



# STUDENT SUPPORT DEPARTMENT



- October 11** Indigenous People's Day-  
**No School**
- October 12** 25 STEP Literature  
Assessment
- October 26** Family Chat & Chew
- October 28** Parent Academy: Math Story  
Problems
- October 29** Storybook Character Day

Can you believe that we are already approaching our 2nd month of school? Time flies! In September, we were able to begin all related services for students in special education. Keeping the momentum, our October focus aims at finding additional ways to share strategies and skills between the providers, teachers, and you at home, with a goal of better supporting students in all environments! This month is also the student's first reading assessment of the year. Help your student prepare by practicing their sight words and answering "why" questions about books and television shows. Also, be on the lookout for October's Parent's Academy that will dive into math strategies to help your student's math grow!

**-Ms. Williams**

# Social Emotional Learning

## Dear Families:

The *Fight Child Abuse Program: A Personal Safety Curriculum* will be launching this month for grades K-3. It will teach children skills to help keep them safe from potentially dangerous or abusive situations. Students will also learn when and how to ask for help and advocate for themselves when they need to. **See below for the four lessons that will teach children three kinds of touches:**

1. **Safe touches** keep you safe and are good for your body. They make you feel cared for, loved, and important. Safe touches can include hugging, holding hands, pats on the back, an arm around the shoulder, and a shot from the doctor.
2. **Unwanted touches** may be safe touches, but are ones that a child doesn't want due to the person or moment in time. Students will learn that it is okay to say "no" to unwanted touches, even if the person touching them is someone they know. Help your child practice saying "no" in a strong yet polite voice. This will help children learn to set personal boundaries for keeping themselves safe.
3. **Unsafe touches** are ones that are not good and hurt your body or feelings such as hitting, pushing, pinching, kicking, and touching the private parts of your body.

**For more information (lessons and videos) please visit <https://fightchildabuse.org/k-3-video/> It is recommended that you begin this conversation with your child prior to whole class lessons the week of October 11, 2021.**

To teach children effectively, parents and teachers should be well informed about the complex impact and key facts related to sexual abuse on children. It is important that children are provided with honest explanations and facts related to the topic. Therefore, it is important that parents and

teachers distinguish facts from misconceptions. Sex offenders count on misconceptions and turn them into an advantage. Parents and teachers should also be aware of language that contributes to victimization such as, "adults are always right, a policeman will take you away if you don't behave, give your uncle a kiss." Thank you for being a partner in teaching safety to your child. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Thompson at 646-407-5550.



# Staff Spotlight



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*Ms D. is kind and patient. She is incredibly thoughtful and often finds small ways to support and help throughout the day. You can always count on Ms. D for a gracious good morning. She is a caring and loving individual who is passionate about teaching! This is her first year teaching and she is so excited to learn new and inclusive ways to foster learning in her kindergarten class!*

♥ Mrs. Lubin & Ms. Faiz

## Resources

### Grandmothers as Mothers Again (G.A.M.A.)

Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens presents Grandmothers as Mothers Again (G.A.M.A.) on the second Thursday of each month from 10:30 to 12:30 p.m. G.A.M.A. is a support group for grandparents that serves as a safe place to meet, discuss, share, and plan. G.A.M.A. believes that caregivers will not promise more than they do, but do all that they can. G.A.M.A. will engage in advocacy work, preventative workshops and community building. Meetings are held at 55 Pierrepont Street (Brooklyn) in the Vanilla Room (building with red awning).





Happy Birthday to all of our special friends who are celebrating a birthday in October.  
Ms. Samuels is also celebrating her birthday. Hooray!!!



Kay-Marie - 10/1



Ms. Samuels-10/01



Malakai 10/03



Noah- 10/3



Ricardo- 10/6



Peyton- 10/10



Kaleb 10/11



Jasiri- 10/13



Kaiya - 10/14



Xaire- 10/16



Autumn - 10/16



Jamall - 10/21



Faith 10/21



Khloe- 10/22



Tracey- 10/23



Kaylah- 10/24



Elijah- 10/24



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