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## .....SCHOOL NEWS.....

### NY STATE ELA EXAMS

My partner and I (Julia) interviewed Mrs. Lowe regarding the NY State ELA Exams. They were for students in Grades 3-5 and the exams took place April 11-April 12. Mrs. Lowe said, "The ELA is the English Language Arts assessment. It was an untimed test that contained several different types of questions. Students were asked to answer multiple choice questions based on short passages they read and write open ended questions based on stories articles or poems they also read." Mrs. Lowe said, "NY State administers the test in order to provide students, parents, educators, and the public, better measures of the students' proficiency and knowledge and skills students need to succeed in college and careers."

Julia Kolakowski 5-410 & Brijhid Coronel 5-402



### 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NY STATE SCIENCE EXAMS

My partner and I (Adam) interviewed Mr. Santaniello on the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> Grade NY State Science Exams. He told us that the State Science Exams started many years ago and he has been administering them for the last 10 years. He also mentioned that moving forward the test will be changed and be given to 5<sup>th</sup> graders next year. This year the Science Performance Test will take place between May 23 and June 1st. Mr. Santaniello explained that students will be conducting experiments in this part of the test. The Science Written Test will take place on June 4. Students will answer questions based on their Science knowledge. Mr. Santaniello has been working very hard to prepare his students and we know they will all do well!!

Adam Elaasar & Jadon Caputo, both from 5-410



### AJ ROSS, CHANNEL 7 NEWS!!

My partner and I (Retag), interviewed A.J. Ross, from Channel 7 News of her being a news reporter. A. J. Ross was at P.S. 88Q interviewing people regarding taking care of themselves during the flu season. She told us that when she was our age, she loved writing and reading books. A teacher of hers gave her an assignment when she was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and through that assignment A. J. Ross and her friends started writing articles and drawing comics. Then she decided to go to a college for journalism, which basically means learning to write for newspapers, radio and television. Her job, being a reporter, is to go out and cover the news of the day, which can mean anything from a crime story to a happy story. Sometimes A. J. Ross feels sad if she is reporting a sad story like a house fire, but other days she feels inspired because she meets amazing intelligent people like us. Something A.J Ross would like us to remember is that, "Whatever you may want to be when you grow up, always appreciate all the hard work, it took to achieve your success, and the people who helped you all the way. That will keep you humble."

Retag Elaasar 4-408 & Sophia Pelaez 5-410



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### **GUIDANCE GRAPEVINE: TEST TAKING STRATEGIES**

Here are some things you can do with your child to help them deal with their testing anxiety:

#### **\*ASK YOUR CHILD WHAT MAKES THEM FEEL NERVOUS**

Help your child identify what they are worried about. Is it that multiplication is hard for them? Or is filling in the bubbles on the test sheet really the difficult part? Often just saying out loud what the issue is can bring some relief. Understanding what the concerns are can help both of you come up with strategies for studying and reducing stress. If you're calm, it can help your child stay calm, too.

Here are some questions you can ask your child:

- How do you feel when you first see the test?
- What's your biggest worry about taking a test?
- Do you feel worried when you think about a test or only when you see the test?

#### **\*GOING OVER BASIC TEST-TAKING STRATEGIES WILL HELP THEM FEEL MORE CONFIDENT**

- Don't spend too much time on any one question.
- If it's a multiple-choice test, read each answer and then cross out the ones you know aren't right to help yourself narrow it down.
- Pick an answer and stick with it—we all have the tendency to second-guess ourselves and it can lead to wasted time and wrong answers.
- Read directions closely and ask yourself- What is this question asking me to do?
- Pass over tricky questions and go back to them if there is time after the test. Sometimes the best way to manage your anxiety is to accept that you don't know the answer to a question and move on.

#### **\*ENCOURAGE POSITIVE SELF-TALK**

Cognitive reframing is a great way to help young children cope with their anxious thoughts. We can teach kids to "boss back" anxious thoughts by replacing negative thoughts with positive ones. So, when their brain signals that something is too hard, they can say, "You don't worry me! I know how to do this!"

#### **\*BOOST THEIR CONFIDENCE**

Giving honest and specific praise can remind your child that they can have success no matter what the outcome of the test is. Success doesn't have to mean a perfect score. Just doing a good job of preparing is already a win. So, if you notice they are working hard on preparing for a test, let them know. Hearing this can help them approach tests with more confidence. Praise their efforts on daily homework and activities outside of school, too. This can help them remember past successes when they are feeling anxious.



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#### \*REMIND YOUR CHILD THAT THEY HAVE SUPPORT.

If your child has an IEP or a 504 plan that includes accommodations on tests, remind him what they are and that they're available. Knowing his supports are in place may help him feel more at ease. If their using an accommodation for the first time, talk them through how it will help him during a test.

#### \*HELP YOUR CHILD FEEL THEIR BEST ON TEST DAY.

Not getting enough sleep can affect how your child feels on test day. This is especially true for kids with attention issues. Make sure your child gets enough rest the night before a test. Be mindful of their screen time and try to reduce it the night before the test. Be sure your child takes all necessary medications and try to provide a protein-rich breakfast, such as eggs, yogurt or oatmeal.

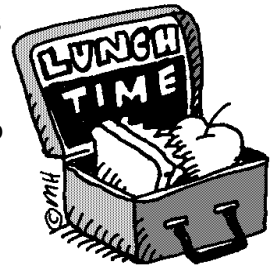
Mr. Canales & Ms. Dukagjini,  
School Counselors



### CAFETERIA CHATTER

Happy Spring everyone! I know we are all looking forward to beautiful spring weather, and for the sun to shine! We are working on our "Feel Good" theme for Spring which is Super Hero's and recognizing there is a super hero in all of us when we show kindness and compassion for one another. Stay tuned, some of our students dressed in super hero costumes, you will see them displayed in our cafeteria. Also, Ms. Maxine did the artwork on the Super Hero bulletin board in the cafeteria. It's awesome, along with the art projects organized by Ms. Toni and Ms. Linda. Remember, to lend a hand, be courteous and respectful to each other because our cafeteria is a Safe and Caring, Feel Good place!

Ms. Laurie Andrew, Supervising School Aide



### 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ACTIVITIES

My partners and I (Arianna) interviewed Mrs. Molina about some of the great upcoming events 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be participating in before their graduation. She stated that at the end of May the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be going to the Brooklyn Botanical Garden where we will learn about sustainable living. In June, students will go to the Mets game where there will be a presentation about the environment and then see the Mets play the Orioles. Also, in June, students will go to Medieval Times, in New Jersey, where we will learn about the lives of knight's including sword fighting, jousting, and eating without utensils (forks, spoons, and knives). The graduating 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes of 2018 will also be participating in a goodbye party and a dance. Finally, we will have our Awards Day on June 20 and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation will take place on June 21. We can't wait!!

Arianna Bogen, Abir Belbaraka, &  
Sara Chaabi, all from 5-410



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### OUR STUDENT COUNCIL

My partner and I (Asma) interview Mr. Nolan about our Student Council. The PS 88 Student Council is a group of students that do many things in the school for the Safe and Caring committee. This year there are 13 students that are part of the council. The students collect Safe and Caring data and help with the Adopt the Hallway program. The Student Council also informs the students and staff about Safe and Caring monthly themes and also reminds students and staff about any upcoming events. They also assist at Partnering and Parents events, by giving out materials and rewards. Mr. Nolan added that the members are real leaders of the school and make PS 88 the best school it can be.

Asma Abdullah & Samantha Adams,  
both from 5-410



### MAGGIE'S MONTHLY MESSAGE: STATE EXAMS

Happy Spring PS 88! After a snowy arrival of Spring, I'm ready for the sun, warmth, and the flowers to bloom. Spring time is also NY State Test preparation time. Our students have been preparing for the state exams all year long but now they are in crunch time. There are several ways to support your child for the state exams this year. One way to prepare at home is to access state exams from past years on *Engage NYC's* website, <https://www.engageny.org/resource/released-2017-3-8-ela-and-mathematics-state-test-questions>. Reviewing past years exams will help your child become familiar with the types of questions, as well as the format of the test. Preparing ahead of time will help your child feel confident and at ease during the test. This year the exam is two days instead of three days. The test is also untimed, meaning they have the whole day to finish the test.

Another way to prepare for the exam is to encourage your child to review the work he/she may have struggled with or needed extra support during the year. The final way you can support is to make sure they have plenty of sleep that week, eat a healthy breakfast each morning and wear comfortable clothing. Make sure to bring plenty of #2 pencils. IF YOUR CHILD WEARS GLASSES, PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY BRING THEM ON THE TEST DAYS.

Remember parents, to start every day with a positive encouraging talk while getting ready or walking to school. Send your child into the building with a big hug and kiss and tell them how much you love them. With preparation and a positive cheer each day your children will do great! As always, if you have any questions or need anything, you can reach me at [mramos71@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:mramos71@schools.nyc.gov). Good luck on the test my loves! You're going to do great!

Ms. Maggie Ramos, Parent Coordinator



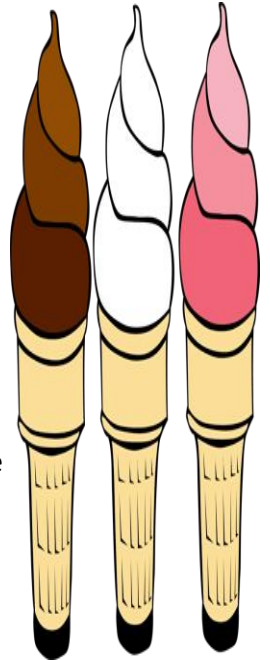
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## ..... SURVEYS.....

### WE SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM

We surveyed most of the students in Grades 2-4 on what their favorite ice cream flavor is. The choices were: chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, cotton candy, and mint chocolate chip. Vanilla came in first place with a total of 124 votes. Mint chocolate chip came in second place with a total of 101 votes. Cotton candy came in third place with a total of 71 votes. Chocolate came in fourth place with a total of 71 votes. Finally, strawberry came in last place with a total of 33 votes.

Madeline Castaneda, Amihan Johnson, Ismail Badja,  
Mariela Diaz, & Madeline Linardic, all from 3-302



### FAVORITE ICE CREAM VENDOR

My partners and I (Matthew) surveyed some students in Grades 2-4 on their favorite ice cream vendor. The choices were: Carvel, Twist It-Top It, Cold Stone Creamery, Baskin Robins, or Mr. Softee. Carvel came in 1st place with 130 votes. In 2nd place came Baskin Robins with 114 votes. Third place went to Cold Stone Creamery with 41 votes. In fourth place came Mr. Softee with 39 votes. Last place went to Twist It-Top It with 31 votes. What's your favorite place to sit down and have a yummy ice cream?

Matthew Suarez, Jacob Rodriguez, Christina Vojvodich,  
& Kaylee Valentin, all from 3-302

## .....BOOSTERS.....

### BOOSTERS

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 \_\_\_\_\_ )

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**ALL BOOSTERS ARE DUE APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>!!! BE TIMELY!!**

Dear Kayla J. Nieves (2-125),  
Happy Birthday Kayla!! We love you!  
Love, Mommy & Daddy

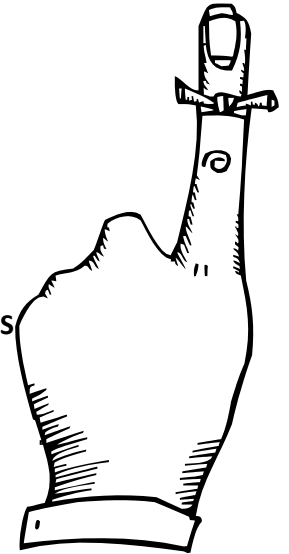


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## .....ODDS & ENDS.....

### REMINDERS:

1. NY STATE MATH EXAMS FOR GRADES 3-5 ARE MAY 1-2.
2. CLASSES BEGIN AT 8AM SHARP!!!
3. VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.PS88Q.COM](http://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. ICE CREAM IS SOLD (\$1 OR \$2) EVERYDAY.
6. 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* for March, Classes K-122 & 3-301.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to PS 88's PTA President Michael Adams for being honored as an outstanding PTA President by District 24!!!

**HAPPY SPRING!!**

**SEE YOU IN MAY!!**



**THE SENECA SCOOP**

# HAPPY SPRING!

