

# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Monthly Newsletter

## March 2019 Issue



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Can you believe it's March already? We have been working hard and having so much fun that this school year is just flying by and Spring Break is quickly approaching. We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful time off for the Mid-Winter Break! We are happy to be back in school and look forward to all the exciting lessons that we have coming up this month.

We look forward to continue embracing good habits and practicing the skills we learned to help us get ready for the ELA test coming up in April.

As always, we appreciate everything you do as parents in the PS/IS 30 school community.

**Reminder:** NYS ELA Test will be taken place on **Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** .

Please make sure your child eats a big healthy breakfast!



### **PS/IS 30**

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### **Upcoming Events**

**3/2** - Saturday Academy begins (Confirmation Letters in student folders)

**3/8**- Student of the Month Assembly

**3/10** - Time Springs Forward!  
(change your clocks)

**3/26** - Parent Teacher Conferences

### **S**upporting your child at home:

- Please talk with your child about the test-taking strategies and tips on the right hand side of the newsletter.
- After your child reads, ask them questions that will ensure comprehension such as, what is the passage mostly about (main idea)? What details helped you determine the main idea?
- Students should be reading 20-30 minutes every night to help build their reading stamina.

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### **Fourth grade Curriculum by Subject for the month of March**

Math: GO Math!

- Students will learn to develop an understanding of two-dimensional figures and angles

Language Arts; Expeditionary Learning

- Students will be exploring the American Revolution.

Science

- Students will continue to explore and investigate animals' life cycles and how they adapt, survive and reproduce.

Social Studies

- Students will be wrapping up learning about the Colonial and Revolutionary Periods.

Art

- Students will continue to create abstract paintings.

Music

- Students will learn continue to learn Western Folk songs.

### February's Students of the Month

**401: Nathaniel Lifrieri and Joanna Chen**

**402: Amos Chen & Minyao Yang**

**403: Katherine Jimenez & Yusef Elmasri**

**404: Mohammed Ahmed & Marwah Ali**

**345: Shirley Rodriguez**

### **Test-Taking Strategies and Tips**

**Strategy 1:** Process of Elimination. It's easier to pick the right answer when you have fewer options to choose from.

**Strategy 2:** Using Context Clues. Clues can be hiding in the directions, the passage, or the answer choices.

**Strategy 3:** Read the Questions and Answers First. Previewing the questions and answers helps you know what information to look for as you read.

**Strategy 4:** Underlining Key Words. Locating and underlining these key words and phrases makes them easy to see and helps you focus on the best answer.

**Strategy 5:** Plug-In. You can then cross out answers that don't make sense and find the answer that is the best fit when plugging it into a sentence or phrase.

**Strategy 6:** Reread the passage. Rereading can help you clarify a question or find information that you need in order to find the best answer.