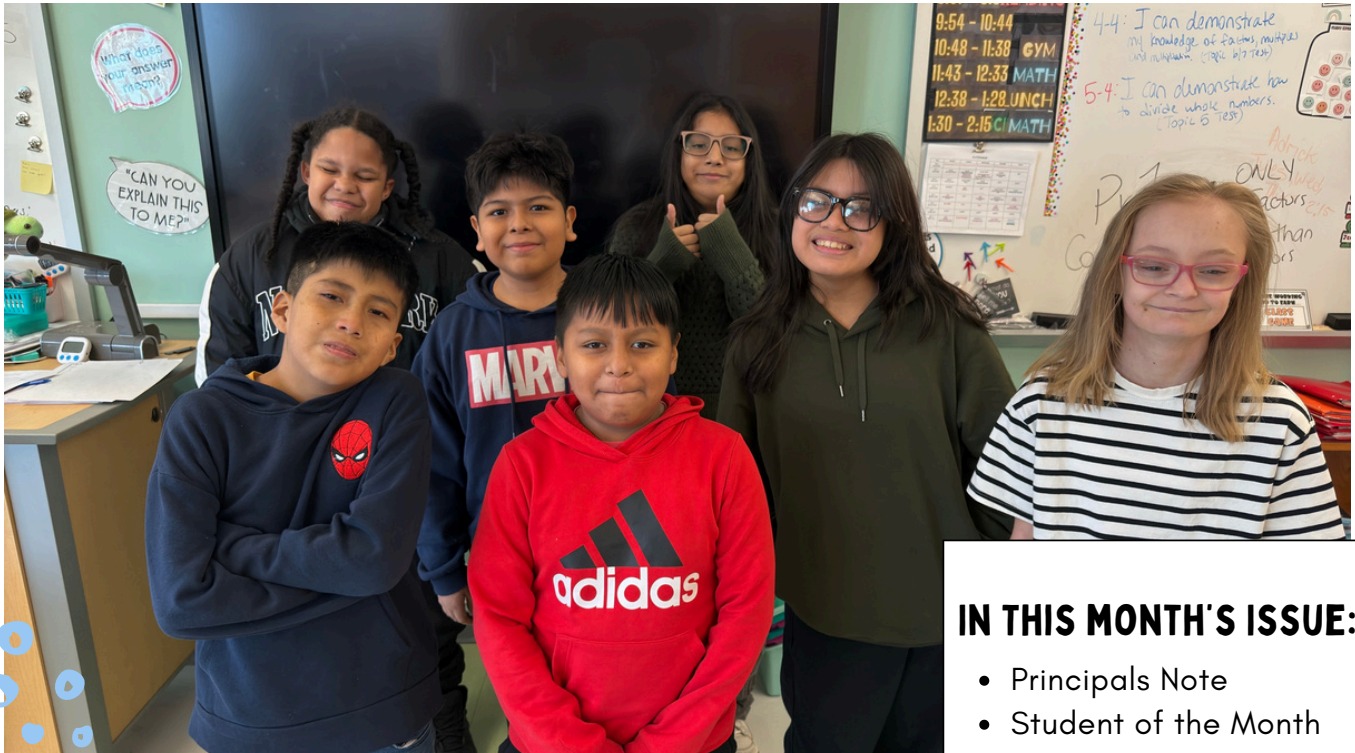


# LEARNERS & LEADERS NEWS

JANUARY 2025

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Mr. Dalipi*

It has been a fun start to the new year at Learners and Leaders! January was filled with exciting activities and memorable experiences for our students. From music and science to sports and special visits, we had a great time learning and growing together. Thank you for being a part of our wonderful school community. We look forward to another great month ahead!



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER 2024

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





# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 2025





# SCHOOL EVENTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JANUARY

## VOCABULARY PARADE

Our youngest students showcased their creativity and vocabulary skills in a fun-filled parade, dressing up as words they had learned.



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## OPEN HOUSES

We proudly welcomed prospective families to our school, showcasing the amazing learning environment and community we've built together.





# BENANNA BAND VISIT

Students enjoyed a lively and interactive performance by the BenAnna Band, filling our school with music, movement, and joy.



# MAD SCIENCE

Science came to life after school with our Mad Science event, where students experienced exciting experiments and hands-on learning.





# SPORTS

## LIONS BASKETBALL TEAM



### FIRST HOME BASKETBALL GAME

#### Learners & Leaders Lions

Our school gym was filled with cheers and excitement as we held our very first home basketball game of the season! Students and families came together to show their support for our team, wearing our lions colors and waving homemade signs.

As the game began, our players were full of energy and enthusiasm. They dribbled, passed, and shot with determination, and we even took an early lead! The crowd erupted with cheers every time we scored, making the atmosphere electric.

But our opponents were strong, and as the game went on, they started to catch up. Our players tried their best, working as a team and giving it their all. It was a nail-biting finish, but in the end, we lost by just a few points. Although we didn't win, we showed great sportsmanship and cheered for the other team.

The important thing is that we had fun, worked together, and showed our school spirit. We learned that being part of a team is about more than just winning; it's about friendship and trying our best.

Thank you to all the fans who came out to support us! We can't wait for our next game, where we will continue to improve and make our school proud!







# LOOKING AHEAD

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT LEARNERS & LEADERS

### 2/7 **Lion King Jr. Performance**

We can't wait to see our talented students take the stage for our production of The Lion King Jr. Mark your calendars for this exciting event!

### 2/11 **Valentines Day Sale Shop Opens**

A chance for students to spread kindness and love by shopping for small Valentine's gifts from 2/11-2/14.

### 2/10 **Respect for All Week Begins**

A special week dedicated to promoting kindness, inclusion, and respect throughout our school community.

### 2/24 **Scholastic Book Fair Begins**

During the week of 2/24, students will have a fantastic opportunity to discover new books and foster a love of reading.

### 2/10 **3K/PREK Fashion Show**

Don't miss our delightful 3K and PreK Fashion Show, where our youngest stars will strut their stuff in creative outfits.

### 2/24 **Mets Ya Gotta Read Program**










Starting February 24th, we will once again be a part of the NY Mets Ya Gotta Read program. The New York Mets and Delta Air Lines have partnered on the Ya Gotta Read! program to help foster a love of reading in students. Students in grades 1-5 will be able to earn prizes by reading and logging their minutes.

### 2/11 **Living Wax Museum**

Our students will bring historical figures to life as they showcase their research and presentations.

### 2/28 **Engage STREAM Day**

A hands-on STEM-focused day where students will engage in fun and interactive science, technology, engineering, and math activities!

| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                   |
|--------|--|--|--|--|---|----------------------------|
|        |  |  |  |  |   | 1<br>Stem class 8-10am     |
| 2      | 3<br>Pencils for Pals<br>Venta de lápices para amigos<br>2/3-12<br>     | 4  | 5<br>THE LION KING Jr.<br>Morning Show   | 6<br>JERSEY DAY<br><br>Día de Camisa de Deporte  | 7<br>National wear Red Day<br>Día Nacional de vestir de Rojo<br>PTA / TITLE I Meeting 8:30am<br>THE LION KING Jr.<br>Families Doors open 4:30<br>Families puertas abre 4:30 | 8<br>Stem Expo Celebration |
| 9      | 10<br>Respect for All Week<br>February 10-14<br>Semana del Respeto para<br>Todos del 10 al 14 de febrero   | 11<br>Wear Green/Viste Verde<br>Virtual Speech and EHL parent<br>workshop<br>Taller virtual Desarrollo de<br>Lenguaje de Estudiantes<br>RFA Assembly<br>The Living Wax Museum<br>El Museo de Cera Viviente | 12<br>Valentine Shop Sale during lunch<br>Venta de San Valentin durante almuerzo<br>2/ 11-13<br> | 13   | 14<br>Wear Pink/Red<br>Viste Rosado/ Rojo<br>Pencils Delivered<br>"No One Eats Alone"<br>"Nadie come solo"  | 15                         |
| 16     | 17<br>PRESIDENT'S DAY<br><br>Midwinter Recess<br>Schools Closed 2/17-21 | 18<br><br>WINTER BREAK<br>NO SCHOOL!  | 19   | 20   | 21  | 22                         |
| 23     | 24<br>4-1 & 4-2 trip / Paseo<br>A Sprinkle of Fun<br>                   | 25<br>HAPPY 100TH<br>Play of School<br>100 DIAS DE ESCUELA<br>  | 26   | 27<br>Home Basketball Game<br>Partido de baloncesto en<br>First grade trip "Rainbow Fish"<br>Primer grado paseo<br>"Don Anselmo"<br> | 28<br>Engage STREAM Day<br>Día de participación en STEM<br>                            |                            |



# 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*

We hope this message finds you well! As we move through the school year, we want to take a moment to highlight the importance of the Arts and Physical Education in our students' overall development and share some general updates from our departments.

The Art department is dedicated to fostering creativity and self-expression among our students. Through various projects and mediums, students are encouraged to explore their artistic talents and develop their skills. We believe that art not only enhances creativity but also improves problem-solving abilities and boosts self-confidence. We are excited to announce that students will have opportunities to showcase their work throughout the year.

In the Theater department, students are learning valuable skills such as teamwork, communication, and public speaking through performance and production. Participating in theater helps students build confidence and express themselves creatively. We will be hosting workshops and performances this year.

Physical Education plays a crucial role in promoting a healthy lifestyle and physical fitness among our students. Our PE program emphasizes the importance of teamwork, sportsmanship, and developing lifelong fitness habits. We aim to provide a fun and engaging environment where students can learn new skills, participate in various sports, and enjoy physical activity.



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

MS. KRISTEN & MR. RONNY

## K-5

We are thrilled to share that our students have completed an exciting basketball unit in Physical Education class! We learned essential basketball skills while developing teamwork, sportsmanship, and a love for physical activity.

Students practiced dribbling, passing, shooting, and defensive techniques. Our goal is to help each child improve their skills, regardless of their initial experience level.

Basketball is a wonderful way for students to learn the importance of working together. Through team drills and games, they will develop communication and collaboration skills.

Our basketball unit emphasizes having fun while staying active. We encourage students to enjoy the process of learning and to explore the joy of playing sports.





# ART

MS. KNIGHTLEY

## PENGUINS ON ICE (K)

Our kindergarten artists created winter scenes featuring penguins in their icy habitat. This project introduced our students to a wide variety of skills, including painting, tearing, cutting, and collage. On the first day, our artists mixed white and blue paint to create a light blue background. Next, they painted simple penguins using basic shapes—an oval for the body, a circle for the head, and two lines for wings. We tore white paper to create snow and ice, cut out our painted penguins, and added details like orange beaks and white bellies to bring our penguins to life! Each step built on the last, giving students the opportunity to experiment with materials and practice new techniques.



## SKY COLOR PENGUINS (1-3)

Before creating their penguin collages, our students read *Sky Color* by Peter H. Reynolds, and explored how the sky can appear in many different colors. Using this inspiration, they began by painting vibrant backgrounds. Following this step, we created their penguins by breaking them down into simple shapes, drawing each part, cutting them out, and assembling them as a collage. To make each penguin unique, artists added details like scarves, hats, earmuffs, and mittens! In the final step, we attached their penguins to their backgrounds and used white oil pastel to create falling snow, completing their winter scenes.



## WINTER LANDSCAPES

Our 4th and 5th graders explored landscape art by creating winter scenes with depth and texture. We began by drawing a horizon line and blending colors to paint a unique, vibrant sky. On a separate sheet, we used a technique called "paint and scrape" to create the rough texture of birch tree bark—artists accomplished this by dragging a piece of cardboard through wet paint to mimic a natural pattern. Once our trees were dry, we carefully cut them out and collaged them onto their backgrounds. To add dimension, artists shaded the base of the trees and sprinkled in snowy details, bringing our winter landscapes to life.





# THEATER

MR. SPECTOR

## THE LION KING JR.

Our Fourth and Fifth Grade students are beyond excited for our big production of The Lion King Jr.! This incredible show is a true team effort, with so many talented students and dedicated teachers working together to bring it to life.

A huge shoutout to Mr. Spector and Mr. Mancuso's Theater Club, Ms. Brianna's Dance Team, Ms. Sam and Ms. Aleks' Art Club, Mr. Omar's Tech Team, and Ms. Katterina, Ms. Kristen, and Mr. Ronny's Chorus Team. With over 100 students and staff collaborating, this promises to be an unforgettable performance!

