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Where Sharing is Caring

Karen Scott-Piazza, Principal

Monday February 13, 2023

SCHOOL HOURS 8:30 – 2:50

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are at the half-way point of the school year and our students are continuing to make great progress! This week families in K-5 will receive the Middle of Year (MOY) assessment results along with a parent letter. Students in grades 3-5 are keeping track of their progress using data trackers, engaging in data chats with their teachers, and setting goals for themselves. Thank you for supporting your child in his or her academic and social emotional learning!

Here are some school updates/reminders and new information to put on your radar:



Please view Maya Angelou's poem *Human Family* here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5F_aHt34a-g

Black History Month – Black History Month Resource Guide for Educators and Families

Every February, the U.S. honors the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans who have helped shape the nation. Black History Month celebrates the rich cultural heritage, triumphs and adversities that are an indelible part of our country's history.

The following resource is an invitation to further develop the study of Black history at all levels and across all subjects. Please join me and our PS 205 family to “know the past, shape the future” for a better today and tomorrow for all our children. 😊

<https://centerracialjustice.org/resources/black-history-month-resource-guide-for-educators-and-families/>

Community Equity Diversity Alliance (CEDA) Winter Project: Snowflake Dreamcatcher

Students have been sharing their snowflake dreamcatchers with their classmates. The dreamcatchers are unique to each child and we are proud of their projects. They are both inspiring and in many cases innovative! Thank you for working with and supporting your children with the CEDA projects. We have learned that students want to make the world a better place by sharing their talents to make their community a safer and more kinder place in which to live. The future engineers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, nurses, fireman and firewoman, are being nurtured here at school and at home. Let's continue to help each child to dream big and help them step into a bright future filled with hope and compassion for humankind.

A CEDA Project video with pictures and footage of student's work will be forthcoming.

Thank you to the CEDA team for your thoughts, ideas, questions, and support of this project!

Parent Teacher Conferences

- Thursday March 9th – Afternoon & Evening Student/Parent-Teacher Conferences. Teachers will reach out to families to schedule times to meet.
Students will have a ½ day of school and be dismissed at 11:30.
Afternoon Conferences to be held 12:30 – 2:30PM.
Evening Conference to be held 5:00 – 7:30PM

2023 NYC School Survey - Administration window opens on Monday, February 13 and will close on Friday, March 31. Families will continue to be offered both paper and online survey taking options this year. Please reach out to Ms Lilly Chu with any questions at Lchu@schools.nyc.gov.

PTA Meeting Thursday February 16th @ 7PM on Zoom

CEDA Meeting Tuesday March 7th @ 7PM on Zoom



Sincerely,
Karen Scott-Piazza 😊
Principal PS205Q

Sharing Is Caring is our school wide theme for our student activities. Sponsored PTA assemblies will support the *NYC DOE Diversity and Equity Initiatives* that promote and foster good citizenship among students, teachers, and families.



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.

Excerpt from *Human Family* by Maya Angelou

We love and lose in China,
We weep on England's moors,
And laugh and moan in Guinea,
And thrive on Spanish shores.

We seek success in Finland,
Are born and die in Maine.
In minor ways we differ,
In major we're the same.

I note the obvious differences
Between each sort and type,
But we are more alike, my friends,
Than we are unlike.

We are more alike, my friends,
Than we are unlike.

We are more alike, my friends,
Than we are unlike.