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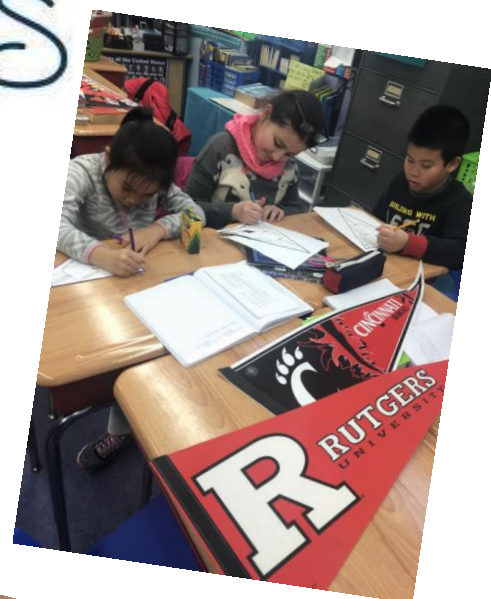
The Positive Learning Collaboration model emphasizes strengthening thriving school communities and improving academic and social outcomes by creating safe and supportive learning environments. This initiative fosters a positive school climate using a collaborative approach and a multi-tiered model. It includes a training plan that addresses an individual school's needs and trains staff. Educators learn to collect, analyze and apply both qualitative and quantitative data to strategically guide best practices. In addition, school communities will be empowered to strengthen the school-home connection and advocate for resources that benefit children and families. We are all very excited to be a part of this initiative and look forward to the training program which will be at the end of the month. Congratulations to PS 188!



Congratulations to District 21's Chapter Leaders for being honored as MLK heroes of the month by Borough President Eric Adams.



# College awareness Day





P.S. 216 and P.S. 212's I.E.P Binder Party, in partnership with the team from <http://Understood.org>, was a huge success. Working together as a Community District to meet the diverse learning needs of our students. Thank you to Councilmen Mark Treyger, our Community Education Council and Superintendent's Office for supporting this event. We look forward to our continued collaboration with <http://Understood.org>.



P.S. / I.S. 226's monthly breakfast with the Principal has been a huge hit with the families in our community. In fact, this month there were over 50 parents in attendance. Parents were able to enjoy breakfast with Principal Klein while learning all about SEL (Social Emotional Learning). This month's miniseries topic was parent-child mood meters. These meters are used to create a positive and emotionally supportive home environment. Parents and children are able to list their feelings, the reason for the feeling, and consequences.



Congratulations to our Spelling Bee finalists Farhan Chowdury, Russel Shiman and Tony Thomas for making it to the District 21 and 20, District Level. District 21 is excited to announce that Farhan Chowdury has moved on to compete in the Citywide Spelling Bee as one of 13 finalists to represent District 21 and District 20. Public School 209 is proud of all three of their fifth graders who participated in the Spelling Bee. We wish Farhan good luck at the next level of the competition, and we are so happy he is representing their school.





The American Heart Association put out a call to knitting and crocheting enthusiasts to donate knit or crocheted hats for use in the 3rd annual Little Hats, Big Hearts program. Dozens of local hospitals partnered with the American Heart Association and The Children's Heart Foundation to distribute the hats during February/American Heart Month. The program aim is to help raise awareness for congenital heart defects, the most common type of birth defect in the country. Organized and lead by Mrs. Fanizzi, AP, Mrs. Brinzer and Mrs. Tangari, (teachers) along with PTA president Anna Silver, Parent Coordinator Mrs. Suarez, parents, teachers, paraprofessionals and family workers at PS153 heeded that call. Each Tuesday during the designated parent engagement time, the "sewing circle" met to crochet or knit red hats to be donated to this wonderful cause. Members even worked at home and brought them to the program each Tuesday. As a community, close to 103 hats were created and donated.



Davis A. Boody celebrates the grand opening of DAB's new cafeteria. Students will have many choices from our new diversified breakfast and lunch menu. New state of the art tables and chairs will make breakfast and lunch a great experience for students.



On January 17, 2018, Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña announced the launch of 33 new pre-K Dual Language programs across the City this fall, more than doubling the number of existing programs from 30 to 63.

“Being able to speak and read in a different language, and understand a different culture, is a game-changer for our kids,” said Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña. “That’s why we are more than doubling the number of New York City’s pre-K Dual Language programs – meeting the needs of our kids and families, and giving more of our children a critical early foundation in not just one language, but two.”

District 21 is proud to have a new pre-K Dual Language program. Below is a picture of PS 90's kindergarten Dual Language class K-128. They look forward to new prekindergarten students also becoming "bilingues."



Pre-K for All provides a free, full-day, high-quality pre-K seat for every four-year-old in New York City, and is a critical part of Mayor de Blasio and Chancellor Fariña’s Equity and Excellence for All agenda. The 2018 NYC Pre-K Directory is now available online and in print, and New York City families with children born in 2014 will be able to apply for free, full-day, high-quality pre-K starting on February 5. For more information on the Pre-K Directory and application process, families can also visit:

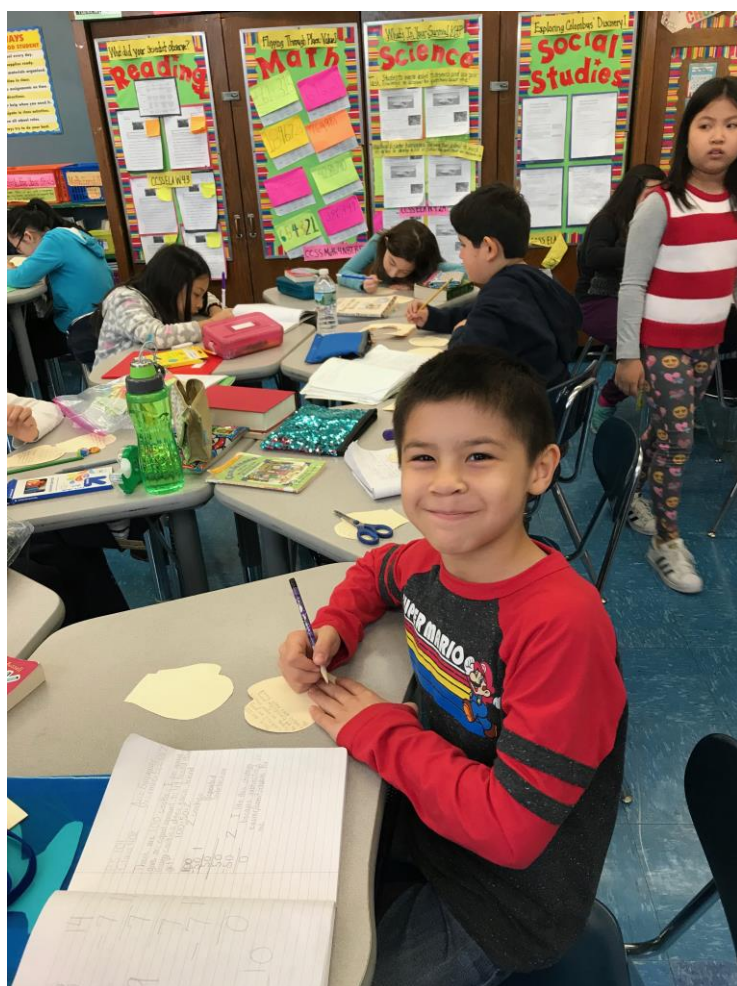
- Our [Pre-K Finder](#), which has the most up-to-date program information,
- Our [Pre-K Events](#) page for information about program visits and Open Houses, or
- Call 718-935-2009.



## Congratulations to P.S. 101

The State Education Department identified 155 high achieving and high progress schools as Reward Schools. Reward Schools are schools with high academic achievement or those who made the most progress in the State and do not have significant gaps in student achievement between subgroups. Each Reward School will receive a certificate of recognition from the Commissioner.

“The teachers and administrators at these Reward schools work hard each day to raise the bar and give their students opportunities to achieve their dreams,” Board of Regents Chancellor Betty A. Rosa said. “The proof is in the results these schools have obtained and I am thrilled to celebrate their success.” <http://nysed.gov/news/2018/commissioner-identifies-155-high-achieving-and-high-progress-schools-reward-schools>





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# OLYMPIC WORD SEARCH

Try to find all of the hidden Olympic words in the word puzzle below.  
Remember, words can be diagonal, vertical, horizontal,  
forward or backwards. Good luck!



FINISH LINE	LEAGUE	JAVELIN	HURDLE	TEAM	BALL
SCORE	RACE	ATHLETE	BRONZE	MEDAL	COMPETE
CHAMPION	GOAL	COACH	STADIUM	SILVER	GOLD

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Coney Island

# COAT DRIVE

Do You Have An Extra  
Gently Worn Coat In Your Closet?

With the cold chill of winter upon us,  
there are those in our community that need a warm coat.  
We need your help now, more than ever.  
Donate children and adult size coats to help those in need.

**BEGINS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017**  
**ENDS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

Donation bin located at the 1st Floor Employee Entrance or  
Patient Relations in room 1N21



*\*The cleaner the coats, the better.*

*\*Make sure coats are washed or dry cleaned before donating.*



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### High School News

- High School Applications for the 2018-2019 school year were due to school counselors on December 1. Contact your school counselor right away if you missed the December 1 deadline.
- You'll get your results letter in March 2018. This letter will include the High School Application and Specialized High Schools results.

### Middle School News

- The middle school application period for the 2018-2019 school year has closed. Fifth grade students will get their results letter in April 2018.
- Students who applied to schools that require auditions, interviews, assessments, or portfolios for admission will complete these in January and February 2018

### Kindergarten News

- If you submitted your child's Kindergarten Application by the January 19 deadline, you'll get your offer letter in March 2018.
- Your offer letter lists the school where your child will go to kindergarten and you'll need to accept your offer by April.

If you missed the January 19 deadline, you can still apply to kindergarten by submitting a late application one of three ways:

- By phone at 718-935-2009
- In person at a Family Welcome Center
- If you submit a late application, you will get a kindergarten offer by mid-June.

### Gifted & Talented

Families who submitted the Request for Testing (RFT) form by the November 13 deadline will get their test date confirmation in December. Your child tests in January—prepare with them by reviewing the practice test in the 2018 Gifted & Talented Handbook.

Families who have a student entering kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year should also know about Kindergarten Admissions and those school options.

### Get Ready to Apply to Pre-K

New York City families with children born in 2014 can apply to pre-K from **February 5-March 30, 2018**.

Starting on February 5, you can apply online, by phone, or in person. Interpretation services are available in more than 200 languages for over-the-phone and in-person application submissions.

- Our [Pre-K Finder](#), which has the most up-to-date program information,
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# Save the Date

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

### District Spirit Day

**Saturday, June 16, 2018**

On Saturday June 16, 2018 District 21 is planning a District wide School Spirit Night at MCU Park Home of Brooklyn Cyclones Baseball. This night is a great way to celebrate the start of summer with family and friends, inject school spirit, and create lasting memories for everyone.

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