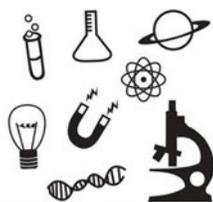


## GATE SPRING ENRICHMENT NEWS

**M. Friedman**

Our GATE classes continue to “rise and shine” and amaze us all. We’ve been winning SO many accolades, that we outdo ourselves each year. Kudos to our Spelling Bee champs, on all levels, fantastic Debaters and Ezra Jack Keats Bookmaking Contest entrants, and Women’s History Month Poster Contest winners (more than from any other school!)

We’ve learned about the style and background of our namesake, American landscape artist William Sidney Mount, the inspiration for our own creative artwork (samples featured outside our school cafeteria.) Most recently, we’re linking our Core Curriculum to philosophical brainstorming “shared inquiry” discussions (moral vs legal/open-ended stories) of Junior Great Books. Learning advanced strategies for character analysis and higher-order thinking will help prepare us to think critically and apply what we’ve practiced in the STEAM spectrum to lifelong problem-solving.



We’re eagerly anticipating our 2nd annual P.S. 174Q Science EXPO. Students are currently immersed in research and collecting data for individual and team projects. We can hardly wait to see their exciting displays!

## BRAINTEASER

**Can You Guess? (think hard!)**

What’s the largest number you can represent with 3 digits? Nope...it’s not 999! (Think again!!)

## FYI

As the weather warms and weekends become sunnier, you’re all encouraged to explore and enjoy some of New York City’s under-the radar parks.

## Parks to Explore in NYC

### Gantry Plaza State Park

4-09 47th Rd (at Center Blvd) Queens [gantrypark.com](http://gantrypark.com)

It has patches of grass to relax on, walking paths, piers with gorgeous view of the East River, a giant Pepsi sign, sunbathing chairs and hammocks.



### Socrates Sculpture Park

32-01 Vernon Blvd. (at 32nd St) Queens

[socratessculpturepark.org](http://socratessculpturepark.org)

This is the coolest thing ever: Before it was a gorgeous park-outdoor art exhibit, this 4 acre patch of land in Long Island City was an abandoned landfill. It earned official NYS park status in 1998 when a developer swooped in and attempted to build luxury apartments over it. Nature won!



### Msgr. McGolrick Park

Driggs Ave. (at Russell St.) Brooklyn

[nycgovparks.org](http://nycgovparks.org)

Get a history lesson and check out Shelter Pavilion, commemorating Greenpoint natives who perished in WWI — it was built in 1910 and is on the National Register of Historic Places.



### Green-wood Cemetery

500 25th St. (at Fifth Ave.) Brooklyn

[green-wood.com](http://green-wood.com)

Technically, this isn't a park, but after hanging out near the koi pond in its tranquility garden, stroll over to check out Frederick Ruckstull's majestic Revolutionary War monument, "Altar to Liberty: Minerva." Many famous New Yorkers have their permanent residence in this location. Tours are available as well.



### Sunset Park

41st St. (at Fifth Ave.) Brooklyn

[nycgovparks.org](http://nycgovparks.org)

This is the park with the best view in all of New York City! Standing at its tallest point, you'll spot the Statue of Liberty, the skyline, Brooklyn, Staten Island and New Jersey. (Make sure that it is a clear day!) It's the perfect off-the-radar spot to take photos at sunset.



### Teardrop Park

Warren St. (at River Terr.) Manhattan

[bpcparks.org](http://bpcparks.org)

Take the 1, 2, or 3 train downtown to Battery Park City and follow the path between two residential buildings. Hidden inside is a small, teardrop-shaped park that's a great place for kids to play. There's a water playground, two sand pits and a giant slide.



### Greenacre Park

217 E. 51st St (at Third Ave.) Manhattan

[nycgovparks.org](http://nycgovparks.org)

The best cure for a busy day? Your own private waterfall. In the morning or late afternoon, this hidden Midtown gem is an amazing place to grab a few moments of peace as the calming sound of rushing water drowns out the honking cabs.



### Fort Tryon Park

Sherman Ave. (at Broadway) Manhattan

[nycgovparks.org](http://nycgovparks.org)

This is the most secluded corner of NYC. This Inwood park has eight miles of pathways and the Cloisters, a gorgeous medieval museum, on site. Admission to the museum is free for children under 12.



**ENJOY!**

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