices concert. We would like to thank the students from classes 3-101, 201 and 204 and 4-205 for putting on a wonderful performance. Our thanks also go out to the teachers who collaborated with Ms. Revi throughout the year and lastly to the family and friends who showed their support by attending the concert. It was a full house!