



PTA MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

8:30 AM



Welcome!

Everyone please sign in!

We are so grateful to have you all here today honoring our Fourth Graders for perfect attendance and staying in the loop with our PTA.

¡Todos por favor inicien sesión!

Estamos muy agradecidos de tenerlos a todos aquí hoy honrando a nuestros estudiantes de cuarto grado por su asistencia perfecta y por mantenerse informados con nuestra PTA.

请大家签到!

我们非常感谢今天大家齐聚一堂，表彰四年级学生的完美出勤并及时了解我们的家长教师协会 (PTA) 情况。

সবাই সাইন ইন করুন!

নিখুঁত উপস্থিতির জন্য এবং আমাদের PTA-এর সাথে লুপ থাকার জন্য আজকে আমাদের চতুর্থ গ্রেডের ছাত্রদেরকে এখানে সম্মানিত করার জন্য আমরা অত্যন্ত কৃতজ্ঞ।

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!



**As of February 6th, P.S.
131 will be 100% Halal
food certified!**

**PS. 131 IS 100% HALAL
FOOD CERTIFIED!**



P.S. 131 is now Halal certified

Thank you to our community for making our vision possible. As a school, we will continue to celebrate the diversity of our community by sharing successes like this with our families and others.

Important Dates



Pre-K registration closes March 1st, 2024
All children born in 2019



5th grade graduation pictures
January 31, 2024



PTA VALENTINES DAY STORE
Wednesday, February 7 &
Thursday, February 8
During Lunch ONLY

PTA FINANCIALS

Total amount as of 1/19/2024: \$8,804.42



STATE EXAM DATES

Ela

Grade 3 & 4 - April 11-12

Grade 5- April 15-16

Math

Grade 3-4 - May 7-8

Grade 5- May 9-10

Science

Grade 5- May 5th



ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

ATTENDANCE in the early grades

Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even preK, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. Do you know how many young children are chronically absent in your school or community?



Who Is Affected

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes often have absenteeism rates as high as those in high school. Many of these absences are excused, but they still add up to lost time in the classroom.

1 in 10 kids

in kindergarten and 1st grade are chronically absent. In some schools, it's as high as 1 in 4.¹



2 in 10
low-income kids
miss too much
school. They're also
more likely to suffer
academically.²



2.5 in 10
homeless kids
are chronically
absent.²



4 in 10
transient kids
miss too much
school when
families move.²

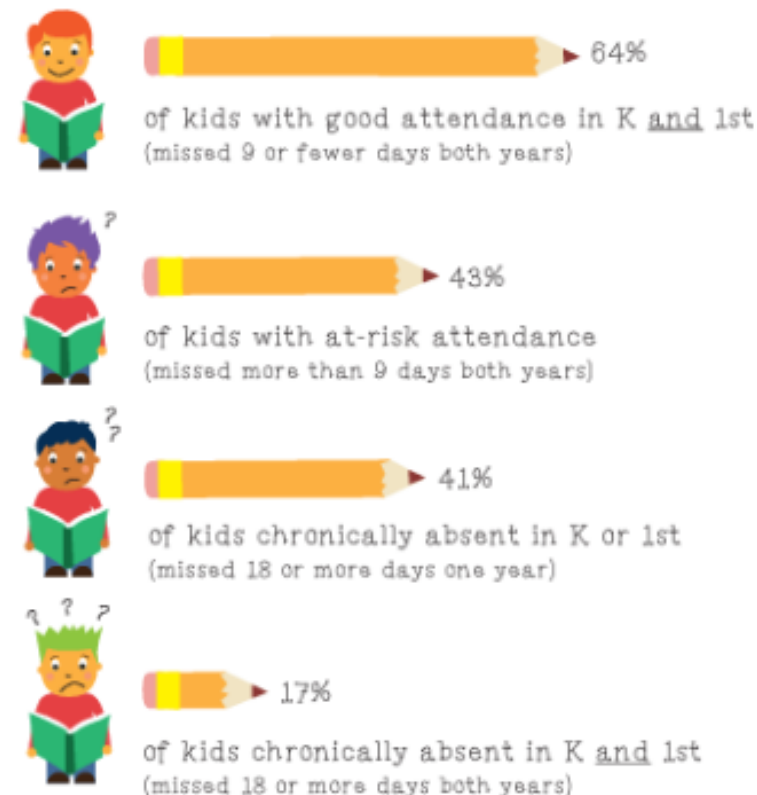


Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?³



³ Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and 3rd Grade Outcomes, Applied Survey of Educational Research, May 2011

What We Can Do



Engage Families

Many parents and students don't realize how quickly early absences can add up to academic trouble. Community members and teachers can educate families and build a culture of attendance through early outreach, incentives and attention to data.



Fix Transportation

The lack of a reliable car, or simply missing the school bus, can mean some students don't make it to class. Schools, transit agencies and community partners can organize car pools, supply bus passes or find other ways to get kids to school.



Address Health Needs

Health concerns, particularly asthma and dental problems, are among the leading reasons students miss school in the early grades. Schools and medical professionals can work together to give children and families health care and advice.



Track the Right Data

Schools too often overlook chronic absence because they track average attendance or unexcused absences, not how many kids miss too many days for any reason. Attendance Works has free data-tracking tools.

These are a few steps that communities and schools can take. How do you think you can help?

¹ Chang, Hedy; Romero, Mariajose, Present, *Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades*, National Center for Children in Poverty: NY: NY, September 2008.

² Chronic Absence in Utah, Utah Education Policy Center at the University of Utah, 2012.

ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

Attendance Matters!!!!

Number of Days Absent	Attendance Rate	Instructional Time Missed in Months	Instructional Time Loss in Hours
9	95%	½ of a Month	49.5 Hours
18	90%	1 Month	99 Hours
27	85%	1 ½ Months	148.5 Hours
37	80%	2 Months	203.5 Hours
46	75%	2 ½ Months	253 Hours
55	70%	3 Months	302 Hours
64	65%	3 ½ Months	352 Hours
73	60%	4 Months	401.5 Hours



Warning – below the 90% range places your child at risk of repeating the grade.

Upcoming workshop

District 15- Anxiety and Conflict Resolution workshop

Take a deeper look at forms of anxiety and how it impacts children and adolescents. Our focus will be within the context of child development stages to help children with conflict resolution skills in building resiliency when experiencing anxiety.



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PRESENTER: Valeria Ossa | D15 Supervisor of School Social Work

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

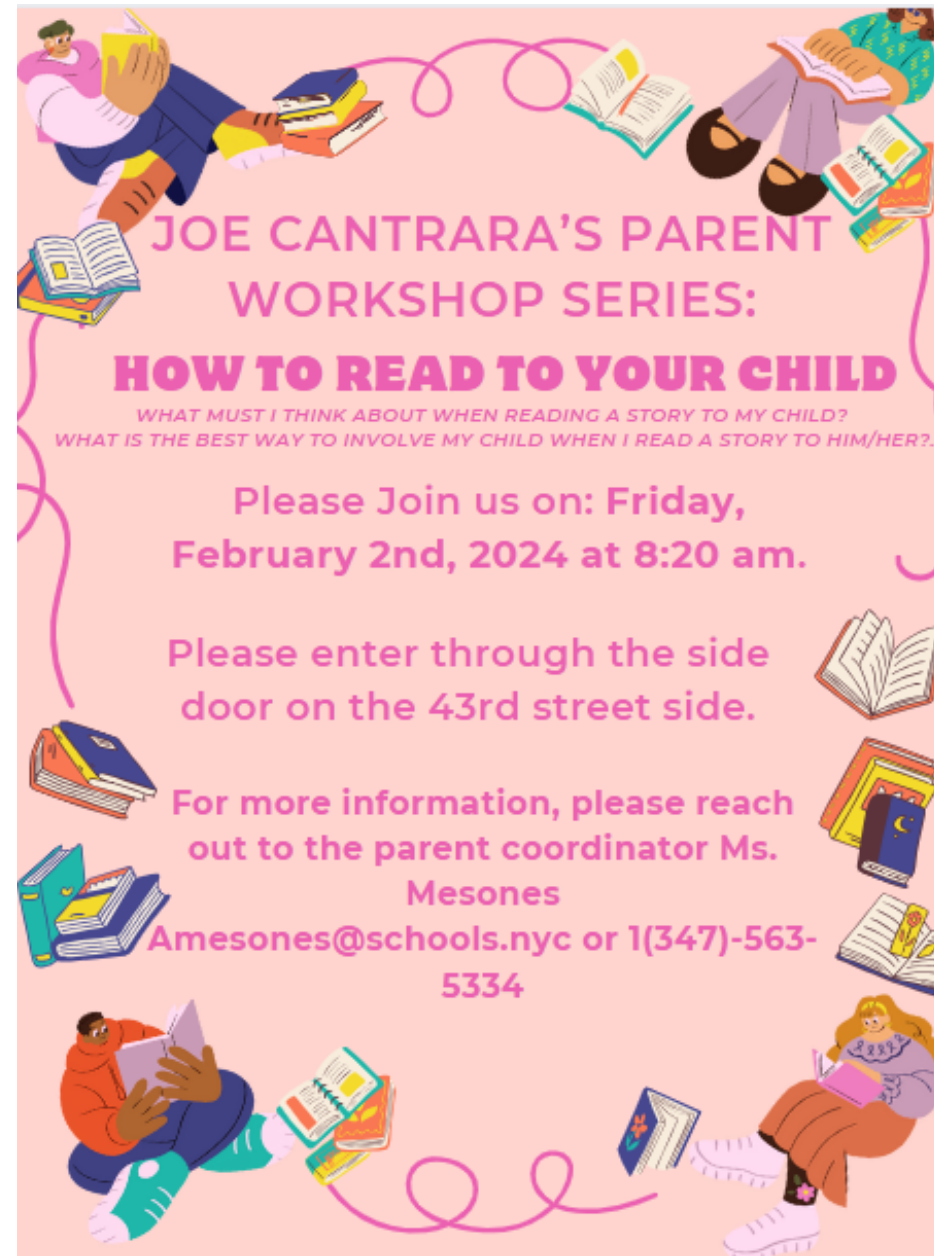
10:00 am - 11:00 am

[Scan QR Code or Click Here for Zoom Link](#)



Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024
10:00-11:00 AM

JOE CANTRARA'S PARENT WORKSHOP SERIES



How to read to your child

What must I think about when reading a story to my child?
What is the best way to involve my child when I read a story to
him/her?.

Join us next friday February 2nd, 2024 at
8:20 am

Entrance will be on our 43rd street side!

For more information, please reach out to the parent
coordinator Ms. Mesones

Amesones@schools.nyc or 1(347)-563-5334

Mixteca Informational Workshop

TALLER INFORMATIVO

MIXTECA

DESCUBRE Y COMPRENDE TUS DERECHOS EN EL ESTADO DE NUEVA YORK

APRENDE SOBRE LOS DIVERSOS SERVICIOS QUE MIXTECA OFRECE

LLÉNATE DE CONOCIMIENTO PARA EMPODERARTE A TI Y A TU FAMILIA



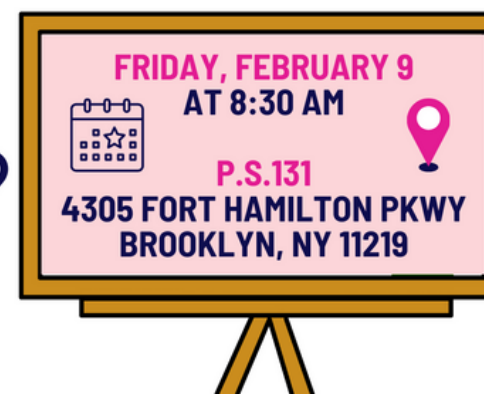
INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

MIXTECA

DISCOVER AND UNDERSTAND YOUR RIGHTS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK

LEARN ABOUT THE VARIOUS SERVICES THAT MIXTECA OFFERS

OBTAIN THE KNOWLEDGE TO EMPOWER YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY



Mixteca's Informational workshop will provide families with resources and insights of the programs and services their agency offers. Mixteca's mission is to empower and educate families within the community..

**Date: Friday, February 9, 2024
at 8:30 am**

Virtual Program for Parents

In partnership with Para Todos LTC consuela Castillo invites you to six days of engaging virtual workshops. This workshop will help you and your family learn how to communicate better with your children, school, and community. Come join us for action, motivation, and inspiration.



PARA TODOS and EAS Inc. invites you to save the dates and *register now* for the Family Leadership Institute!

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Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Eastern Time

Dates:

February 6
February 13
February 20
February 27
March 5
March 12

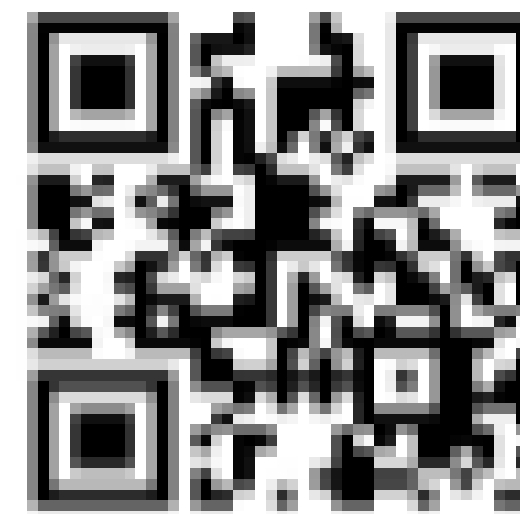
Register today by scanning the QR code or online at <https://bit.ly/47DD4NK>

For more information:
Call 888-354-4747 ext. 1 or email info@easleadership.com



Date: 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27,
3/5, 3/12

Time: 7:00 pm-8:30 pm



SAVE FOR COLLEGE

As of January 4th, 2024 ALL kindergarten students and newly enrolled 1st and 2nd grade students have the opportunity to activate their save for college account.

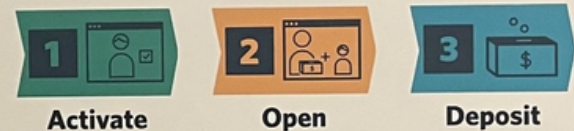
We're saving for college and career training, together!

Here's how much money students at our school have received in their NYC Scholarship Accounts:

\$

Have you completed the Building Blocks yet?

You can earn up to \$75 more for your child by completing the 3 Building Blocks:



The Program allows families to build a foundation together for their children's future by:

- Supporting families with tools and information to develop their own saving plans.
- Encouraging communities to work together to invest in their children's NYC scholarship accounts.
- Reinforcing expectations of attending college and career training
- Teaching financial education in the classroom.

NYC KIDS RISE Save for College Program (833) 543-7473 nykidsrise info@nykidsrise.org

Need Help? Talk to _____

Help us fill up our tree and activate your child's account today! If you need assistance finding out if your child was eligible please contact Ms. Mesones.

NYC FREE TAX PREP SERVICES

Need help filing your taxes? NYC FREE TAX PREP SERVICES is offering free filing services in the neighborhood!

Various options on how to file (services offered in all different languages)

1. In person
2. Drop services
3. Virtual tax prep
4. Assisted self prep

Locations: 4319 14th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219
443 39th street, Brooklyn, NY 11232
4417 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11220
6025 6th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11220



Use NYC Free Tax Prep to file for free and keep your whole refund.



For families

Income of \$85,000 or less in 2023.



For single filers

Income of \$59,000 or less in 2023.

Work with a knowledgeable IRS certified VITA/TCE volunteer preparer to complete an accurate tax return. There are 4 ways to file and more than 130 sites in all 5 boroughs.

Choose how you want to file.

- 1 **In-Person Tax Prep** Sit down with a volunteer preparer.
- 2 **Drop-off Service** Drop off your tax documents and pick up the completed return later.
- 3 **Virtual Tax Prep** It's In-Person Tax Prep but online!
- 4 **Assisted Self-Prep** Do your own taxes online using free filing software but phone or email a volunteer for help.

For more information about all services and eligibility, visit nyc.gov/taxprep or call 311 and ask for "tax preparation."

Get your documents ready.

- Photo ID** (includes IDNYC)
- Tax ID** for you, your spouse, and your dependents (Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number)
- Proof of income** (includes Forms W-2, 1098, 1099, or income and expense records if you are self-employed)
- Child care expenses** (if applicable), including provider information and Tax ID number
- Account and routing numbers** for direct deposit of your refund
- Signatures** of both spouses if you file a joint return

For a list of additional documents you may need, scan code.



Year-Round Service for the Self-Employed *small business owners, freelancers, gig workers*

If you work for yourself, you need to file taxes annually and make estimated tax payments quarterly. Access free year-round resources, including:

- **In-Person Specialized Tax Prep*** (for quarterly tax filings + annual tax return)
- **One-on-One Consultations and Group Sessions***
- **Workshops†**
- **Toolkits + More!**

*Must earn \$85,000 or less (families) or \$59,000 or less (single filers) with business expenses of \$250,000 or less. Look for in-person sites that offer Self-Employed/Schedule C assistance.

† No income or expense limits apply.



STEM Matters NYC Spring Break Camp



The poster features a central signpost with arrows pointing to various locations: HYPOTHEkids, Intrepid Museum, MakerSpace NYC, New York Aquarium, New York Botanical Garden, Queens Botanical Garden, Queens County Farm Museum, Queens Zoo, Rocking the Boat, Staten Island Museum, Staten Island Zoo, and UrbanGlass. The background is a light blue sky with a sun and clouds, and a green field with yellow and red flowers at the bottom. Logos for NYC Department of Education and STEM matters-NYC are in the top left.

WHAT'S YOUR SPRING BREAK DESTINATION?

Spring break camps for students in kindergarten through grade 8.

MONDAY, APRIL 22 - FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024
9:00am - 3:00pm

Application deadline is Monday, February 12, 2024.

Visit <https://ssep.libguides.com/STEMprograms> for more information and tinyurl.com/STEMMattersNYCSpring to apply.

For questions, email STEMMattersNYC@schools.nyc.gov.

This spring break, STEM Matters NYC is offering a variety of exciting, hands-on, experiential science and STEM programs for students in kindergarten through grade 8. Programs run from Monday, April 22 through Friday, April 26, from 9:00am-3:00pm. If you are interested in animal science or aviation, marine biology or mechanics, ecology or engineering, or so much more, come discover, investigate, design, and create with us!

SCAN ME



Book Of The Month:

Mae Among the Stars

By: Roda Ahmed

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1vAnefsmYwncR5YvLFX_s63jsVeYUPbk3E3y-0BhnxMo/edit#slide=id.ge1d838b627_0_25



PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECOGNITIONS

