



December 2017
Superintendent Isabel DiMola



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Winter Break

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
School Closed January 15,2018

Over 4,100 students across the nation signed up to participate in 2017 *Congressional App Challenge*.

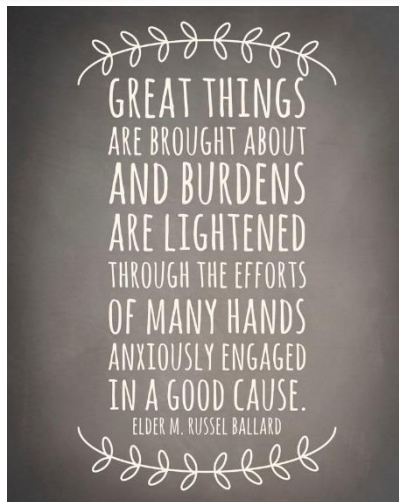
The winners are Lucy Vuong, Samantha Zborovsky, Daniil Kniazkou, and Shawn Bolkhovsky for the app: **Skill Swapper.**

The students have been invited to the #HouseofCode reception in Washington DC in mid April 2018 to demo their app.

Congratulations to these students for a job well done!

“Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference.”

Kath Calvin



PS 212's Family Math Night was coordinated by teacher Sharon Dror and was attended by over 150 families on November 28th. Over 30 additional teachers and staff members volunteered to oversee games and math stations and handed out prizes to children of all ages. Students had a great time using math and problem solving skills in a creative and fun way. PS 212 is also looking forward to hosting Mad Science Night which will take place in February, said Principal Rina Horne



Library HotSpot

Parents and guardians of NYC public school kids can be eligible for FREE Wi-Fi at home through The New York Public Library's Library [HotSpot](#) program, designed for patrons without home internet.

Patrons who do not have home internet and have a child in NYC public school may register online to attend a Patron Lending Event at a local branch. Find an event and [register online](#). Patrons may also visit their location library or call 917-275-6975 for help with online registration.

One of the greatest reasons for PS/IS 95 to organize a multicultural celebration at their school is the opportunity it offers students, teachers, and families to encounter one another in celebration of what we all bring to the table. It's an occasion to have fun while strengthening the academic connections to students' knowledge, background experiences, and ways of viewing the world, says Principal Ndzibah.



P.S. 215's Winter Celebration

At P.S. 215 Morris H. Weiss School, they embrace Family-School-Community partnerships. Collaboration between their faculty, PTA and NYJTL (New York Junior Tennis League after-school program), has resulted in engaging their families as active partners in their children's social and academic experience, and provided their school community with safe, supportive and entertaining "family-centric" activities and events.

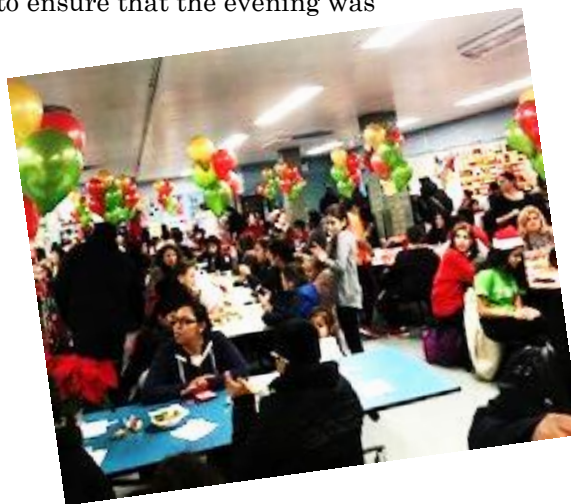
Their most recent collaboration was their winter celebrations for Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade families. Celebrations were held on consecutive Saturdays to encourage family involvement. NYJTL hosted a lovely breakfast to start the morning. Their Faculty designed a winter artwork project for their families to create. The PTA dressed as seasonal characters and distributed prizes to every child. Families had the opportunity to preview artwork on display for the Winter Art Festival. P.S. 215 WAS pleased to see so many of their families connecting with the school community and each other, says Dr. Bove.



English classes in PS/IS 95 are provided by the Jewish Community Council twice a week for three hours. Parents are evaluated at the beginning to know the levels of their fluency in English and placed based on the level being taught by the teacher, Lisa Miller. The English classes began in November and will finish in May of 2018. Parents engage in different activities based on their skill level. At the end of the cycle, everyone is evaluated again, so they can continue to develop their English skills.



The families and staff of IS 281 celebrated their 6th Annual Holiday Festival on Thursday evening December 7th. Over 70 local businesses participated in the event donating food, beverages and door prizes providing the families of Cavallaro with a fun-filled night. Many of their D21 CEC members were in attendance, as well as, representatives from Councilman Mark Treyger's office, Assemblyman William Colton's office and Senator Diane Savino's office. Principal Bender received a Certificate of Recognition Proclamation from Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams for outstanding work in the community. An event of this magnitude could not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of all of the staff members who participated. Ms. DiMatteo and Ms. Simoes orchestrated the event, as other staff members and students helped pick up food, decorate, work as servers, face painters and help with the cleanup. It was an all-out effort to ensure that the evening was magical for their Cavallaro families.





Please join us for an.....

I.E.P Binder Party!

[Individualized Education Plan]

Understood.org, P.S. 212 & P.S. 216

wants to help you stay organized
in the new year. Build a free IEP binder, swap tips with
other parents, and hear other I.E.P stories

January 18th 2018 @ 5:30

Location: P.S .212 87 Bay 49th st

Please RSVP with Eventbrite.com

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iep-binder-party-for-district-21-parents-tickets-40907334940>

Apply to Kindergarten!

If your child was born in 2013 and you live in New York City, your child can start kindergarten in September 2018. All families, including current pre-K students, students with disabilities, and English Language Learners, should submit an application.



Application period is open November 28, 2017 to January 12, 2018.



Apply one of three ways:

1

**Apply online at
schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline**

- This option is available 24 hours a day.
- Apply in Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, English, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Urdu.

2

**Apply over the phone by
calling 718-935-2009**

- Call Monday through Friday 8am-6pm.
- Apply by phone in over 200 languages. If you speak a language other than English, ask for an interpreter.

3

**Apply in person at a
Family Welcome Center (FWC)**

- FWCs are open Monday-Thursday from 8am-5pm and Friday 8am-3pm. Find a location at schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters.
- Apply in person in over 200 languages. If you speak a language other than English, ask for an interpreter.



Learn more at schools.nyc.gov/Kindergarten



Sign up for email alerts at schools.nyc.gov/Subscribe



Call 718-935-2009 with questions

Learn more about Kindergarten Admissions.

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Renseignez-vous sur l'admission en Kindergarten.

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Obtenga más información sobre las admisiones a kínder.

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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

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All New York City residents with children born in 2013 can apply to kindergarten until January 12, 2018 one of three ways:

- Online via our [application site](#)
- By phone at 718-935-2009
- In person at a [Family Welcome Center](#)

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.

Winter

Find and circle all of the Winter related words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a Japanese proverb.

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