



From the Desk of Principal Karin Kelly
Public School 174

November 2013

Dear PS 174 Families –

November is filled with student projects and presentations. We are very thankful for all that we have and for all that we do. Students have been reflecting on their learning, their families and their communities. Community service projects continue this month with Penny Harvest with our Student Council and many academic and art residency programs.



Rock and Roll with Grade 3

We welcomed families for the Grade 3 *Inside-Broadway* residency performance. Thank you to Mr. B, the musical director, all of the classroom teachers and paras, and especially our New York City Councilwoman, Karen Koslowitz for bringing this great program to our school once again!

New Victory Theater for Grade 2

Grade 2 students were tapping their feet at the pre-show visit from dance educators from the *New Victory Theater*. For many of our students, their trip to the theater to see “*Feet Don’t Fail Me Now*” was their first Broadway show!



The PS 174 Young Debaters Program has been meeting three times each week since September. The children are competing in a mock trial at *CUNY School of Law* on Saturday, December, 14, 2013. Thank you to our teachers, Mrs. Alperstein and Mrs. Russell, and to all of our generous sponsors on Donors Choose.

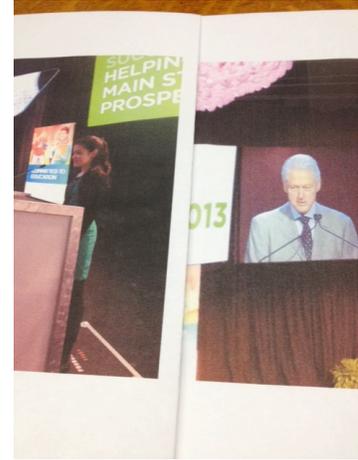
This program is designed by Richard Celestin, Esquire with the purpose of teaching young people skills in literacy and public speaking. We know that it also helps building self-confidence. This effort is helping them grow as students. We are thankfully providing our students with the tools to reach both their personal and professional goals in the future.



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Our student Daniela Matei was a featured speaker at the *Sifma* Foundation Tribute Dinner on November 11, 2013. Daniela was honored to be sharing the podium with former U.S.

President Bill Clinton. They spoke before an audience of over 625 Wall Street financial officers – bankers, investors, brokers and movers and shakers. Clinton was there to kick-off the foundation’s message of *Investing Forward – Main Street U.S.A.* Daniela was there to speak of the impact of the *Stock Market Game* and the impact it has on student learning. She has participated in financial literacy activities for three years, since the introduction of the program in Grade 3.



All Grade 5 classes are enjoying a five week residency program this Fall with visiting artists from the *New York Historical Society*. Students are creating artwork including motifs, symbols, and events from their Social Studies curriculum.



***Crayola* Grant Recipients**

Crayola products abound! Cases of art products have been delivered to our school, recognizing our participation in the 2013-2014 *Crayola Creativity* grant program! Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Alperstein were busy this summer reviewing grant applications for this year. As reviewers, our school receives samples of the newest products. Teachers and staff can “win” prizes by completing a raffle ticket; children win when making art in class each week!



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