

LEARNERS & LEADERS NEWS

January 2024

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Issue 4



Thank you to our AMAZING PTA! 2023 ended with some special visitors and gifts for all of our kids!

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mr. Dalipi

Hope everyone had an excellent holiday season. As we move into 2024, I would like to thank all of you for entrusting us with your children everyday. At Learners and Leaders we thank you for partnering with us in building our children's confidence and skills.

WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- Principals Note
- What's happening?
- Announcements
- Reminders

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LEARNERS AND LEADERS?



Our Student Government organized an amazing Candy Cane Fundraiser and they were able to deliver the candy canes during our spirit week. Everyone looked amazing in their Red and White to match the delicious treats that they received!!

Students in Pre-K 3 receiving candy canes.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LEARNERS AND LEADERS?



Such a wonderful performance by our 4th and 5th grade students to close out 2023. This January, our 3rd grade students will begin their Circle of Dance residency.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAPS AND ACADIENCE

- Hard to believe that we are already at the middle of the school year. In September our students completed MAPS and Acadience screeners to help our teachers determine ways to best support them. In the coming weeks, students will be completing their middle of the year screeners so that we can monitor their progress. Please feel free to ask your child's teacher about their progress.

STEM SATURDAY PROGRAM

- In the coming days an invite will be sent out for a STEM Saturday program. The program will be a series of Saturdays that will have students focusing on a STEM project. This program will run on a first come first serve basis so please be sure to return permission slips asap.

ENL AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

- Starting January 10th, we will begin our ENL after school program.
- Program runs from 2:30-3:25.
 - Wednesdays grades K-2 in 305 building.
 - Thursdays- grades 3-5 in TRS building.

LOOKING AHEAD

- 1/8: NED Mindset Mission
 - Assembly for all our students
- 1/15: MLK Day
 - No School
- 1/17:
 - Virtual ENL Parent Workshop

REMINDERS

MORNING ARRIVALS

We ask that all students come to school by 8:05 using our entrance in the schoolyards.

Our doors open at 7:50 for early arrival. We will keep the doors open until 8:12. Please note, the school day officially begins at 8:10. If you are late, you may have to wait as we transition our students to their classrooms.

Please be sure to have your children on time so they do not miss a minute of learning.

DISMISSAL

Please pick up your child no later than 2:30. We ask that all parents be in our school yard for dismissal by 2:20

*Parents we ask that pets are not brought on to school grounds

CONNECT WITH US

CREATE A NYC SCHOOLS ACCOUNT

This will allow you to:

- See your students' grades, test scores and more in My Student
- Take classes in Parent University
- Access forms for your child
- Reset your child's DOE account password
- Access SupportHub
- All with one login:
- <https://www.schoolsaccount.nyc/>

JOIN US ON CLASS DOJO

If you need assistance in joining our class DOJO please reach out to our parent coordinator Ms. Michelle Bordoy Soto. She can be reached via email at: mbordoyso@schoools.nyc.gov

FOR MORE VISIT:

www.ps305.com

THE CLUSTER CHRONICLES

LEARNERS AND LEADERS



WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

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

A NOTE FROM THE CLUSTERS

Ms. Kristen, Mr. Spector & Mr. Ronny

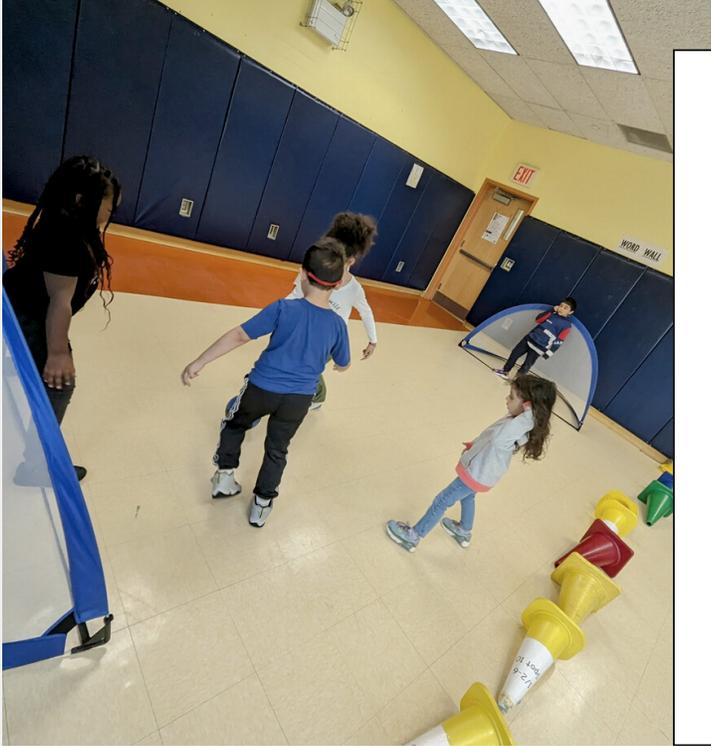
As we embark on the new calendar year, we want to extend a warm welcome to all parents and students. We hope everyone had a restful and rejuvenating break and is ready to dive into the exciting opportunities that await us in the coming months.

It's a great time to reflect on the accomplishments and growth of our students over the past year. We are proud of the hard work and dedication they have shown in their academic, artistic, and physical pursuits.

ART PROGRAM UPDATE

We are excited to welcome our new art teacher! Ms. Samantha Knightly is excited to bring her passion for art education to Learners and Leaders as the new Art Teacher. With a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drawing & Painting from Purchase College and a Master of Arts in Art Education from the City College of New York, Samantha brings a strong educational and artistic background to her teaching practice. Ms. Knightly has taught art to students of all ages across all five New York City boroughs, but teaching elementary art has always been her favorite. She looks forward to sharing her love for art education and embarking on an artistic journey with the Learners and Leaders community.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



K-2

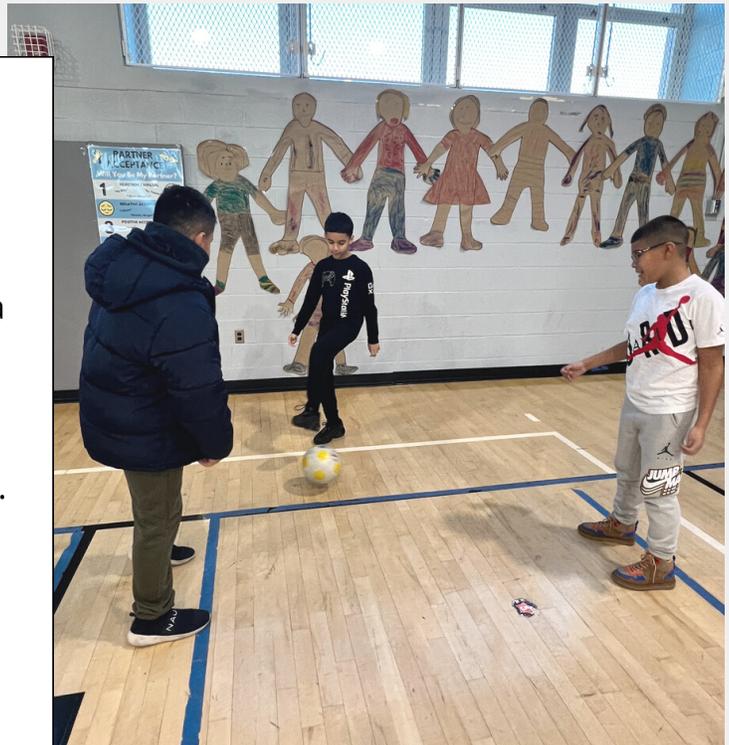
Mr. Ronny

In the month of December, the students participated in numerous stations which were used to review and assess the students' progress. Among the many skills reviewed were, soccer dribbling, soccer passing, soccer shooting, soccer goalies, modified soccer game, jump rope, locomotor skills, like jumping, skipping, hopping, leaping, and fitness exercises.

3-5

Ms. Kristen

In December we worked on developing our soccer skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship in a fun and supportive environment. Students focused on fundamental soccer skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and ball control. They engaged in small-sided games and drills to apply their skills in a game-like setting. Emphasis was placed on working together as a team and demonstrating good sportsmanship on and off the field.



THEATER

K-2

Mr. Spector

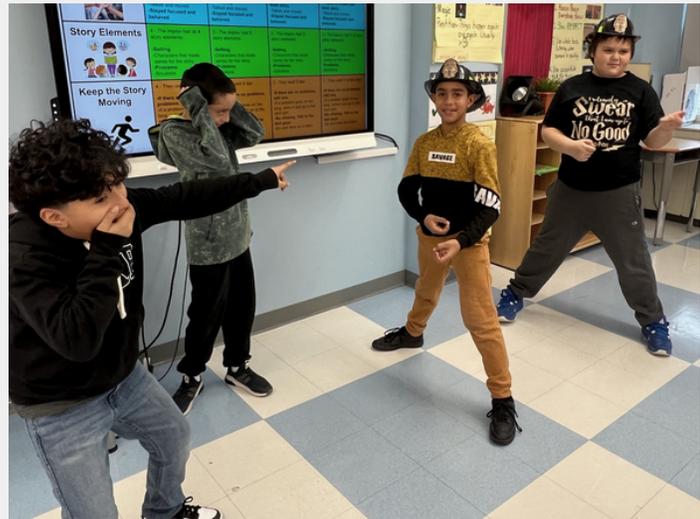
In December, our Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders delved into the captivating world of fairy tales. Together, we unraveled the essential fairy tale elements, discovering the charm of beginnings that often start with "Once upon a time" and conclude with the promise of happily ever after. Fairy Tale characters we encountered often had magical abilities, hailed from royalty, and carried big lessons and morals. In the spirit of interactive learning, our classroom became a stage for the young storytellers to act out these enchanting tales. Whether individually in front of their peers or collaboratively as a class, the students made expressive performances. We focused on showing character emotions through body language and vocal expression.

3-5

In December, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders immersed themselves in the captivating world of Improv, a collaborative journey to craft narratives on the fly. We used a set of Improv tips to help us. Some tips are: choose a setting; choose characters that make sense to be in that setting; always have a problem; if a problem goes on too long solve it and move on to another one; Use at least one solution; All teammates should help to keep the story going; and don't have bad guys chase you, talk it out with dialogue instead. Through the use of a rubric, classmates were able to evaluate and score each other's improv performances, fostering a supportive environment for growth and improvement.



Kindergarten acting out Hansel and Gretel.



5th Grade Improv of Firefighters putting out a fire.



3rd Grade Improv of kids not going to sleep at a sleepover.