

PS 174 William Sidney Mount

5th Grade News



Winter 2017

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Dancing Classrooms Residency

Fifth grade students will begin their ballroom dance residency in January. We are looking forward to the culminating performance and interclass competition in March!

Debate Program

Our Student Classroom Debate Program is in full swing. Our debate team will be competing at CUNY Law School On December 16. Here, students will present their arguments to a panel of judges and answer questions posed to them. By participating in this program, all of our fifth grade students are winners. They are gaining public speaking skills and confidence that they will carry with them forever. This program is being made possible through generous funding at Donors' Choose. Thank you to all families who have contributed so far!

Community Service

*The annual **Fifth Grade Holiday Food Drive** will be held in January. Flyers will be sent home requesting non-perishable canned and boxed food donations. All items will be collected by the City Harvest organization and distributed to those in need.*

Student Council Pajama Drive:

The Student Council will be collecting pajamas for those less fortunate. They will be delivered to the New York Headquarters of Scholastic Inc.

Gratitude Celebration:

Our Gratitude Celebration was a huge success! We are so proud of all of the students who created such wonderful Gratitude boards! Thank you to all families who came to our celebration!

We are looking forward to our New Victory Theater Trip on December 14!

Take Advantage of our Online Resources:

I-Ready

Moby Max

Ten Marks

Raz Kids

Think Central

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
- Utilize online programs