

# THE MONTHLY ROAR

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LEARNERS AND LEADERS NEWS

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Mr. Dalipi*

As we wrap up the month of April and head into May, it's hard to believe that we are in the final stretch of the school year. The energy and excitement throughout our school community has been incredible. I want to thank all of you for your continued partnership and support. It is truly a joy to see our students learning, growing, and thriving each day. We have had a busy and memorable month, and I'm proud to share some of the wonderful moments we've experienced together.

As we look ahead, I'm excited for all the celebrations, learning, and milestones that the final months of the school year will bring!

# DISTRICT 24 BETTY SILVERMAN SCHOLARSHIP

MYA ROSADO, GRADE 5

We proudly announce that Mya Rosado won the District 24 Betty Silverman Scholarship. This scholarship is now awarded annually to two students in District 24. Mya was recognized for her academic achievement. This prestigious scholarship highlights her hard work and commitment to excellence. We are so proud of Mya for this well-deserved recognition and know she will continue to make us proud in her future endeavors. Congratulations, Mya!





# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

APRIL 2025

We proudly introduced our Students of the Month program, recognizing the hard work and achievements of our dedicated students.





# BALLET HISPANICO PERFORMANCES

Our talented first graders wowed the audience with their performance, showcasing their hard work and creativity!





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# SPRING BUNNY VISIT

Our students were filled with excitement and joy when the Spring Bunny stopped by PS 305!



# PTA MOVIE NIGHT

Families came together for a fun-filled evening at our PTA-sponsored Movie Night — thank you to everyone who attended and supported!





# NEURODIVERSITY WALK

Our amazing students took a walk  
In honor of neurodiversity,  
celebrating differences, promoting  
Inclusion and walking together In  
support of all learners!





## COSMIC IQ

Our Kindergarten and 1st-grade students enjoyed an interactive learning experience with Cosmic IQ, exploring the fascinating world of dinosaurs.



## RESPECT FOR ALL RECOGNITION

We are proud to share that PS 305 was officially recognized as a Respect for All school, highlighting our commitment to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for every student.





# LOOKING AHEAD

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT LEARNERS & LEADERS

### 5/2 **PTA Meeting**

Stay involved and informed at our monthly PTA meeting where we also celebrate our students of the month!

### 5/20 **Statue of Liberty Trip**

Out 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will take a trip to NYC to see the Statue of Liberty.

### 5/5-5/9 **Staff Appreciation Week**

This week, we celebrate our amazing staff at Learners and Leaders! 🌟 Their dedication and passion make a difference every day. Let's show our gratitude with kind notes, smiles, and words of thanks. Thank you, staff, for all that you do! ❤️

### 5/28-5/29 **Field Day**

All grades will participate in field day events.  
5/28 - Grades 3-5  
5/29 - Grades 3K-2

### 5/29 **Art Exhibit**

Come see our amazing student artists work on display.

### 5/6 **Bricks4Kidz Visit**

children can explore the world of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) through the timeless joy of building with LEGO® bricks.

### 5/31 **District 24 We Are Fair**

A community fair hosted by Community School District 24, designed to bring together parents, students, staff, and community members. The event takes place at Forest Park and includes student performances, contests, giveaways, and other entertainment. It's a chance for the community to meet District 24 staff and learn about the district's programs and services.

### 5/6 **Musical IQ Residency**

Grades 3 & 4 will take a journey of musical discovery to visit a variety of destinations around the world.

### 5/19-5/22 **Scholastic Book Fair**

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore a wide variety of books and discover new favorites.

### May **MATH STATE EXAMS**

5/6 & 5/7 - 3rd Grade  
5/12 & 5/13 - 4th Grade  
5/8 & 5/9 - 5th Grade

### 5/20 **ABC Countdown Begins**

begin to countdown to the last day of school. Please follow the schedule below to see what we will be doing in class for each letter of the alphabet. This will make the last few weeks of school even more fun and exciting!

### 5/15-5/16 **SCIENCE STATE EXAMS** (5<sup>th</sup> Grade ONLY)



# MAY CALENDAR

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT LEARNERS & LEADERS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  Conferencia de padres Virtuales 3:30-6:30	2  8:30 am TRS Cafe	3
4	5	6 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Math State Testing Examen del Estado Mathematica Visit from / Visita de 	7 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Math State Testing Examen del Estado Mathematica Virtual I-Ready Workshop for families 6pm	8 5th Grade Math State Testing Examen del Estado Mathematica Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea Té del Día de la Madre Kinder 	9 5th Grade Math State Testing Examen del Estado Mathematica First Grade Mothers Day Celebration / Celebración del Día de la Madre de Primer Grado 	10
11	12 4th Grade Math State Testing Examen del Estado Mathematica  Wear Green Viste Verde	13 4th Grade Math State Testing Examen del Estado Mathematica	14 5th Grade Science State Testing Examen del Estado Science FDNY Safety visit Visita de seguridad del FDNY 	15 5th Grade Science State Testing Examen del Estado Science	16  Cuenta regresiva para el verano de ABC A	17
18	19 Book Fair Begins Comienza la Feria del Libro 	20 4th & 5th Grade Trip 	21	22	23 Book Fair Ends Finaliza la Feria del Libro 	24  Forest Park Bandshell 10am- 2:30pm
25	26 School closed Escuela Cerrada 	27 FDNY Safety Mobile Smokehouse visit Seguridad de Bomberos de Nueva York Visita de Ahumadero móvil H 	28 1st Grade Trip/ Paseo 	29 Art Showcase 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade trip Exhibición de Arte Paseo 3 <sup>er</sup> grado 4-1; 4-2; 4-4; 5-4 Trip/Paseo 	30 Kindergarten Trip / Paseo K	31



# THE CLUSTER CHRONICLES

PHYSICAL EDUCATION, ART, THEATER



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

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

## A NOTE FROM THE CLUSTERS

*Ms. Kristen, Ms. Knightley, Mr. Spector & Mr. Ronny*

As we head into May, we want to take a moment to celebrate all the hard work and achievements our students have made this school year. With only a month left until school ends in June, it's important for everyone to stay focused and engaged.

May will be filled with exciting activities, projects, and assessments as we prepare for the end of the year. We encourage students to keep up their momentum, ask questions, and support one another as we wrap up this school year.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education. Together, let's make the most of this final stretch and finish strong!



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

MS. KRISTEN & MR. RONNY

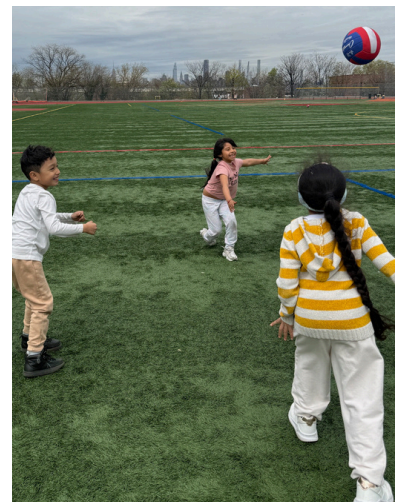
## K-5

We are excited to share that Physical Education (PE) classes were held outside on the Grover Cleveland Soccer Field! This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to enjoy fun activities in nature while staying active and healthy.

Being outdoors enhanced their physical fitness and allowed them to connect with the environment and enjoy the fresh air.

We encourage everyone to dress appropriately for the weather and bring plenty of water to stay hydrated.

It has been great to see the kids having a fantastic time outside!





# ART

MS. KNIGHTLEY

## K-2

This month, K-2 students explored how artists use simple shapes and lines to create beautiful spring flowers. In kindergarten, students read *The Tiny Seed* by artist and illustrator Eric Carle. They learned about his unique collage style, where he paints papers with different textures and colors before cutting and layering them to create his famous illustrations. Inspired by Carle, our kindergarteners painted their own textured papers and then collaged them together to build bright, creative spring flowers. First and second graders have been practicing drawing different types of spring flowers like tulips, crocuses, and daisies. Students filled large sheets of paper with their flower drawings, carefully tracing their pencil lines with Sharpie to make their designs pop. We are excited to begin painting them next!



## 3-5

In grades 3-5, students have been learning about organic and geometric shapes and how artists use them in creative ways. Third graders are creating abstract portraits inspired by Pablo Picasso, using a combination of organic (curvy, natural) and geometric (sharp, precise) shapes to build imaginative faces full of personality. Fourth and fifth graders are hard at work on gem and crystal paintings inspired by South African artist Kurt Pio. Students first learned how to draw gems and crystals using geometric shapes and lines. They also explored the concept of value in art, practicing how to mix tints and shades to give their gems a three-dimensional effect. After practicing, students selected a color family and began painting their final pieces. We can't wait to see them completed!



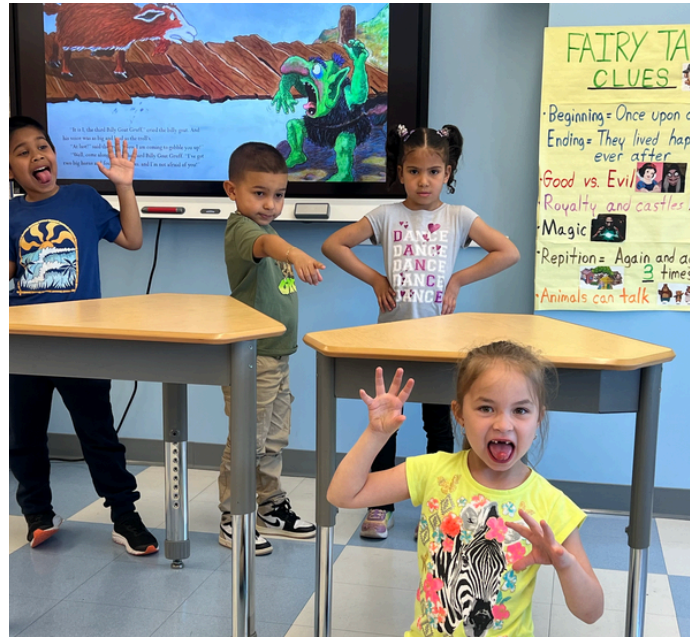


# THEATER

MR. SPECTOR

## K-2

In grades K-2, we've been diving into the magical world of fairy tales! We've been uncovering classic fairy tale secrets like "Once upon a time," talking animals, royal castles, the Rule of 3s, and happily ever afters. Together, we've explored stories such as Jack and the Beanstalk and The Three Billy Goats Gruff, searching for these special elements. Students have brought these tales to life by acting them out using their face, body, and voice to express emotions. We've performed in both small groups and as a whole class—and even had fun using puppets to tell our stories!



## 3-5

In grades 3-5, students have been hard at work writing original scripts in teams of 3. Our theme is making a big decision. In teams of three, students brainstorm and vote on story ideas, then create three unique characters—each with their own personality, secrets, likes and dislikes, and catchphrases. These differences lead to interesting conflicts, challenges, and solutions in the stories. We're learning to plan and structure our scripts using important storytelling elements like conflict, climax, falling action, and resolution.

