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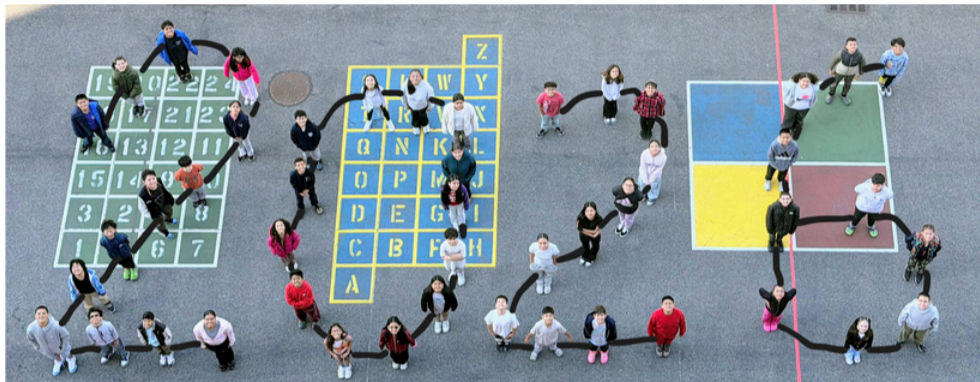
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New Beginnings and New Adventures- Celebrating Our PreK, Kindergarten and Fifth Grade Students

By Members of The Journalism Club



The fifth grade class is getting ready to begin an exciting new chapter as they move on from PS 305. Throughout the years, students created many memories through learning, performances, clubs, fundraising events, music, and special school activities.

From dance performances and acting roles in *The Lion King* and *Aladdin* to creating the school art mural, fifth graders helped leave their mark on *Learners and Leaders*. Their leadership, creativity, and school spirit will be remembered by the students who follow after them.

Journalism Club students interviewed several fifth graders, and one thing that stood out most was how much students shared they will miss their teachers, friends, and the caring community at PS 305.

As they prepare for middle school, we celebrate all they have accomplished and wish them the very best in their next adventure. Congratulations, fifth grade, and have an amazing summer!

From Little Steps to Big Dreams



By Members of The Journalism Club



PS 305 Kindergarten class of 2026

Our kindergarten students had an amazing year full of learning, creativity, and fun memories at PS 305. From learning letters and reading new books to classroom celebrations and special school events, students worked hard and grew so much throughout the year.

As they step up to first grade, they can look forward to new adventures, exciting learning experiences, and making even more wonderful memories. We are so proud of all our kindergarten students and wish them a fun-filled summer.

A Time to Celebrate Growth



PS 305 Pre K class of 2026

This year, Pre-K students at PS 305 enjoyed a wonderful year filled with learning, laughter, and fun. They learned through play, songs, stories, art projects, and exciting classroom activities while making new friends and growing each day.

As they get ready for kindergarten, students can look forward to even more learning, new adventures, and exciting experiences. We are so proud of all our Pre-K students and wish them a wonderful summer!



Interviewed by Raymond and Moses 4-2

VOICES FROM OUR GRADUATES



FIFTH GRADE CLASS

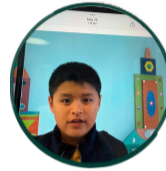
● What will you miss most?

● What do you want to be?

● Excited for next year?



I'll miss my teachers and friends.



I want to be a Nintendo game programmer.



I'm going to be with my cousin in my new school and meeting new friends.



I will never forget all my teachers and the field trips.



I want to be a lawyer.



One thing I'm most excited for in my new school is meeting new friends.

KINDERGARTEN CLASS



I want to be a vet.



I want to be a teacher.



I want to be a ballerina.



I want to be a firefighter.



I want to be an astronaut.



I want to be a doctor



PRE KINDERGARTEN CLASS



I want to be a firefighter.



I want to be a chef.



I want to be a chef.



I want to be a ballerina.





NEW TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



The ROAR Welcomes Our New Teachers to PS 305

MEET MS. RODRIGUEZ: KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

By Kylanie and Lizbeth Class 4-1



We enjoyed interviewing Ms. Rodriguez and learning more about her favorite things, her family, and why she wanted to join PS 305. Lizbeth and I (Kylanie) are excited to welcome her to our school community and hope she has a wonderful first year at Learners and Leaders!

Ms. Rodriguez: I loved when my teacher dressed up as characters from the stories she read to us.
Kylanie: What do you love most about teaching little kids?

I love watching how much progress they make. They leave knowing how to read and write.

MS. RODRIGUEZ

They come in knowing some letters, and they leave knowing how to read and write, which is amazing.

Lizbeth: What is the best thing about being at our school so far?

Ms. Rodriguez: The best thing about being at PS 305 is that the parents and teachers are wonderful, and there is a lot of support from the community.

MEET MS. CHAPEY: 1ST GRADE TEACHER



Interview by Isabella class 4-1 & Jayliz. Class 5-4

We are Jayliz and Isabella, and we had fun interviewing Ms. Chapey and learning more about her. We are excited to welcome her to the PS 305 first grade family!

Isabella: Did you always want to be a teacher, or did you want to be something else when you were little?

Ms. Chapey: I've always wanted to be a teacher.

Isabella: What is the best gift you have ever received?

Ms. Chapey: That's a very good question. I got a kitten when I graduated high school.



Jayliz: What is the first thing that made you feel welcome at our school?

Ms. Chapey: All the teachers on the first grade and kindergarten teams. Everybody here has been great.

Isabella: Thank you so much for letting us interview you.
Ms. Chapey: You're welcome. Thank you guys!

Everybody here really seems to enjoy teaching. They truly love teaching.

MS. CHAPEY

Fun Facts About Ms. Chapey

- ★ **Favorite season:** Summer (beach & pool!) ☀️
- ★ **Weekend fun:** Going to the movies 🎬
- ★ **Best gift ever:** A kitten when she graduated high school 🐱
- ★ **Dinner guest pick:** Justin Bieber 🎤
- ★ **Teaches:** 1st grade 📚

Fun Facts About Ms. Rodriguez

- ★ **Favorite color:** Green 🌿
- ★ **Favorite song:** "Dreams" by Fleetwood Mac 🎵
- ★ **Siblings:** Two little brothers and one little sister
- ★ Loves nature and different shades of green 🌳
- ★ Enjoys teaching young students 📖

MEET MS. NESLA: KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE SELF-CONTAINED CLASS TEACHER

Interview by Juliana class 4-1 & Moses. Class 4-2



We are Moses and Juliana from class 4-1, and we interviewed Ms. Nesla to learn more about her and welcome her to PS 305. We enjoyed getting to know her and are excited to have her at Learners and Leaders!



Moses: If you could be any storybook character for a day, who would you pick?

Ms. Nesla: I would choose Pete the Cat because my students love Pete the Cat, and I feel like he is a character students can really relate to.
Juliana: What is it about our school and our students that made you choose to be here?

Ms. Nesla: When I first started here, Mr. Dalipi, Mrs. Benetos, and Mrs. Lacerenza-Perro were very welcoming. They always had big smiles and answered my questions. When I met the students, everyone was very sweet. The environment in the building really made me feel welcome as a new teacher.

Moses: Thank you for letting us interview you. I enjoyed interviewing you, and welcome to Learners and Leaders.

Ms. Nesla: Thank you! It was so nice meeting you both.

Fun Facts About Ms. Nesla

- ★ **Favorite animal:** Dogs 🐶
- ★ **Family:** Two little boys, ages 4 and 2
- ★ **Loves baking:** Nutella cupcakes with sprinkles 🍰
- ★ **Storybook pick:** Pete the Cat 🐱
- ★ **Teaches:** K-1 inclusion class 📚



NEW TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



The ROAR Welcomes Our New Teachers to PS 305

MEET MS. JARGILO: 2ND GRADE TEACHER

Interviewed by Jayliz, Adrick and Nayla class 5-4



Fun Facts About Ms. Jargilo

- ★ **Favorite subject:** Reading 📖
- ★ **Loves:** Spending time with her family ❤️
- ★ **Hobbies:** Exploring new places ✈️
- ★ **Why she teaches:** She loves helping kids learn and grow 🌱
- ★ **Teaches:** 2nd grade 🎓

Welcome to PS 305, Ms. Jargilo! We are Jayliz, Adrick, and Nayla from class 5-4. We are happy to welcome you to the Learners and Leaders community!

Jayliz: What made you want to become a teacher?

Ms. Jargilo: I always enjoyed helping children learn and grow, so becoming a teacher felt like the perfect career for me.

Nayla: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Ms. Jargilo: My favorite subject to teach is reading because I love helping students discover new books and stories.

Adrick: Out of all the schools you could have worked at, what made you choose PS 305?

Ms. Jargilo: I chose PS 305 because everyone was so welcoming and supportive, and I could tell it was a caring school community.

Adrick: Thank you so much. We hope you have a nice rest of your day.

Ms. Jargilo: Thank you!

MEET MS. PALERMO: 2ND GRADE TEACHER

Interviewed by Denisse 4-2 & Isabella. 4-1

We interviewed Ms. Palermo to learn more about one of our new teachers at PS 305.

Denisse: What was your favorite subject when you were in second grade?

Ms. Palermo: My favorite subject was writing because it allowed me to be creative and use my voice. I also enjoy teaching writing because it gives students the chance to express themselves.

Isabella: If you had to describe our school in three

words, what would they be?

Ms. Palermo: Welcoming, diverse, and creative.

Everyone has made me feel welcome, and I love seeing the diversity of our students and families. I also enjoy all the hands-on learning and creative activities that happen throughout the school.



MEET MS. DRAPER: 3RD GRADE TEACHER

Interviewed by Raymond and Moses class 4-2

We are Raymond and Moses from class 4-2, and we interviewed Ms. Draper to learn more about our new teacher at PS 305. We are excited to welcome Ms. Draper to our school community.

Fun Facts About Ms. Draper

- ★ **Favorite subject:** Math ➕
- ★ **Wants to visit:** Greece 🇬🇷
- ★ **Free time:** Going to the gym and reading 📖
- ★ **Inspired by:** Her mom, who taught pre-K 🍎
- ★ **Teaches:** 3rd grade 🎓



I like to teach math because there are so many strategies to solve the same problem.

MS. DRAPER

Raymond: What is your favorite subject to teach and why?

Ms. Draper: I really like to teach math because there are so many strategies to find the same answer and solve the same problem. There are so many ways to solve.

Moses: What made you choose to come to work at our school?

What are you most excited to bring to our third grade community?

Ms. Draper: I was excited to come to this school because it is a wonderful community where all of the teachers and students are very kind to one another and include new people in their community.

Juliana (4-1) and Denisse (4-2), interviewed Ms. Otvic, one of our new third grade teachers and are excited to welcome her to PS 305

Juliana: Who was your favorite teacher when you were in school?

Ms. Otvic: That is a good

question. My kindergarten teacher was my favorite teacher because she was very patient and kind. I also had a great high school teacher who made learning very fun for me.

Denisse: When you first heard about our school,

what made you think, "I want to work here"?

Ms. Otvic: I saw the ROAR student government show while looking up the school, and I knew it was a place that made learning fun for kids. I could also tell it was a close-knit

MEET MS. OTOVIC: 3RD GRADE TEACHER

Interviewed by Juliana 4-1 and Denisse class 4-2

community for students and families.



I knew it was a place that made learning fun for kids.

MS. OTOVIC

Fun Facts About Ms. Otvic

- ★ **Favorite book:** Percy Jackson 📖
- ★ **Surprising fact:** She's very fast! 🏃
- ★ **Favorite snack:** Almond Joy 🍫
- ★ **Superpower pick:** Flying, to see the world 🦸
- ★ **Teaches:** 3rd grade 🎓



Creative Student Artwork



Second graders created “Rizzi Cities” inspired by New York City artist James Rizzi, who was known for his colorful cityscapes filled with buildings that had playful faces and expressions. Students learned about cityscapes and explored how artists can show emotions through facial expressions. They then created their own city scenes with one half showing daytime and the other showing nighttime.

Class 2-3 with their art work



Oil Pastel flowers by 4th and 5th graders

Fourth and fifth grade students created oil pastel flowers inspired by Georgia O’Keeffe. Students used oil pastels to blend colors, add shading, and make their flowers stand out. They also focused on filling the page with their compositions, just like O’Keeffe often did in her artwork.



Self Portraits By: 4th and 5th Grade

Have you ever wondered how artists make their portraits look so realistic? The secret is facial proportions!

In this project, students learned how to use facial proportions. Facial proportions are guidelines that help place the eyes, nose, and mouth in the correct positions to create a realistic face. They began by sketching their faces using a line of symmetry to help place their features evenly, along with guidelines to position the eyes, nose, and mouth. Then they added personal details to show their unique features and expressions.

Students also explored color mixing by creating their own custom paint colors to match their individual skin tones and hair colors. This careful observation and mixing helped make each portrait more personal and realistic.



Rainbow By: classes K/1-4 and 1/2-4

Our self-contained classes K/1-4 and 1/2-4 explored the colors of the rainbow and practiced putting them in order. Using materials saved from projects all year—painted papers, fabric, and foam—students sorted colors into vibrant rainbow collages. The project built color awareness, creative choice-making, and fine motor skills through cutting, sorting, and gluing. Each rainbow is one of a kind and shows how artists can reuse materials in creative ways.



The Grouchy Ladybug By: kindergarten and 1st Grade

Kindergarten and 1st grade students have been busy creating their own versions of Eric Carle’s *The Grouchy Ladybug*! Through this project, students practiced painting, cutting, and collage skills while exploring Eric Carle’s unique illustration style.

After listening to the story, students learned how Carle builds his artwork from hand-painted papers cut and assembled into colorful collages. Using red, green, and yellow paint, students painted their own papers, then—once dry—cut out shapes to form a ladybug, grass, and sun. They added creative details and assembled everything into the cheerful collages you see here!



Makeup and Fashion.

How To Do Unicorn Make Up

By Kylanie and Lizbeth class 4-1



Materials Needed

- Face wash or wipes
- Light pink, white, or light blue eyeshadow
- Blush
- Glitter or sparkle makeup
- Lip gloss
- Paper towel roll
- Construction paper
- Headband
- Tape or glue
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers or decorations
- A big smile!



Step by step

1. First, start with a clean face.
2. Next, add light pink, white, or light blue eyeshadow around the eyes.
3. Then, add a little sparkle or glitter to make it magical.
4. After that, use blush on the cheeks to make them bright and colorful.
5. Next, make your unicorn hat or headband from materials like construction paper.
6. Finally, add lip gloss and a big smile!
7. Now your unicorn makeup is ready to shine!



Fashion Ideas for the Summer

By Nayla class 5-4



Keep it bright. Light colors like white, pink, yellow, and pastels keep you cool.

Pair them with denim, it goes with everything!

Summer is here, time to have fun with what you wear! Here are my favorite ways to stay cool and stylish.

STYLE TIP

Add a fun detail. One special touch makes an outfit yours: a bow, jeans with stars, or a comfy matching set. Grab your accessories. A hat and sunglasses block the sun, a crossbody bag holds your must-haves, and sandals or sneakers finish the look. Mix and match your favorite colors and patterns and most of all, wear what makes you feel happy and confident!



From Students to Authors: Kindergarten Writes a Book

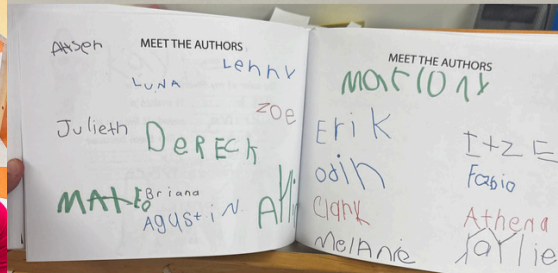
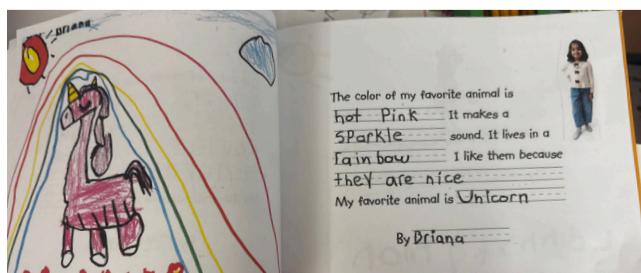
By Journalism club members

Kindergarten Student Authors Class k-1

Our kindergarten students became authors and illustrators as they created their own class book pages about their favorite animals. Students wrote about their favorite animals using describing words, sounds, colors, and habitats. They then illustrated their ideas with colorful drawings to match their writing. Their work showed creativity, thoughtful color choices, and beginning sound awareness through words such as “sparkle,” “rainbow,” and “pink.” This project helped students build confidence as young writers while taking pride in contributing to a published class book.



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Looking back on 2026! Highlights



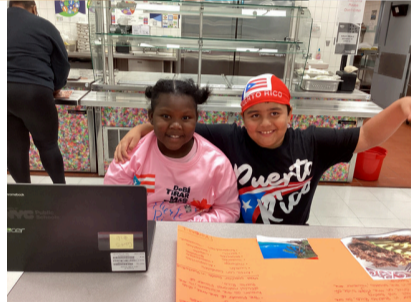
Third grade celebration



Fourth grade Aladdin trip



ABC count down to Summer



Field day



Soccer club



Second grade dancers performing



Dance Hispanica



Fundraising club

The fundraising club and sweet treats club did an amazing job with all of its fundraising efforts to help support fifth grade student activities throughout the year.



Civics For All



Spring Concert First grade dancers performing



Jona May 3-2



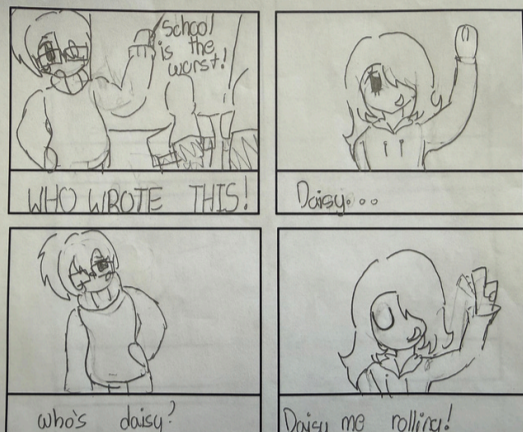


Looking back on 2026! Highlights



Denisse class 4-2 art work comic strip

Comic Strip



Journalism Club June 2026

A big thank-you to the Journalism Club for the wonderful interviews and articles featured throughout the paper this year. Students grew so much in their public speaking, confidence, and writing. Thank you to our Principal, Mr. Dalipi, and our Assistant Principals, Mrs. Lacerenza-Perro and Mrs. Benetos, for supporting our students and school community. We wish our graduating students the very best as they begin a new chapter, and we hope everyone has a relaxing summer!

— Ms. E and the Journalism Club



Principal's Year-End Message June 2026



Left to right: Mrs. Benetos, ROARY, Mr. Dalipi and Mrs. Lacerenza-Perro

What a phenomenal year it has been at Learners and Leaders! As we wrap up these final days of school, I want to take a moment in The ROAR to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared and celebrate how our students have truly lived up to our school's name.

The arts have taken center stage this year, showcasing the phenomenal creativity of our community. We were all completely blown away by our massive production of Aladdin Jr. The immense talent, hard work, and pure joy displayed on that stage made it an absolute masterpiece.

Beyond this major production, our school was filled with beautiful music throughout the year during our wonderful winter concerts and spring concerts across every single grade level, proving that our students have the voices and passion to bring immense light to our school.

This year was also packed with exceptional student leadership and unforgettable school-wide events that brought us all closer together. Our Student Government worked tirelessly to boost school spirit, the Journalism Club did a fantastic job keeping us connected through this very newspaper, and our amazing Fundraising Team provided vital support for events throughout our school. These student leaders helped bring so much energy to our favorite campus traditions, from the high-stakes excitement of the students vs. staff basketball game, to the fantastic teamwork displayed during our end-

-of-year Field Days, and the pure joy of our school Carnival.

Finally, I want to extend a massive congratulations to our graduating fifth graders. You have set a wonderful example of kindness, leadership, and hard work for our younger students, and while we will miss you dearly here at Learners and Leaders, we know you are going to do incredible things in middle school. Thank you to our phenomenal teachers, staff, and families for making this school year so memorable. Have a safe, happy, and well-deserved summer vacation!

Mr. Dalipi.
Principal

