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Where Sharing is Caring



Karen Scott-Piazza, Principal

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hello everyone! I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits! Amidst changes that arise from day to day I am proud of our school community for maintaining a positive attitude and demonstrating grace as we continue to navigate through challenges in COVID-19 cases and regulations. **As we move toward the end of the school year here are some updates and reminders to put on your radar:**

May is Asian\Pacific American Heritage Month. Please join the PS 205 community in celebrating our Asian/Pacific American children and families. Let's continue to support our neighbors and friends with compassion, kindness and love – for a better today and an even better tomorrow!

About Asian/Pacific Heritage Month

"May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island). Like most commemorative months, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month originated with Congress. In 1977 Reps. Frank Horton of New York introduced [House Joint Resolution 540](#) to proclaim the first ten days in May as Pacific/Asian American Heritage Week. In the same year, Senator Daniel Inouye introduced a similar resolution, [Senate Joint Resolution 72](#). Neither of these resolutions passed, so in June 1978, Rep. Horton introduced [House Joint Resolution 1007](#). This resolution proposed that the President should "proclaim a week, which is to include the seventh and tenth of the month, during the first ten days in May of 1979 as 'Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week.'" This joint resolution was passed by the House and then the Senate and was signed by President Jimmy Carter on October 5, 1978 to become [Public Law 95-419](#) (PDF, 158kb). This law amended the original language of the bill and directed the President to issue a proclamation for the "7 day period beginning on May 4, 1979 as 'Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week.'" During the next decade, presidents passed annual proclamations for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week until 1990 when Congress passed [Public Law 101-283](#) (PDF, 166kb) which expanded the observance to a month for 1990. Then in 1992, Congress passed [Public Law 102-450](#) (PDF, 285kb) which annually designated May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants."

Excerpt taken from: <https://asianpacificheritage.gov/>

I Ask My Mother to Sing by [Li-Young Lee](#)

She begins, and my grandmother joins her.
Mother and daughter sing like young girls.
If my father were alive, he would play
his accordion and sway like a boat.
I've never been in Peking, or the Summer Palace,
nor stood on the great Stone Boat to watch
the rain begin on Kuen Ming Lake, the picnickers
running away in the grass.
But I love to hear it sung;
how the waterlilies fill with rain until
they overturn, spilling water into water,
then rock back, and fill with more.
Both women have begun to cry.
But neither stops her song.

Summer Rising 2022

The Summer Rising portal is now closed. If you have registered your children for the Summer Rising program please continue to check your email for notification and next steps.

New York State Testing Program

The 4th grade science performance test will take place May 24 – 26th.

Project Soapbox Grades K-2 School Event

Students in grades K-2 will be participating in this year's Project Soapbox, Mikva Challenge. Through this program, youth find their voice on the issues that matter most to them and are given a platform for sharing their ideas and actions.

Here's how it works: students connect with issues they care about and develop their case for making a change. They'll create a powerful, researched, call-to-action speech about their selected issue. Select students will move on to the school-wide Soapbox event that will take place on Thursday May 26th. Here they'll have the opportunity to share their speeches with their peers. Two to four students will be selected to represent our school in the citywide Project Soapbox Challenge.

Studio In A School

Grades 4&5- Mondays Grades 2&3 - Tuesdays Grades K&1 - Fridays

CEDA Spring Community Project: *Kites: Who And What Lifts Me Up* due June 1st

End of Year Dates

5th Grade Graduation: Wednesday June 15th 9:15AM Will be held outdoors
Kindergarten Graduation: Fri. June 17th K-233 9 – 10AM K-231 10 – 11AM
Pre-K Moving Up: PK-119 June 8th PK-118 June 10th

Sincerely,

Karen Scott-Piazza 😊
Principal PS205Q



Next CEDA Meeting is Tuesday May 24th at 7PM on Zoom. I am aware that the Google form registration link is not working for some people. Don't worry! Ms. Lilly Chu will send the Zoom link to everyone. Hope to see you there! 😊

Next **PTA Meeting** is Wednesday May 25th at 7PM on Zoom. Please email Ms. Lilly Chu, with questions at Lchu@schools.nyc.gov.

REMINDERS

1. **Face Coverings**
NEW: As of March 7, face coverings are optional, indoors and outdoors, on NYC public school grounds and on school buses. Pre-K Students will continue to wear face coverings until further notice.
2. Health Screening must be completed on a daily basis:
<https://healthscreening.schools.nyc/>
3. Paper copy of Health Screen: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/health-screening-questionnaire>
4. COVID-19 Consent Form - <https://www.schoolsaccount.nyc/>
5. **COVID-19 Vaccinations** for students ages 5-11 are available. Please reach out to your child's pediatrician with questions.

Sharing Is Caring With CEDA



Please consider joining our monthly Community Equity Diversity Alliance (CEDA). This is a wonderful forum for parents and staff to discuss ways in which to strengthen our community to be more mindful and compassionate towards all people.