

PS 174 William Sidney Mount

5th Grade News



Spring 2010

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Dancing Classrooms Residency

*Fifth grade students participated in a multitude of activities during the past few months. Students completed their **Ballroom Dance Residency**, with a culminating performance and interclass dance competition. Congratulations to all of our students for their dedication and hard work!*

Debate Program

Our Student Debate Program is in full swing. Our debate team was able to compete at CUNY Law School. Here, students presented their arguments to a panel of judges and answered questions posed to them. By participating in this competition, all of our students came out winners. They gained public speaking skills and confidence that they will carry with them forever. This program was made possible through generous donations, which funded our Donors Choose Projects.

Community Service

*The annual **Fifth Grade Holiday Food Drive** was a great success. Through the generous donations of our school community we were able to collect hundreds of pounds of food for the City Harvest Organization.*

Holiday Cards for Troops

Our students created holiday cards filled with good wishes for our troops serving overseas. These were collected by Congresswoman Grace Meng and the Red Cross at a special awards ceremony.

Student Council Pajama Drive:

The Student Council has been very busy collecting pajamas for those less fortunate. They were delivered to the New York Headquarters of Scholastic Inc. prior to the holiday break.

Coming Up:

**AFRO-BRAZIL ARTS
CAPOEIRA FITNESS &
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM** will be coming to P.S. 174 to instruct the fifth grade classes. The students will be engaged in learning about the culture of South America through their indigenous dances.

How to Encourage a Love of Reading:

- Set aside a special reading time
- Look for ways for your child to use reading skills they've learned in school
- CLOSE Reading strategies should be practiced independently
- Make reading a pleasant experience; read with your child
- Create a home library
- Encourage your child to use the RAZ KIDS reading program each night