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.....SCHOOL NEWS.....

MR. QUINTANA'S MID-YEAR REPORT

My partner and I (Melissa) interviewed Mr. Quintana for his mid-year report. Mr. Quintana is very pleased at how hard the students are working. He also is very pleased how the students are reacting to the Mindful Moments on Mondays and Fridays, and that the students are working hard to clean-up the cafeteria and earn Safe and Caring Hearts. Mr. Quintana added that he wants to see the students dedicate themselves to continue their hard work for the rest of the school year.

Melissa Womble & Melanie Vasquez,
both from 5-410

MRS. LOWE'S MID-YEAR REPORT

My partner and I (Edona) interviewed Mrs. Lowe for her mid-year report. She told us that the year academically is going quite well and is so proud of how hard the students are working. She stated that she is happy with the improved student attendance as well. She said, "The student attendance team has been working hard to make sure students are attending school on a daily basis. The attendance team is also helping families to prevent student absences from adding up, before the students fall behind academically." For the remainder of the year, Mrs. Lowe wants the students to strive to be the best they can be and to also raise student attendance up to 95% on a daily basis.

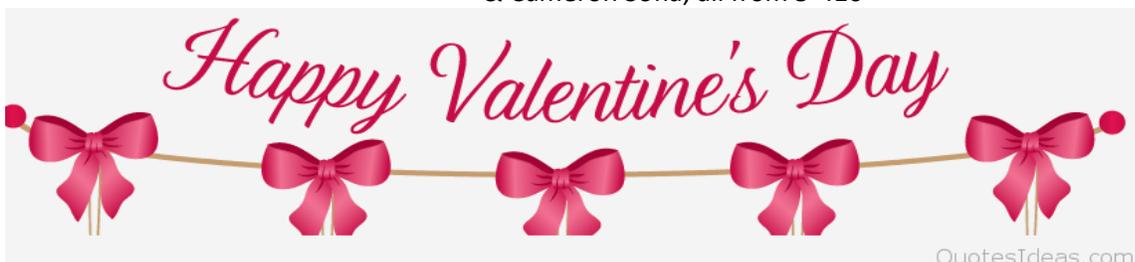
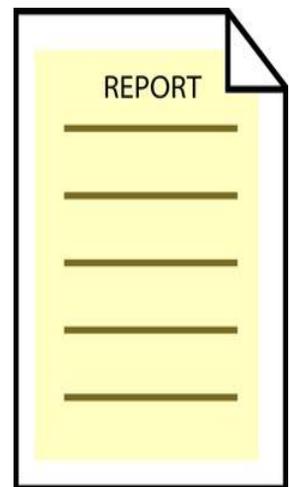
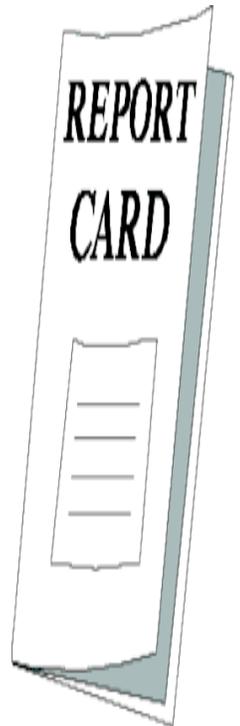
Edona Kraja & Victoria Vargas,
both from 5-410

MS. PALESTY'S & MS. LUCAS' MID-YEAR REPORT

My partners and I (Merolla) interviewed Ms. Palesty and Ms. Lucas for their mid-year reports. They both told us, "From September till now, the administration is extremely pleased with how the year has been prepressing. The whole P.S.88Q community, including students, teachers/staff members, and parents, have been working hard towards meeting individual and school wide goals, while still maintaining an engaged fun and positive environment. In addition, the P.S. 88 custodial staff has also been working hard every day to make P.S. 88 look like a cleaner and newer building. We all look forward to what's to come in the second half of the school year."

For the remainder of the school year, both assistant principals stated, "We urge all students to continue doing the best they can by coming to school on time, coming prepared with homework and projects, and just being as positive, and Safe and Caring as can be!!!"

Merolla Saeid, Adam Elaasar, Jadon Caputo,
& Cameron Sofia, all from 5-410



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STAYING WELL FOR THE REST OF THE WINTER

A few weeks ago, we interviewed the school nurse, Ms. Foster, to see how we can try our best to stay healthy during the cold winter. She told us, "You should always wear scarfs and hats. Also remember the importance on washing your hands. If you need to sneeze, remember to cover your mouth so you won't spread germs!" She added, "Drinking lots of water is important too! Staying hydrated is your number one priority all year. Drinking orange juice has vitamin C. Vitamin C helps your immune system and body stay healthy! There is a chance you may catch a cold or the flu during these months. So, if you remember all these important parts of staying healthy, you can avoid getting sick!"

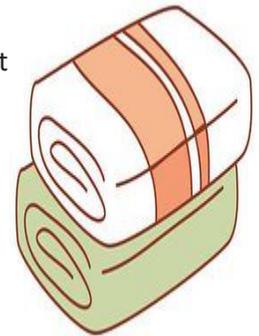
Sophia Martinez & Juliette Morales,
both from 4-224



BLANKET DRIVE

My partner and I (Retag) interviewed Mr. Quintana about the Blanket Drive. He said that in January, Mr. Nolan came up with a Safe and Caring idea to donate blankets to the homeless people. Mr. Quintana decided that Ms. Fogarty and Mr. Nolan would be in charge of the drive. Mr. Nolan and Ms. Fogarty are collecting blankets from students, teachers, and staff members. They are storing them in Room 102. They have already begun delivering them to those in need on the streets.

Astou Top & Retag Elaasar,
both from 4-408



THE PS 88Q CHORUS CLUB

Recently my partner and I (Kenneth) interviewed Mr. Santaniello about Chorus Club. He told us that the students who attend Chorus practice in the auditorium. They practice from 7-8AM every Friday. Members are from Grades 4 and 5. There are about 40 students involved. Mr. Santaniello's favorite part of the club is teaching kids new songs. Mr. Santaniello has been working with the kids in Chorus Club for 13 years!!! Sometime in April, the Chorus will be performing a show called, "On the 20th Century" featuring songs decade by decade.

Kenneth Siedlik & Dawid Zareba,
both from 4-224



PS 88Q TALENT SHOW

My partner and I (Mareiz) interviewed Ms. LoBosco about the upcoming PS 88 Talent Show. The show will take place on Friday, March 23, and Saturday, March 24, in the P. S88 auditorium. Ms. LoBosco told us she wanted to conduct the Talent Show because she wants students to express themselves artistically not just academically. She stated, "Last year I noticed many talents in my students and decided that they should show off their talents in a Talent Show. So, this year I wanted to expand it by including 4th and 5th grade students. Mr. Sofia (A fifth grade student's dad) and Mrs. Chun will also be helping in the Talent Show too."

Ms. LoBosco told us to look out for future letters home to parents regarding this great event.

Mareiz Boshra & Aileen Rojas,
both from 4-224



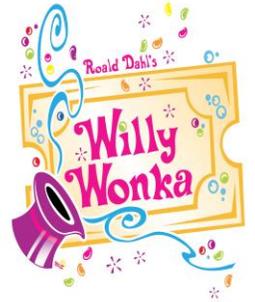
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THE NEW DISNEY SHOW

My partner and I (Robert) interviewed Ms. Bawer on this year's Disney performance. This year's show is *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. She says she loves working with kids so it's the perfect match. She said 4th and 5th graders are presently auditioning for the roles in the play. Meetings for the show are held in the auditorium after school. Ms. Bawer informed us that the show will be presented in late May or early June.

Filip Gaska & Robert Canahan,
both from 4-224



THE GOLDEN SNEAKER

My partner Klaudia and I (Lucas) recently interviewed Mrs. Racareanu about "The Golden Sneaker" in the gymnasium. Mrs. Racareanu stated that it is, "A monthly award given to the class or classes that show the most enthusiasm, participation, and who appropriately demonstrate self-control. Classes can also receive the Golden Sneaker by cooperating and being prepared for P.E. classes. The sneaker is kept by the class for a month." She added, "The sneaker promotes class effort, team-work and sportsmanship." At the end of each month, Mrs. Racareanu counts the number of stars each class received and the class with the most stars gets the reward.

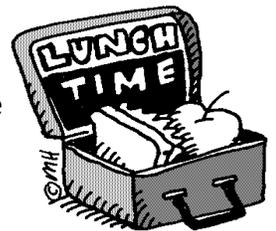
Lucas Thoomey 4-224 &
Klaudia Jaworska 4-405



CAFETERIA CHATTER

Hi everyone! So much going on these days in the cafeteria. I hope everyone took the time to look around in the cafeteria at all the beautiful, inspirational artwork that is hanging everywhere. The Feel Good Movement created a beautiful bulletin board based on the book *The Rainbow Fish*. We incorporate the Feel Good Movement and Safe in Caring in everything we do. Remember, our Safe and Caring rules always apply, so keep trying to earn those hearts! A reminder to always clean your table and floor, and stay in your seats. I hope everyone has a wonderful Valentine's Day!

Ms. Laurie Andrew, Supervising School Aide



HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY ♥

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GRADUATING P.S. 88

This year I am graduating P.S. 88. I am sad but also excited. It's sad to leave the school that I have been at for 6 years. It's exciting to go to middle school and start a new chapter in my life. When I think about saying goodbye, I really don't want to leave. After I graduate, I will miss a lot of things that I have done at P.S. 88. I will also miss a lot of people. I am going to miss all the teachers I have had. Some I have known for years and some I just met this year. I will miss all of the clubs I participate in like Law Club, Newspaper, Chorus and Student Council. All of these things are a lot of fun and I made great friends in them. I am going to miss my friends, since a lot of us are going to different schools in September. P.S. 88 will always be special to me, because I met my best friends here. I will also miss helping teachers, the principal and assistant principals, and the lunch aides. But what I will miss most of all is the school itself. It's just an amazing place. GOOD BYE P.S.88.

Samantha Adams 5-410

I WILL MISS MANY THINGS WHEN I GRADUATE

When I graduate PS88Q and go to middle school, I will miss many things. One of the things I will miss is my friends. My friends have done many things for me. When I needed help with something, they would help me. When I got bullied, they'd stand up for me and much more. Another thing I will miss is my teachers. My teachers have done so many things for me. How would I learn things without my teachers? They all helped me to improve my academics. The last thing I will miss is my Principal, Mr. Quintana. My principal helped all of the teachers in PS88Q develop and empower their students. Moreover, he ensured that all of the students can reach their full potential.

Abir Belbaraka 5-410

HARD TO SAY GOOD-BYE

I am in fifth grade and I am going to graduate and go to middle school in September. There are a lot of things I will miss. I will miss my friends because they always help you and they are always by your side if anything happens. They always help me and make me feel better. I had been with my friends for five years. We tell each other everything and if we had something on our minds we will tell each other. I know I can count on my friends.

Another thing I will miss is the teachers. My teachers are not only my teachers but they are my friends. My teachers all have something special in them that makes me want to learn, that makes me wants to participate. That is why I am going to miss my teachers.

The other things I will miss are the activities I was a part of. I loved participating in the Color Run. I loved doing exercises outside during recess. This school is unique and I like schools that way. This school always tries to make something fun. I had fun in the many clubs I belonged to like Law Club, Newspaper Club, Disney, Dance, After School, and more.

Lastly, I will cherish all my thoughts and memories. I will have tears coming down my eyes, my face will turn red, and I will hug my friends so hard when I leave PS88. We will make sure we call each other. I will need a lot of tissues and each tear that comes from my eye will state I much I will miss this school.

Asma Abdullah 5-410



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MY MEMORIES OF PS 88

Four months after moving to Daddy's and Bubby's house, daddy transferred me to P.S.88Q. HOORAY! I was so happy and so was my grandma, Bubby, as we used to have to take a bus and then walk seven blocks to the other school in the morning, and in the afternoon as well. The only thing I missed was the school playground. Starting my new life at P.S.88Q and meeting with my new second grade teacher Ms. Lauricella, made me not miss the playground so much.

I love Ms. Lauricella. She was (and still is) happy, funny, calm, and friendly and she has a beautiful smile. I felt calm and happy with her and on the first day I told her a bad thing that happened to me. Ms. Lauricella never has changed. I feel happy whenever I run into her. I will never forget her!

Though I act polite, smile, wave and always say hello to all of my teachers, I will mention some of the teachers that I do like and love, besides Ms. Lauricella. DRUM ROLL, Mr. Mintz, Ms. Clemente, Mr. Santaniello, Ms. Glass, Ms. Racareanu, and Mr. Nolan. These teachers are sweet and loving and I feel that they try real hard to teach the kids. I know that I have learned a lot.

Mr. Santaniello, I love your different costumes, and I want to apologize to you for not doing as well in your class, but it wasn't your fault. Ms. Racareanu, I love the way you try and keep us healthy with not only exercise, but also with your great dance lessons.

I also love that P.S. 88Q has outside playtime, although we have no swings or slides. I like the plays and the movies too.

Finally, I want to tell my classmates to try to be always happy and to stop crying about silly things. To everyone at P.S. 88Q, THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES.

Arianna Bogen 5-410



MAGGIE'S MONTHLY MESSAGE: VALENTINE DAY MEMORIES

Happy Valentine's Day my loves! As Valentine's Day quickly approaches, I remember all the fun I used to have as a kid giving my friends Valentines with a candy attached to the card. Spreading a smile to my classmates made me happy while making them feel special. Those were the days when things were sweet and simple. This year let's go back to the past and do things simple again. Instead of going crazy trying to buy expensive gifts for your significant other and your children, make them a card with a message that truly shows them how much you love them. Remember to attach something sweet to the card like their favorite cookie or candy. Make Valentine's Day special by going on a date with your kids to a museum, a movie or to an ice cream shop for a scoop of ice cream. All your children need is a little one on one time (phone/media free of course) to make their day a special one. Showing your children how much you love them is what counts; keep it sweet, simple and end the day with big hugs & kisses. I'm sure they will always remember how you spent a special day with them. As always, if you have any questions please email me at mramos71@schools.nyc.gov.

Ms. Maggie Ramos, Parent Coordinator



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.....SEASONAL NEWS.....

WINTER

There are several reasons why I like winter. I like winter because we get two breaks during this season from school. I also like winter because I get to play in the snow. I can build snowmen, snow forts, igloos, and much more. I also enjoy smelling the fresh and cold air and get to play with my friends outside.

Ismail Badja 3-302



A VALENTIN VALENTINE'S

My family and I take Valentine's Day very seriously. After all, we are "Valentins", get it? All year we say, "Every day is a Valentine's Day for us". This year we want to go see a show in Pennsylvania, but first, we have to see what is playing. The other thing I want to do, is called "Secret Valentin(e)." It's when you pick any name in our family (the Valentins) and you have to buy something for them without them knowing who picked them. On Valentine's Day, we open the gifts and see who it is from. One last thing I want to say, is HAPPY VALENTIN(E)S DAY!

Kaylee Valentin 3-302

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

For Valentine's Day I'm going to surprise my mom. I'm going to surprise her with chocolate, flowers, and a Valentine card. The reason why I want to give my mom these things, is because she is the best mom ever. I hope she will like my gifts. Happy Valentine's Day.

Mariela Diaz 3-302

MY VALENTINES'S DAY

There are many things I do for Valentine's Day. One thing that I do on Valentine's Day is dress in pink or red when I arrive at school. I also make Valentine's Day cards and give them to my family and classmates. A third thing I do is buy my mom a box of chocolates. My dad usually buys my sister and I mini chocolates. I hope everyone has a wonderful Valentine's Day!

Madeline Castaneda 3-302

VALENTINE'S DAY PLANS

Valentine's Day is a day when people celebrate the people they love. I think it should be every day because there are so many things to love like your parents, family, pets and friends. The list is endless! Some people celebrate by getting flowers or chocolate. I'm doing something a little different for my family. For my dad, I am going to get a giant teddy bear. For my mom, a breakfast-in-bed coupon. Finally, I am getting a card for my grandma and grandpa. Happy Valentine's Day!

Christina Vojvodich 3-302



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WHAT I WILL GIVE MY PARENTS ON VALENTINE'S DAY

This year for Valentine's Day I have a few gifts in mind to give my parents. I'm going to give my mom things like jewelry, flowers, or beauty products. For my dad, I'm going to give him things like a new watch, hardware products, or New York Jets merchandise. I am also going to make them both cards and give them candy, along with a nice breakfast made by my older sister and I. I wanted to give them these things to show how much I love and care about them. I really hope they like my gifts. Happy Valentine's Day!

Matthew Suarez 3-302

MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY EXTRA SPECIAL

Valentine's Day is on February 14th and it is the day when people show how much they care about each other. There are many ways to make someone's day special on Valentine's Day. One of the ways is giving someone something that they have always wanted as a surprise. Another way is to give candies. For example, "Sweethearts" are candies that have little messages to tell someone how much you care about them. A third way to make someone's day special is to do something good without them asking, like sweeping the floor to give them a break from doing all the work in the house. You can also get them flowers or make them a nice dinner and give them lots of hugs and kisses too. As you can see, you can make someone's day special by using some of these suggestions. Happy Valentine's Day!

Amihan Johnson, 3-302

SPECIAL VALENTINE

This Valentine's Day I want to do something special for my parents because they do so much for me. I don't really know how to make breakfast but I'm going to try to make pancakes and coffee. Especially coffee, it's their favorite! I hope they have a special day and that my coffee makes it even more special!!

Madeline Linardic 3-302

FAMILY VALENTINES

On Valentine's Day, my sister and I will do many things for our parents. I will make breakfast for my parents. I will give my mom heart balloons. I will also make a Valentine's Day card for my Mom. My sister will make one for my Dad. Then we will go for a great Valentine's Day dinner. Happy Valentine's Day!

Jacob Rodriguez 3-302



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..... SURVEYS.....

V-DAY SYMBOLS

My partner and I (Julia) surveyed some students in Grades 2-4 on their favorite Valentine's Day symbol. The choices were: hearts, Cupid, flowers, and box of chocolates. In first place came a box of chocolates with 94 votes. In second place came flowers with 27 votes. Third place went to hearts with 15 votes. Last but not least came Cupid with only 12 votes.

Julia Kolakowski & Sara Chaabi,
both from 5-410

GIFTS FOR PARENTS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

My partner (Paula) and I surveyed some students in Grades 3-5 to find out Valentines gifts they will be getting for parents. The choices were: shirts, chocolates, cake, cookies, and flowers. In first place came flowers with 73 votes. Next, in second place was chocolates with 70 votes. Then, in third place came cake with 33 votes. In fourth place came cookies with 17 votes. Lastly, in fifth place came shirts with only 2 votes.

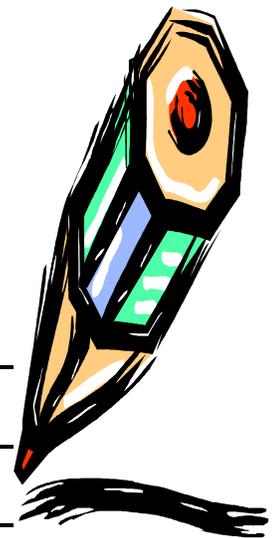
Sophia Pelaez & Paula Palusinski,
both from 5-410

..... BOOSTERS.....

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Do you want to send someone a special note or message? **THE SENECA SCOOP** offers you this opportunity with every monthly issue. For \$1 apiece, we will print your message in our next issue. Don't forget birthdays, graduations, special events, etc. Fill out the form below and put it in Mr. Mintz's mailbox. Boosters are limited to two lines. Please make copies of the form below if you intend to send more than one booster.

Dear _____ (Class _____)



ALL BOOSTERS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 28TH!!! BE TIMELY!!



Happy Valentine's Day

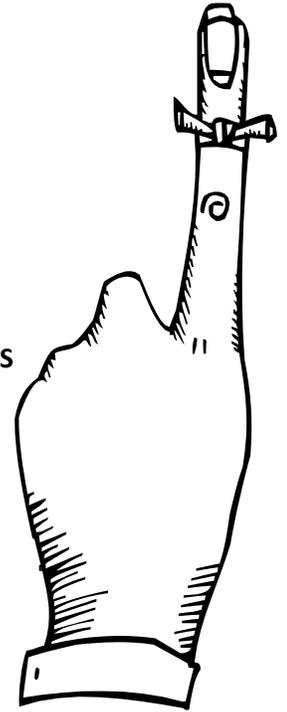


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.....**ODDS & ENDS**.....

REMINDERS:

1. NO SCHOOL FEBRUARY 16-FEBRUARY 25! (CHINESE NEW YEAR AND WINTER RECESS)
2. CLASSES BEGIN AT 8AM SHARP!!!
3. VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.PS88Q.COM FOR ALL UPDATES ON OUR SCHOOL.
4. VISIT YOUR TEACHER'S CLASS PAGE TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE BUILDING. IT IS ACCESSIBLE THROUGH THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE.
5. RETURN YOUR BLUE EMERGENCY CARDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
6. FRUIT DRINKS & WATER ARE SOLD DAILY IN OUR CAFETERIA FOR \$1 APIECE.
7. ICE CREAM IS SOLD (\$1 OR \$2) EVERYDAY.
8. PLEASE SEND IN BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION.



CONGRATULATIONS to all our Students of the Months and Ambassadors of Peace!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the Golden Sneaker Award, Class 3-308 (December) & (Classes K-002 & 3-303) for January.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!

SEE YOU IN MARCH!!

