



From the Desk of Principal Karin Kelly

Public School 174

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Dear Families of PS 174:

Throughout history, families looked forward to the autumn season, enjoying many fruits of the harvest. In October at PS 174, we are celebrating by picking and sorting apples and pumpkins! Our PreK and K classes are looking forward to their own “*Pumpkin Patch*” in our school garden, and this year for the second year are enjoying *Granny Smith* apples from our very own tree on Ellwell Crescent. Every October, our first community service event takes place with the *Wonder Walk* for the *March of Dimes*. Kindergarten families lead the way for this annual “*Pumpkin Walk*” and fundraiser.

Also during this month, one of our teachers, Mrs. Alperstein and three of her current Grade 5 students are once again attending a *SIFMA* event – the annual meeting and luncheon with representatives from all around the country. They are representing our competitive teams in the *Stock Market Game*. Our fifth grade investors have begun assembling their investment portfolios with new investments for the upcoming year.

There is also an exciting enrichment opportunity that we are thrilled to again offer to our fifth graders! The *Young Debaters Program* with our teacher Mrs. Russell, meets three mornings weekly, learning not only vocabulary of the law and creating arguments (and counter-arguments), but also presentation skills, and the art of persuasion and public speaking. We look forward to school-to-school debates at *CUNY Law School* in December. This wonderful program was made possible through the generous donations from our staff, families, and Parents Association, as well as from donors who believe in the importance of these skills for children as they prepare for college and careers!

Earlier in October, we were thrilled to learn that our school received recognition from *New York State Education Department* as a **Reward School**. The certificate is posted on the counter in the office and stating – Public School 174 is “*leading New York State toward the accomplishment of educational excellence through an increase in student achievement and closing the gap in student performance.*” Yes, our students are achieving. Yes, our students are learning. Our students, our school are excellent! Let’s be proud and share in this wonderful award!



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