

# THE MONTHLY ROAR



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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Mr. Dalipi*

2026 is off to a great start at our school! Our students and staff have hit the ground running working hard to complete our middle-of-the-year assessments while also making time for joy, collaboration, and fun along the way.

As we look ahead to February, we have a lot to look forward to in what is a short but exciting month. Our school community will enjoy several special events, including a visit from the Harlem Magic Masters, our student-led Living Wax Museum, Respect for All Week, and our first-ever ROAR & Score event where our student basketball team will take on the staff in a friendly matchup.

We are proud of the energy, enthusiasm, and learning happening every day and can't wait to share these moments together.

# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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Congratulations to our Students of the Month! These students were chosen for showing kindness, responsibility, and positive attitudes. They go above and beyond to help classmates and make our school a better place. We're proud of their hard work and leadership—keep shining!



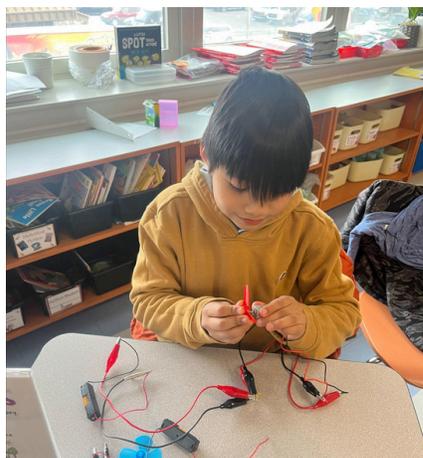
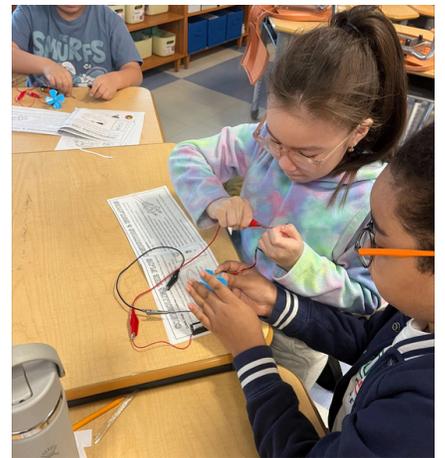
# 3K/PREK FASHION SHOW

Our 3K and Pre-K students put on an adorable fashion show—bright smiles, creative outfits, and lots of confidence on the runway!



# STEM SATURDAY

Our Fall Festival was a joyful day of seasonal fun! Students picked pumpkins, enjoyed autumn activities, and showed off their creative costumes with pride. Thank you to families and staff for helping make the celebration safe, spirited, and full of smiles!



# COSMIC IQ

Cosmic IQ visited our school with their mobile planetarium, bringing museum-quality, immersive 360° shows that turned our classroom into a gateway to space, the deep sea, and prehistoric worlds.



# CLASS TRIPS

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Here are the trips our school took this month – hands-on experiences that brought classroom learning to life. Ask your child which trip was their favorite!



# LEARNERS & LEADERS LIONS

The Learners & Leaders Lions basketball season is underway! The team has played three home games so far and currently holds a 2-1 record. Players are showing great effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship as they learn new skills and work together on both offense and defense. Please continue to support our athletes with encouragement and good attendance at practices – we're excited to see how the season unfolds!



# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS AT LEARNERS & LEADERS

February 2026				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b> 3-1 Publishing Party Fiesta de publicación 	<b>3</b> Harlem Majic Masters Visit maestros de la magia de Harlem nos visitan 	<b>4</b> 1/2-4 & 2/3-4 Field Trip/ Paseo 	<b>5</b> 2-2 Trip /Paseo Basketball Game @ PS113 Partido de baloncesto  Roar & Score Basketball Fundraiser Students vs Teachers Evento benéfico de baloncesto "Roar and Score": Alumnos contra profesores	<b>6</b> PTA MEETING PTA 8:30 TITLE I @ 9:30am 2-1 Field Trip/ Paseo 
<b>9</b> 3K/Pre-K: The Nature's Company Trip (in school) 3K/PreK: Excursión de Nature's Company (en la escuela) 	<b>10</b> 2-3 Field Trip / Paseo 	<b>11</b> 4-1 and 4-2 Trip/ Paseo Wear Green Usar Verde 	<b>12</b> 1st Grade Trip/ Paseo Meeting 2:30pm Library 	<b>13</b> Kindergarten Trip / Paseo "No One Eats Alone" Use 305 Gear or Blue and White "Nadie Come Solo" Usa ropa de 305 o Azul y Blanco 2nd Grade Valentines Day Activity Actividad, Día de San Valentin 2do grado 
<b>16</b> Have a great Winter Break! 	<b>"Respect for All Week"</b> Mid-winter break, no classes from the 16th to the 20th Receso de mediados de invierno, no hay clases 16 al 20			<b>20</b> NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK 
<b>23</b> ¡Bienvenidos de nuevo! Esperamos que hayan tenido unas excelentes vacaciones de invierno. Book Fair Begins Feria de libros 	<b>24</b> Happy 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL Basketball Game @ PS88 	<b>25</b> FELICES 100 DÍAS DE ESCUELA! 	<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b> 23rd-27th 	
			<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 3K, PreK, Kindergarten & 5th grade graduation picture Fotos de la graduación 3K, PreK, Kindy y 5to grado 2nd Grade Field Trip/ Paseo Last Day of Book Fair Ultimo dia de Feria de libros 

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# THE CLUSTER CHRONICLES

PHYSICAL EDUCATION, ART, THEATER, MUSIC & STEM



## WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- A note from the teachers
- What we have been learning

## A NOTE FROM THE CLUSTERS

*Ms. Czyzak, Mr. Mancuso, Ms. Knightley, Mr. Spector, Mr. Reina & Mr. Zenger*

Happy New Year from your cluster teaching team!

As we finish January, we're excited by the curiosity and enthusiasm students brought to the classroom this month. Beginning a new year has given us fresh opportunities to set learning goals, try new strategies, and strengthen routines. Throughout January students have been practicing key skills in reading, writing, and math while also building teamwork and kindness across our classrooms.

Thank you for supporting consistent attendance and daily routines at home, small habits make a big difference. We look forward to continuing this strong start and watching students grow in February and beyond.



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

MS. CZYZAK & MR. REINA

## K-5

This January in PE our students focused on foundational soccer skills. Lessons emphasized dribbling with control, passing accurately, receiving the ball with soft touches, and basic game positioning. Students practiced using both feet, keeping their heads up, and working cooperatively in small-sided games. These activities build coordination, teamwork, and cardiovascular fitness. Ask your child to show a favorite drill they learned – many are easy to try together at home or at the park!



# ART

MS. KNIGHTLEY

## K-2

In Kindergarten through 2nd grade art class, students have been exploring patterns. Kindergarten artists created patterned winter hats, practicing AB patterns using shapes, lines, and colors, and then added their hats to snowy winter backgrounds. First and second graders designed patterned mittens, tracing their hands to form mitten shapes and filling them with repeating AB and ABC patterns. On the second day, students cut out their mittens, added arms and winter details, and assembled a complete winter scene. Through these projects, students practiced patterns and fine motor skills while creating winter-themed artwork.



## 3-5

In art class, 3rd through 5th grade students have been working on projects that focus on careful observation and expressive art-making. Third graders created winter landscape paintings, exploring how artists use color, texture, and shading to show depth, mood, and seasonal details in a snowy scene. Fourth and fifth graders completed a self-portrait unit that focused on careful observation, facial proportions, and color mixing as they created painted portraits that reflect their individual features. These projects emphasized color mixing, proportion, shading, and thoughtful attention to detail.



# THEATER

MR. SPECTOR

## 4-5

The entire 4th and 5th grade community is hard at work preparing for our upcoming Aladdin Jr. performances this March! Students across multiple clubs are collaborating to bring Agrabah to life. Mr. Spector and Ms. Welnicki's Acting Club are preparing our performers through focused rehearsals in character, movement, and storytelling while Ms. Sam and her Art Club students are busy designing and building vibrant props and sets. Ms. Brianna is training her dance team, adding energy and choreography to the production, and Mr. Zenger is working closely with the chorus to build strong vocals and ensemble sound.

Behind the scenes, Mr. Omar is about to begin training the backstage tech team, ensuring the show runs smoothly from lights to scene changes. We are excited to share all of this hard work with families at our parent performances on Friday, March 13th at 5:00 PM and Saturday, March 14th at 9:30 AM. Ticket information will be coming soon. In the meantime, be sure to check out the show commercial on PS305.com as we count down to opening night! 🍷🌟



# MUSIC

MR. ZENGER

## K-5

It has been a great month here in the Music Room at Learners and Leaders! In Kindergarten, our young musicians have been exploring different types of voice, sounds from our body and instruments to make music and in First Grade we have been singing about the changing leaves while learning about rhythm and pitch in music. In Second Grade, we have been using songs about the stars in the sky and snowflakes while learning to play accompaniments on xylophone as well as beginning to read music notation and in Third Grade, we have begun singing songs about the winter while also exploring xylophones and reading music notation. In 5th grade, our oldest musicians have been playing drums and xylophones and taking their musicianship to new heights with learning to read and write music.

Please encourage your students to keep doing their best in class and maybe teach you something they learned in class too. I can't wait to see what they are going to do next!



# S.T.E.M.

MR. MANCUSO

## 3-5

Our third graders have been busy exploring Earth's features and learning how our planet works! Students practiced reading thermometers to measure temperature and learned how thermostats help keep our homes comfortable. They also explored the difference between weather and climate, building an understanding of how daily weather changes compare to long-term patterns around the world.

Fourth grade students are energized by their learning about energy! They have been exploring the different forms energy can take and how it can change from one form to another. Through hands-on activities, students created simple circuits, including wind turbines and light-powered systems, to see how different energy sources can be used to power everyday devices.

Fifth graders have been investigating chemical reactions and how mixing substances can create exciting changes. Students explored how matter can transform, such as liquids changing into solids, and observed new materials forming. Recently, they completed an experiment focused on cleaning dirty water, learning how science can help solve real-world problems and improve access to clean water.

Students in grades 3-5 have also been staying up to date with current STEM events by following NASA's Artemis II mission. Classes have been watching mission updates, discussing the goals of the mission, and learning how scientists and engineers work together to prepare for space travel. Through these discussions, students are building excitement around space exploration while making connections to science, technology, engineering, and problem-solving skills used in the real world.

