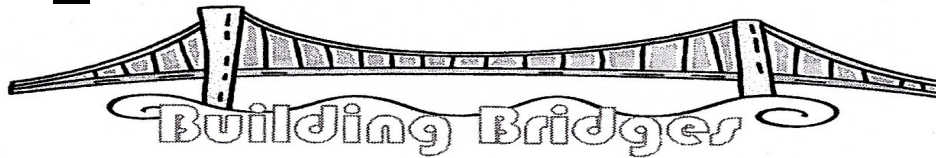


P.S. 21 FAMILY TIES

JUNE 2012

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear P.S. 21 Families,  
P.S. 21 has been a hub of activity this year. In addition to our rigorous academic program that has embraced the Common Core Standards and raised the level of instruction in our building, our students have been active in arts and community service.

Mr. Amper's fifth grade students worked with a teaching artist from City Center and our students performed a scene from "Gentlemen Prefer Blonds" at City Center. After their wonderful performance, parents and chaperones were treated to viewing an actual performance of the entire play.

Thanks to our partnership with The Academy, our Fifth Grade Band, under the direction of Mrs. Mullen, performed at Carnegie Hall along with other bands throughout the city.

Our third grade and fifth grade students in Ms. Karanfiloglu's and Mrs. Dans' class, along with Mrs. Miller were honored with the 2012 District Group Volunteer of the Year award for their outstanding work at Union Plaza Nursing Home. Each month our students brighten up the lives of senior residents with their artwork, conversation and good company.

And finally we had four city-wide art winners, students of Mrs. Douek, in the DOE Energy Efficiency Art Contest. Honored at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the students' artwork will be displayed in the 2013 DOE Energy Efficient Calendar.

We are extremely proud of our staff and our children for all of their hard work and accomplishments this year!

On a final note, we are also so grateful to be working with you, our families. 100% of the New York City Department of Education

Parent and Teacher Surveys were returned! This is indeed a monumental accomplishment. I thank you for completing and returning the surveys and for all the support you give to us and your children to make their experience here at P.S. 21 successful.

On behalf of Ms. Leakey, Mrs. Liatto and myself, I would like to wish you all a wonderful and safe summer. Spend time with each other, play together, talk together and enjoy each other. Make sure your children take part in our 2012 Summer Challenge!

We look forward to another school year with you.

*Debra Buszko*

Debra Buszko  
Principal

PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR!

Dear Families,

This article gives me an opportunity to pay tribute to and celebrate with our entire P.S. 21 community the accomplishments of our smart and generous principal Mrs. Debra Buszko. This year Mrs. Buszko was recognized by St. John's University for her outstanding service in her work with student teachers here at P.S. 21. She was called to an awards ceremony and presented with a plaque honoring her as principal of the year!

Mrs. Liatto and I went along to celebrate her accomplishments as she

proudly accepted the plaque on behalf of herself and P.S. 21. Often within a school building the staff knows how lucky they are to have a leader who inspires people around them to be their best, who leads by example, and demonstrates quick and fair thinking at all times. It is NOT so often outside of our P.S. 21 world, to see that talent and leadership recognized by others.

It was a wonderful ceremony and we reveled in the chance to celebrate Mrs. Buszko and her amazing dedication to education. We are sure you will join us in congratulating her for her hard work and

commitment to what matters most...our children!

- Jill Leakey-Eisenberg



## TITLE I AT P.S.21

This year P.S. 21's Title I committee has had many exciting events! The committee has been actively involved in creating opportunities for all of our P.S. 21 families to come together for fun and enriching experiences. We began in September with our Kindergarten breakfast for our new families. Our old favorites Bingo Night and Burger King Night were a huge success with many families in attendance. This year Burger King donated a brand new bicycle to raffle off to one lucky winner. Thanks to our hard working committee, once again we have 100% participation in our parent surveys. In March we all worked up a sweat during Family Fitness Night and enjoyed learning about how our mussels work with a hands on Science project from Mrs. Tanalski. Dollar Days came and went with many items available at a "steal"! We finished up the year with our Family Show "Monkey Monkey Music" on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The committee is already discussing how to make things even better for next year. I want to thank all of the parents, teachers and staff members for their hard work and dedication to making this year such a success. A special thank you to Mrs. Bolbasis, chairperson for her leadership in running the committee and her snacks too! It has been an amazing year. Together with the Parent Teacher Association we continue to maintain many of the family activities and events we have come to love and look forward to. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Jill Leakey-Eisenberg

## SCIENCE K&amp;1 AT P.S. 21

The spring season is here and with it, is evidence of Life Science at P.S. 21. The Kindergarten is working on animal families in science: mammals, birds, insects and fish. They have observed the skin and fur of rabbits and raccoons. They have observed a robin's nest and seen how water rolls off a bird's feather, to keep it dry on a rainy day.

The Kindergarten teachers are working on the Science part of their reading/writing program. Some classes are working with animals and have observed snails and a guinea pig. They have drawn and written about their observations. Other classes are studying plants and some are working with water.

Although we are leaning about weather in our science lessons, the First Grade classroom teachers are working on butterfly development. The children are anxiously awaiting the emergence of butterflies! They are also incorporating this, as well as weather, into their reading/writing program.

So, as you can tell, the children are very busy enjoying springtime science!

Ms. C. Kohl

Science K & 1



## SANDWICHES FOR THE HOMELESS

The children in Mrs. Kislik's and Mr. Podraza's first grade class made 500 Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches in December for homeless families. The sandwiches were then donated to the Interfaith Nutrition Network in Hemstead Long Island. We wish to thank the students, their families and our principal, Mrs. Buszko, for their donations of the peanut butter, jelly, bread, etc. that made this project possible. Our project commenced with a visit from Communications director Emily Wilensky from the INN, teaching our students about what homelessness looks like. They learned that anyone among us could be homeless and it may not be apparent to anyone who that person is. As a result of this project, our students developed empathy toward others and gained an appreciation for all that they have.



2. Doing a Great Job!  
From left to right: Hyuna, Sparsh (Class 1-106)



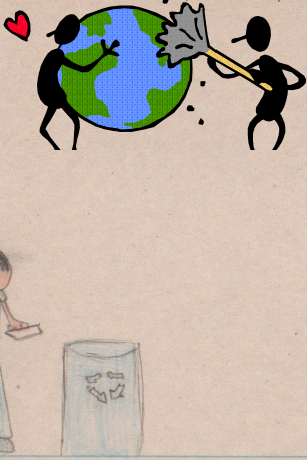
3. Sandwiches Ready for Delivery!  
From left to right: Brian, Khalid, Sparsh, Elaine, Alondra, Leo (Class 1-106)



1. Excited and Getting Ready!  
Left, front to back: Connor, David, Hai Lin, Matthew, Christian, Dilpreet, Jeffrey  
Right, front to back: Keiris, Ava, Jennifer, Nossiba (Class 1-209)

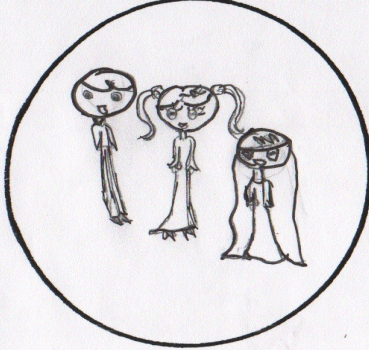
# Student Writing

Daniel Ye



I recycle paper and I put the paper in the trash can.

Daniel Ye K102  
Family By: Angela Ma 1-109



Everyone has a family  
 Even you and me.  
 Your family helps.  
 Your family cares.  
 Your family shares.  
 Your family loves.  
 family ♡

## The Doctor

One day I went to the doctor for a checkup. I was so nervous. But watching Blues Clues on the TV made me calm. My mom also bought me M&M candies from the snack machine. That is how I got calm. Then it was my turn to go in to see the doctor. My sisters had already had a turn. It was mine. I still was scared. So...I ran out the door. My mommy caught me and held tight. She took me in and I got a shot. Did I mention it was a butterfly shot? It looked like wings on the bottom. A cylinder was in the middle. So that is why they call it a "butterfly shot". Well, I was crying before the shot and during. Then I stopped. It did not hurt terribly. The wait was the worst part. It was finally over. I got a lollipop!



Steven Lamy 2-204

## Pizza

Are you hungry? You should go to Royal's Pizza Place. They make pizza so fast. You hardly have to wait. The pizza is so delicious. It is hot and fresh. It comes in different flavors. There is pepperoni, pineapple Hawaiian, and cheese. My favorite is plain. I don't like the meat or sweet pineapple. They don't let you taste the flavor of the pie. And....Royal Pizza Palace delivers! It comes in a short time. I recommend Royal's. Their pizza is a five star food.

Christtovic Tauzard  
 2-204



# Poetry from Class 1-112

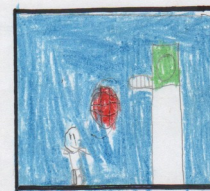
My teacher is nice can you guess  
 what's her name?  
 Right! Her name is Mrs. Gallo!  
 She's always nice to me and Mrs  
 Gallo always let us eat candy in  
 the classroom.  
 Always helps me when I am having  
 trouble.  
 LA! LA! LA! She teaches us fun things like  
 singing I  
 Love my teacher Mrs. Gallo.  
 Oh! how I like her, she's the best  
 teacher!  
 Mrs. Gallo  
 by Sammi Wu



something on the seashore  
 I see something on the seashore.  
 I see it glittering  
 in the sun. I hear my feet  
 softly rattling  
 in the sand. I touch the soft inside  
 now I clearly see this is a  
 seashell  
 by: Lucas Havens



Be the best team in history,  
 All the way to the finals,  
 Score in the basket hoop,  
 Keep in the game ball,  
 Encourage your team all the time,  
 Take your team to the next level,  
 Be the best player all over the world,  
 A good time to come out,  
 Let's take this game as a win.  
 Let's start little league.  
 Basketball!  
 Joseph Othman



## Hi Mom.....

Name Shamin Date 3-30-12  
 Letter Writing

Dear Mom  
 I want a race car  
 I want a blue race  
 car. I earned it  
 because I have  
 been good.

Love, Shamin

Name Christopher Date 3-21-12  
 Letter Writing

Dear mom  
 I would like a game  
 for my birthday. I did good  
 in school and I want a  
 game please. I want the  
 game.

Love, Christopher

**CONGRATS**

**TO OUR**

**5TH GRADE**

**STUDENTS!!!**



**FEBRUARY**

**MARCH**

<b>Pre-K</b>	Ashley Kim	Kay Jia
Eunia Lee	Emily Vargas	Andrea Lacruz
Jahsh Kaushal	Tae Chi	Joseph Soto
Darran Kim	Yusuf Badar	Peter Loukatos
Julia Yoo	Christopher Garcia Lopez	<b>Fourth Grade</b>
Emily Chan	<b>Second Grade</b>	Julia Qu
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Derek Yue	Song Lee
Guldana Rafiqi	Jasmine Henriquez	Angelo Del Greco
Peter Yun	Amanda Zheng	Jason Li
Yu Min	Megan Ngai	Helen Tran
Venus Lai	Dylan Park	Theodore Sakellaris
Christian Alfaro	Sara Badar	Kylie Rivera
Sharon Lee	Angelo Coniglio	Angelee Sullivan
Susan Sun	Gavin Escanilla	<b>Fifth Grade</b>
Elaine Wong	<b>Third Grade</b>	Alannagh Ciliberti
Eric Rodriguez	Cynthia Soriano	Ink Chung
<b>First Grade</b>	Sean Lau	Donia Bozorgzad
Laura Lu	Selena Dai	Rabya Hassni
David Rodriguez	Lynn Kim	Vinmie Huang

<b>Pre-K</b>	Lucy Ko	Qamara Khan
Marweh Abdullah	Luke Lee	Kobe Zheng
Jocelyn Yu	Angilea Rondon	Yiorgos Makris
Isabella Gallo	Zoe Schwartz	Alexander Casado
Sabrina Dai	Ashley Lizama	<b>Fourth Grade</b>
Chris Gonzalez	Jonathan Granados	Annie Wang
<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Second Grade</b>	Deybe Serrano
Jennifer Diaz	Brandon Sugrim	Sarah Hong
Eunice Kim	Isabela Estrada	Katie Lin
Grace Chong	Saalim Akhtar	Tiffany Hou
Jeramiah Munoz	Norelby Perez	Jaci Yong
Ashley Martin	Helen Caruso	Eshika Talukder
Aisling Garry	Rusayla Hasan	Kalani Moore
Sara Tustin	Jessica Mulla	<b>Fifth Grade</b>
Jonathan Lai	Anderson Chavez	Kimberely Melendez
Jayden Arevalo	<b>Third Grade</b>	Medina Ferozedin
<b>First Grade</b>	Jennifer Kim	Aleena Khan
Ruth Kim	Malick Ibela	Katelyn Ngai
Martin Chen	Brianna Santo	Juan Santiago
	Emily Mesa	

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECIPIENTS FOR 2011-2012!!!

<b>APRIL</b>	Jeremiah Garcia	Justin Lin
<b>Pre-K</b>	Angel Cruz	Tony Jia
Renato Gonzalez	Charlotte Yao	Vincent Prestigiacomo
Stacy Qu	Johnny Tran	David Sperling
Isabella Gallo	Gloria Baek	<b>Fourth Grade</b>
Christopher Xu	Paul Candela	Tony Ma
Evan Pan	<b>Second Grade</b>	Matthias Urban
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Kelly Li	Sarah Chung
David Son	Laiba Karimi	Isabella Martinez
Leyna Hsu	Jacob Alvarez	Andrew Wang
Amna Anwar	Sarah Valverde	Heiley Tai
Vincenzo Pizzuro	Nicholas Cinelli	Yanelis Velez
Dean Kaushal	Marina Viskovic	Bryant Torres
Ellen Baik	Sarah Alawie	<b>Fifth Grade</b>
Simon Cheng	Xavier Lent Marin	Selena Park
Idress Baguafi	<b>Third Grade</b>	Joseph Ni
Ariel Osorio	Elisha Tang	Daphne Choi
<b>First Grade</b>	Sarabjit Singh	Tiffany Chen
Rebecca Garcia	Juan Osorio	Anna Chen
Alexandra Morales	Leslie Amaya	

<b>MAY</b>	Mandy Lin	Kaela Herzog
<b>Pre-K</b>	Ava Tai	Krupa Sekhar
Austin Chow	Senan Garry	Keller Villalobos
Lauren Chae	Chintan Nandu	Manh Le
Samantha Cheng	Andrew Fang	<b>Fourth Grade</b>
Larry Man	Kevin Gonzalez	Patrick Chen
Joel Villalobos	<b>Second Grade</b>	Quentin Wong
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Joonwoo Choi	Cassidy Liang
Ian Lim	Emre Daser	Kenney Son
Sabarina Weng	Gurneet Kaur	Helen Shao
Junie Bae	Rachael Kim	Steffie Chan
Leon Tang	Seth Park	Awestaa Zia
Leslie Villalobos	Ashley Yan	John Jara
Nafees Abdullah	Cody Gao	<b>Fifth Grade</b>
Natalia Fazio	Aaron Wang	Alessandra Leto
Rachel Baik	<b>Third Grade</b>	Katherine Lee
Ariel Osorio	Hannah Goo	Francis Park
<b>First Grade</b>	Aaron Kim	Rabya Hassni
Laura Lu	John Regan	Seong Taek Hong
Christina Cinelli	Geoffrey Li	

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

##### September

- 3 Labor Day-Schools Closed
- 6 First Day of School for all Students
- 10 First Full Day of School for Pre-k Students
- 17, 18 Rosh Hashanah-School Closed
- 26 Yom Kippur-School Closed

##### October

- 8 Columbus Day-School Closed
- 17 Pre-k Non Attendance

##### November

- 6 Election Day-School Closed
- 12 Veterans Day-School Closed
- 22, 23 Thanksgiving Recess-School Closed

##### December

- 5 Pre-k Non Attendance
- 24 Winter Recess(12/24-1/1)



The following is a list of highly recommended reading websites that your children might enjoy:

<http://www.starfall.com>

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

<http://www.pbskids.org/lions/stories/>

<http://www.classicfairytales.com/en/main>

<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/kids>

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Look out for P.S. 21's Annual Summer Challenge!!!



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