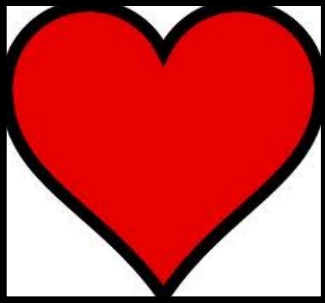


# Respect for All...ALL the Time!



PS196Q—THE SCHOOL WITH A HEART

## Principal's Newsletter

### GREAT NEWS!!

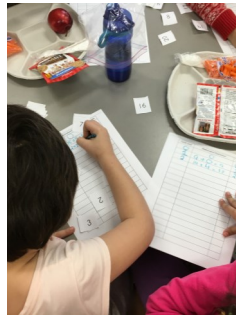
#### We are a *Respect for ALL Award Winning School*

During Respect For All Week, students at P.S. 196 had a great time exploring themes about respecting each other and respecting themselves. The classes brainstormed ways

each student is unique and did read-a-louds in class.

As part of Respect For All, one of the activities was No-One Eats Alone. The students were partnered to play math games during their lunch period.

ways they are unique showing positive internal thinking when it comes to respecting others. Respect For All Week is just one way P.S. 196 is continuing its character building throughout the year.



Children were also asked to think about what respect looks like and sounds like. They completed portraits of the



**R E S P E C T!!!**

### COUNCILWOMAN KOSLOWITZ GUEST SPEAKER AT FEBRAURY PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING



Council Karen Koslowitz has been a staunch supporter of PS 196 for many years and has always secured funding to improve our learning community. At the end of June, our auditorium renovation will begin, which will include new seating and a state-of-the-art sound system. The councilwoman made room in her busy schedule to attend our February Parents Association meeting. During the discussion, she shared information about the future plans for the Parkway Hospital site. The developer of the site is going to be building two senior housing residences, one will accommodate affordable housing and the other will be at market value price.

### Eat Locally in NYC Public Schools on “New York Thursdays”!

From February 1<sup>st</sup> through April 22<sup>nd</sup>, all New York City public schools will be serving locally-sourced milk, dairy and produce to students every Thursday! Some of the New York State farms that are participating include: Crossbrook Farm, Walnut Ridge Dairy, Lamb Farms and Whittaker Farms. Students and parents can watch videos about New York Thursdays by going to [www.milkvids.com](http://www.milkvids.com) or clicking on the QR code on the flier that was sent home. If our school reaches 100 video views, we will be entered to win a \$5,000 “Build-A-Garden” kit for growing our own fruits and vegetables!

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

On Thursday, March 3rd, we will hold Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences. There will be a half day on March 3rd, and **all students will be dismissed at 12 noon.** Afternoon conferences are scheduled from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and evening conferences from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Before you meet with your child's classroom teacher, you will have the opportunity to view your child's portfolio outside the classroom. The work samples will be indicative of your child's academic progress. If you have any concerns or questions, the conference is an excellent time to discuss them with your child's teacher.

## Translation Services

During Parent-Teacher Conferences, translation services will be available by phone in many languages (including Russian, Chinese, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, and many more). If you would like these services (or know someone who would), please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.



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## *Learning Environment Survey—Your Voice Counts!*

Your voice counts! The 10th annual Learning Environment Survey lets all Department of Education (DOE) families give feedback about their schools. The survey is aligned to the DOE's Framework for Great Schools and will collect vital information about our school's capacity to improve students achievement by measuring six essential elements—Rigorous Instruction, Supportive Environment, Collaborative Teachers, Effective School Leadership, Strong Family and Community Ties and Trust.

Last year only 75% of our families filled out the survey. We must do better. This year we're aiming for 100%! Surveys will be handed out on March 3rd, during Parent-Teacher Conferences. In order to make it more convenient for families to complete the survey during Parent Teacher Conferences, we will be putting a laptop on the desk outside of each classroom. This year, for the first time, families will be able to complete surveys on their smart phones. While waiting for your appointment, it only takes a few minutes, PLEASE complete your survey.

Each class with 100% participation will receive a pizza party. If you have any questions about the surveys, feel free to contact our parent coordinator, Ellen Maurer at 718-263-9770 x.1145 or [emaurer@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:emaurer@schools.nyc.gov)

### **REACHING OUT TO THE HOMEBOUND ELDERLY**

### **New York State Exams**

Thanks to all our students in grades K—5 who are participating in Mrs. Ginzberg's community service project. Mrs. Ginzberg asked students, under the supervision of their teachers, to create handmade cards for the homebound elderly throughout New York City for various holidays throughout the year. Our most recent batches included holiday and Valentine's Day cards. Many of our frail homebound elderly live alone and may be isolated. Homemade

cards created by children brighten the days of many and are reminders that someone cares and has not forgotten them. Each homebound elderly meal recipient receives a beautiful handmade card delivered with a nutritious meal. Participating in this project reminds all of us that volunteering represents concern and compassion and serving our community is a wonderful gift to share.

During her November and February Data-Tech meetings, Ms. Koatz gave families details about this year's New York ELA and Math exams. The exams will take place over six days for all students in grades 3-5.

⇒ ELA—April 5—7

⇒ Math—April 13—15

You can rest assured that your children are being prepared for these exams through the rigorous work they are engaging in daily.

If you would like to learn more about how the exams are constructed, please go to our school blog ([ps196q.edublogs.org](http://ps196q.edublogs.org)), or contact Ms. Koatz ([cjarrat@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:cjarrat@schools.nyc.gov))

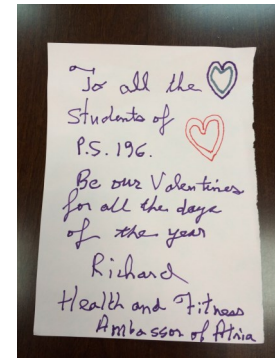


# COMMUNITY CONNECTION



We are extremely excited that our community service project is in full swing. On February 10th, select students from the 4th & 5th grades visited the Atria Senior Living Residence. Students who were interested in the project were asked to write an essay about what participation would mean to them. Groups will be going to the

Atria on a rotating basis. In February, students made Valentine's Day cards with the residents. The connection between students and seniors has been so amazing, full of joy and laughter. The seniors look forward to our students' monthly visit; everyone had a wonderful time. We can't wait to go back next month. Thank you to Ms. Wolinsky for spearheading this project.



## Saturday Academies

## March 11th — Fun Friday

Along with our afterschool Academic Intervention Services (AIS) program, which is continuing on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00-4:30 p.m., we are running Saturday Academies again this year. These workshops help prepare 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students for the upcoming New York State Exams. For students and their families who signed up, the English Language Arts classes will be held on February 27th, March 5th and 12th. For Math, they will be held on March 19th, April 2nd and 9th. All sessions run from 9:30 a.m. to noon. An adult **must** attend the full session with each student.

Please join us for this very popular monthly event! The focus of this fun Friday will be **Artreous**. Students will be recreating famous paintings by artists such as Mondrian, Seurat, Warhol, Matisse, Kandinsky and Monet. March with celebrate Art Inspiration.

Let your artistic juices flow and help your children create their own masterpieces on Friday, March 11th, from 8:15-9:00 a.m. in your child's classroom. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you to Ms. Marotta and Ms. Miles for leading this initiative, and to all of our teachers for the work they do to prepare.

The remaining dates for this school year are: April 1, May 13, and June 3.

## Parent Workshops...

### 2016 NYC School Survey — Friday, March 18th @ 8:00a.m. Morning Workshop

You are invited to join Ellen Maurer, Parent Coordinator, on Friday, March 18th @ 8:00a.m. to discuss the importance of the School Survey. Surveys were distributed at Parent Teacher Conferences on March 3rd. If you have not yet submitted your survey please join Ms. Maurer to answer any questions you may have and assist you in completing your surveys. Please help us obtain 100% response rate. Remember, each class with 100% response rate gets a pizza party.

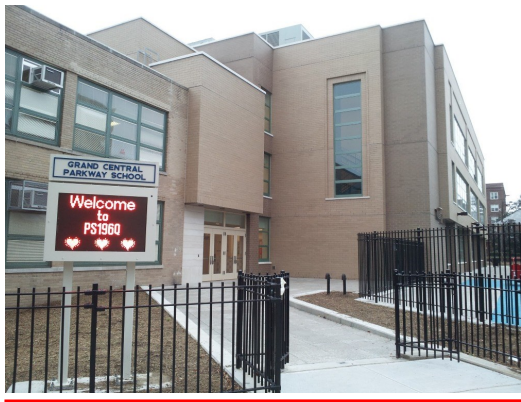
### Data-Tech Workshop—Navigating NYC School Account—March 23rd at 7:30 p.m.—Morning Workshop

Please join Ms. Koatz for this month's Data-Tech meeting on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:30 in the morning. Ms. Koatz will be showing parents and guardians how to navigate their child's NYC School Account. This account has valuable information on grades, attendance and more.



## SOUPER BOWL—DENVER & THOSE IN NEED VICTORIOUS

We would like to thank our school community for participating in our 1st "Souper Bowl" food drive to benefit those in need. The score was tied Broncos—166 and the Panthers—166, But ultimately, the Broncos won by 8 cans. A total of almost 1,000 non-perishable items were donated. GREAT JOB!! We would like to thank former 196 parent Bethany Thomas for helping us distribute the food to those in need and Mr. King for spearheading this initiative.



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## Dates to Remember...

- February 29—March 4—Scholastic Book Fair
- March 2—2nd Grade & Class 291 Trip to see Charlotte’s Web
- March 2—Report Cards Distributed to All Students
- March 3—Parent Teacher Conferences, 1:00-3:00, 5:00—8:00—1/2 Day—noon dismissal
- March 4—Pre-K Application Period Ends
- March 5—Saturday Academy, ELA, 9:30 a.m.—12 Noon
- March 10—Class 203 Trip to NYC Center for Space Science
- March 11—Fun Friday-Artrageous, 8:15—9:00 a.m.
- March 12—Saturday Academy, ELA, 9:30 a.m.—12 Noon
- March 14—Class 204 Trip to NYC Center for Space Science
- March 14—Kindergarten Trip to JIB Lanes
- March 15—Class 202 Trip to NYC Center for Space Science
- March 15—Star Student Award Ceremony @ 7:00 p.m.
- March 15—Parents Association Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- March 16—School Leadership Team Meeting, 7:45 a.m.
- March 16—Class 201 & 291-Trip to NYC Center for Space Science
- March 18—Parent Workshop—2016 NYC School Survey @ 8:00 a.m.
- March 19—Saturday Academy/Math, 9:30 a.m.
- March 23—Data-Tech Meeting, 7:30 a.m.
- March 24—Coffee & Conversation, 8:15 a.m.
- March 25—**SCHOOL CLOSED**—Good Friday

**Looking Ahead:**

New York State English Language Arts Exams—Grades 3— 5, April 5—7  
 New York Sate Math Exams—Grades 3—5, April 13—15

**2015-16 Schedule of Periods**

	<b>Monday – Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Period 1</b>	8:50 – 9:35	8:00 – 8:45
<b>Period 2</b>	9:35 – 10:20	8:45 – 9:30
<b>Period 3</b>	10:22 – 11:07	9:32 – 10:17
<b>Period 4</b>	11:09 – 11:54	10:19 – 11:04
<b>Period 5</b>	11:56 – 12:41	11:06 – 11:51
<b>Period 6</b>	12:43 – 1:28	11:53 – 12:38
<b>Period 7</b>	1:30 – 2:15	12:40 – 1:25
<b>Period 8</b>	2:15 – 3:00	1:25 – 2:10

**Lunch Schedule—Monday—Thursday**

<b>Lunch Period 1:</b> Grades K & 2	<b>11:05– 11:55 a.m.</b>	<b>10:15—11:05 a.m.</b>
<b>Lunch Period 2:</b> Grades 1 & 4	<b>11:57 – 12:47 p.m.</b>	<b>11:07—11:57 a.m.</b>
<b>Lunch Period 3:</b> Grades 3 & 5	<b>12:49 – 1:39 p.m.</b>	<b>11:59—12:49 p.m.</b>

**Friday**

**PS196Q 2015-2016 Goal Highlights**

- Our teachers will continue to create differentiated, rigorous lessons with multiple entry points in order to engage high-achieving students in all grades in cognitively challenging work.
- We will focus on the progress of our students with disabilities, English as a New Language (ENL) students and at-risk students, with regard to their writing. Teachers will use the concepts of Universal Design for Learning and differentiation to embed multiple entry points into instruction, and we will measure their progress by analyzing their performance on writing tasks.
- We will renew our commitment to making sure that each individual child is supported both socially and emotionally, by using our resources to ensure that all staff are properly trained on how to support students and improve their relationships with their peers.
- We will work toward building capacity within our building, by increasing the number of teachers taking on leadership roles across grade levels and interest areas, including a data specialist, vertical team leaders, conflict resolution specialist, and more.
- We will create new opportunities for parents and guardians to become involved in school-related activities, such as Family Fun Fridays, Science Fun Day, Family Math Night and additional classroom celebrations