

PS 174 William Sidney Mount

4th Grade News ~ Spring 2018

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Our recent **New York performance** was a big hit! The enthusiasm for our great city was palpable. Our performance showcased songs presented by each class, portraying different time periods and aspects of New York.

Pi Day (March 14—3.14) was celebrated with participants from 4th and 5th grades reciting digits of pi that they had memorized. We discussed the mathematical concept of pi, and engaged in various related activities.

Our students enjoyed the **trip to the USTA Billie Jean King Tennis Center!** We got a great overview of the sport. Students had an opportunity to walk through the locker rooms and see the lockers of Serena Williams, Venus Williams, and more. They were taught different skills and practiced on the courts.

We look forward to welcoming PS 174 families to our school's annual **Celebration of Student Learning** on May 23. Details of this evening will be forthcoming.

April is **POETRY MONTH!** Students will be engaged in reading, analyzing, and interpreting poems; as well as creating their own poems.

Coming Up:

- *Spring Break- March 30-April 6
- * NYS ELA- April 11-12
- *NYS Math Test- May 1-2
- *Memorial Day-May 28
- NYS Science Test: Performance- end of May;
- Written- June 4
- June 7-Anniversary Day
- June 11- Clerical Day
- June 15-Eid al-Fitr
- *June 26- Last Day of School

How to Encourage a Love of Poetry:

- ~Set aside a special reading time for poetry
- ~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 of classic as well as modern poems.

An Open Book

*An open book
Will help you find
An open heart
An open mind
Inside yourself
If you're inclined.
An open book
Will make you kind.*