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Staten Island, NY

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a great holiday.

We are starting to prepare for our annual auction being held on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Plaza. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. If you have any new items to donate, please bring them to the PTA office. We are also in need of volunteers to help solicit to local businesses. We appreciate anything you can give.

Our next PTA General/Executive Meeting will take place on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

Please don't forget to send in Box Tops, use the Shoparoo app, and Amazon Smile.

Sincerely,

**Trisha Altuna-Byrnes**  
PTA President



Principal: Nancy Spataro

Assistant Principals:

Jennifer Doren

Jodi Rosenberg

Evy Schultz

## *School Safety*

For the safety of all at dismissal time, please follow some simple guidelines:

- Do not bring pets around the perimeter of the school (on a leash, carried, etc.)
- Do not have a lighted cigarette around the perimeter of the school.
- Please monitor little ones on their wheeled toys and keep them near you.
- Allow teachers to bring their classes to the designated line spots to dismiss the students
- Do not park in the designated school bus areas during drop-off and pick-up times
- Do not double park or park in neighboring driveways. It is illegal and it endangers the life of your child as well as others.
- Police have advised us that they will be periodically driving by our school ticketing any vehicles that are parked illegally and /or double parked.

*Thank you for your cooperation and have a great school year!!*



**Nancy Spataro**  
Principal

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## JANUARY 2019 PTA NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a restful vacation.

As we ring in the New Year, there are many special activities ahead to help us welcome 2019!

Beginning February 6, 2019 through March 14, 2019, our third, fourth and fifth grade students will be receiving after school tutoring on Thursdays and Friday. These enrichment programs, taught by our teachers, will help our students meet the rigorous instructional expectations of their grade. We hope your child participates.

### Dates to Remember

1/02/19		Return to School
1/04/19		School Spirit Friday –Wear 1970’s Clothing
1/04/19		Breakfast with Ms. Spataro – Class 4/5-341
1/07/19	2:45pm	Parent Workshop – Effective Behavior Management
1/08/19	2:30pm	Assembly – Student & Citizen of the Month – Grades K&1
1/11/19		School Spirit Friday – Wear Your Shirt Inside Out
1/11/19		Breakfast with Ms. Spatato – Class 5-342
1/18/19		School Spirit Friday – Wear 1980’s Clothing
1/21/19		School Closed – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/22/19	2:30pm	Parent Workshop - ELL
1/25/19		Breakfast with Ms. Spataro – Class 5-344
1/25/19		School Spirit Friday – Wear Your Favorite Color
1/29/19	2:30pm	Parent Workshop - Math

### Wandering Around the Web (Excerpts from The Master Teacher Magazine)

With the almost infinite number of websites in cyberspace, the job of finding homework help online can be intimidating. To access free, subject-specific study aids, supplemental lessons, and online games and exercises, here are some of the best websites:

- **AskJeeves Kids** is the student version of the Ask Jeeves search engine. It has a separate "study tools" section divided by subject, as well as a link to current news (middle school and up). [www.ajkids.com](http://www.ajkids.com).
- **Yahooligans** is the student version of Yahoo. It has a parent's section, teacher's section, and guide to Internet safety (upper elementary/middle school). [www.yahooligans.com](http://www.yahooligans.com).
- **ChemicalElements.com** is an interactive periodic chart that is easy to use and navigate. The table can be displayed in many different formats according to what information you are seeking (high school). [www.chemicalelements.com](http://www.chemicalelements.com).
- **The Worldwide Web Virtual Library** includes an extensive list of links sorted by subject (high school). [www.vlib.org](http://www.vlib.org).
- **Go Math**, one of many math resources on the Web, not only has supplemental worksheets and lessons in algebra, geometry, and physics, but also has SAT math practice tools and online help through a tutor message board (middle school and up). [www.gomath.com](http://www.gomath.com).
- **Physlink**, a physics website, has stories of physics in the news, concepts with clear explanations, and examples of how physics applies to real-life situations. [www.physlink.com](http://www.physlink.com).
- **For links to over 100 homework help websites** for students in grades one through college, go to: [www.refdesk.com/homework.html](http://www.refdesk.com/homework.html).
- **I know That**, a site geared toward preschool, kindergarten, and elementary age students, has games, interactive worksheets, and quizzes. Students can earn points from their activities to "buy" software downloads and CDs, or subscriptions to I know That's premium site. Visit: [www.iknowthat.com](http://www.iknowthat.com).

### New Year's Resolution: Help Your Kids Do Well in School by Rachel Walker

(Excerpts from Readingrockets.com)

It is a new year according to the calendar, but in most schools, we've just reached the half-way point. Resolve to be involved in your children's education in new ways this year. Studies show that kids whose parents are involved in their education have better grades, a better attitude toward school, and more appropriate school behavior than those with less involved parents.

### How do I get involved?

Getting involved in your child's education can be as simple as talking with your child's teacher each day about school and homework. Your involvement could also include:

- visiting your child's school
- establishing a homework routine and providing your child with a good place to study – away from distractions like TV, video games, the phone, or loud music

- taking your child on trips, playing games together, and visiting the local library
- showing you value education by taking classes yourself or letting your child see you spending time reading.
- volunteering at school
- getting involved with a parent-teacher organization
- reading to your child or have him/her read to you everyday

***As the year closes, I would like to once again thank our P.S. 32 community for all of your support and commitment to our school's programs. We are proud of our students and all that they have accomplished thus far, as we continue to strive for excellence and follow our school's mission, "to provide our youngsters with an exemplary educational program, a safe, nurturing, and exciting school environment."***

***I have had the opportunity to meet many wonderful parents at our crafting workshops and student performances this year. I look forward to even more participants in the New Year. Many thanks to the PTA for supporting these workshops and for their ongoing volunteerism at P.S. 32.***

Happy New Year!

**Nancy Spataro, Principal**



# Fundraising

Box Tops for Education contest has begun for the new school year. Start collecting box tops and send them to the PTA office in an envelope with your name and class.

You can also earn box top credits for your school by shopping at your favorite on-line store through [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com).

Good luck to everyone!!!

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# Treasurer's Report

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## Revised Statement of Income and Expense

For the Period of November 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$	<b>19,577.97</b>
<b><u>Income:</u></b>		
Candy Sale	\$	523.00
Fifth Grade	\$	5,500.00
Fundraising	\$	3,478.25
Holiday Fair	\$	5,197.00
Membership	\$	35.00
School Services Deposit	\$	79.80
Yearbook	\$	25.00
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	\$	<b>14,838.05</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		
Candy Sale Expense	\$	5,778.60
Fifth Grade Expense	\$	100.00
Fundraising Expense	\$	4,190.13
Holdover Copy Machine	\$	222.66
Holdover Dancing Classrooms	\$	2,000.00
Holiday Fair Expense	\$	2,244.18
Holiday Pies Expense	\$	50.00
Lego Robotics	\$	439.64
Postage	\$	10.15
PTA Supplies	\$	15.99
Telephone	\$	64.36
Theater Line	\$	535.00
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	\$	<b>15,650.71</b>
<b><u>Ending Balance:</u></b>	\$	<b>18,765.31</b>



Please write your answers in the box and cut out and return to your teachers by **January 22nd**. **Please Note: Do Not Put Your Cut Out in an Envelope.** Please put in Child's Home Folder paper clipped to Math Mission Bookmark. Also, please put your child's first and last name as well as class number. (If your child did not get a bookmark, the teacher is holding them in class)

**December MATH MISSION WINNERS**

**Grades Pre-k -2**

Mia Molina – Pre-K 145

**Grades 3-5**

Adriana Nowak

3-312

**Answers to December Math Mission**

**Pre-K-K:**

4 Trees

**Grades 1st-2nd:**

21 Cookies

**Grades 3-5 :**

\$115.50

**Pre-K & K**



3 Snowflakes + 3 Snowflakes = \_\_\_\_\_ Snowflakes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grades 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mr. Snow is planning a winter celebration, he needs to bake 15 cookies for his friends. Each cookies will need 3 M&Ms to decorate the snowman's face. How many M&Ms will he need for the cookies?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grades 3-5**

Mrs. Snow is having a winter celebration. She needs to count how many M&Ms she will need to decorate the snowmen cookies for the 26 friends she is inviting. Each cookie will have 2 blue eyes, 1 orange nose and 3 green for the buttons. How many M&Ms does she need altogether to decorate 26 cookies?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



Announce your child's birthday (or any other special occasion) for the month of **January/February** in our school newsletter. The \$1 donations are given back to the students through various PTA activities.

Please tear off and send completed form along with \$1.00 in an envelope marked Newsletter Birthday Announcement to the PTA Office. Please submit your requests before the 22nd of January. **Thank you!**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SENTIMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Samantha Lazerson  
K-143

Happy Birthday our little princess. We love you so much!  
Daddy and Mommy

December 24th

Julissa Torres  
1-245

Love you Always  
Forever and a day.

December 26

Nicoletta Incarbone  
K-142  
Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday to our princess! We love you to the moon and back!  
Mom, Dad,  
Dominic & Rosario  
December 28th

Lucca Spahi  
1-243

Happy 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Lucca

Love, Mami, Babi  
and Violet  
December 29th

Kayla Penzavecchia  
3-312

Happy Birthday!

Love,  
Mommy & Baba

January 9, 2010

Jaxon Ivan  
K-140

I love you so much  
Jaxon.  
Love,  
Angie

January 22nd

James Rios  
4-346  
Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
Love,  
Mommy, Angelica  
& Grandma

January 31<sup>st</sup>