



Dwight Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

We are certainly in the home stretch of this school year and are celebrating the accomplishments of our community in many festive ways. Our grade 5 students had a wonderful trip into NYC to visit the Museum of Natural History, and are looking forward to their trip to the YMCA next month. They also wowed their audience at the Spring Concert on Wednesday evening along with fourth grade orchestra musicians. On the flip side, we hosted Kindergarten Orientation this month. Seeing our new little friends come in to school with their parents was very exciting. Students engaged in classroom visits, while their parents received important information from Talli Connell, our 2016-2017 PTA president, and myself. On Friday, first graders presented Readers' Theater to parents in celebration of all of the work they have been doing in reading, specifically fluency.

There are several upcoming school-wide events of which you should take note. Our **Fine Arts Celebration and Book Fair will both be on display on Tuesday, May 24 from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**. Don't miss this opportunity to see our students' beautiful art work. Then, you can visit the book fair. There are a variety of great titles to consider for summer reading. Books also make the best teacher gifts. **Field Day is on June 10**. There are many volunteer opportunities along with just being able to come and eat lunch with your child outside - picnic style! Finally, our Dwight staff will host a **volunteer breakfast** for all parents who have volunteered at or for the benefit of Dwight School. The breakfast will take place on **June 8th directly before our last PTA meeting**. You will receive an invitation with an RSVP - so view this as a Save the Date! We look forward to seeing you at Dwight during these last few weeks of school.

In closing, I want to recognize three of our Dwight students who were recently honored in very different ways. First, **Aaron Field was chosen as Dwight's Superintendent's Award recipient**. This honor goes to one student from each elementary and middle school and one student from each house at the high schools. Recipients are chosen based on their academic prowess, community service and dedication to the school community. Second, **Jack Murray who is moving on to the NATIONAL competition for the Invention Convention!** Jack's hard work has paid off. I know he will represent us well in Washington DC. Third, **Arushi Mallarapu who was honored at a science conference**. We are surrounded by truly incredible students.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mimi Maniscalco".

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