



Dwight Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful few weeks here at Dwight. Your support has been thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed! In February, we had a full week of activities that focused on celebrating diversity. Mindy Hersh and Ria Mehta kicked off our week with an engaging and fun presentation to students that established a mindset for the week. We enjoyed Eshu Bumpus, a storyteller who mesmerized our students with classic stories from both Africa and the United States. Tom Chapin, Grammy Award winning singer, also visited to entertain us with his folk songs. This event was sponsored by FAY and the PTA Council. Our week culminated in a fifth grade Cultural Fair that all students visited. Students took pride in sharing and teaching others about their cultural heritage.

This month, in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday, we are Reading Across America. You will be receiving information from your child's teacher this week. We kicked off the month with an assembly which included a staff read aloud of a Dr. Seuss favorite, Horton Hears a Who. Mrs. Carelli then explained and outlined how Read Across America and our March Madness Reading brackets will work this month. Again, thanks to the PTA for your support and ideas.

We are looking forward to seeing you in and around the building this month and through the end of the school year. Spring conferences begin this month and continue through the beginning of April. Our superintendent, Dr. Toni Jones, will be visiting our PTA meeting on April 5 at 9:30 AM; we hope you will join us! Also, we have planned two parent coffees with follow up visits into the classroom. One will focus on the reading workshop and the other on the math workshop. Again, we hope you will join us so you can learn more about our curriculum and see your children in action with their teachers.

Thank you, as always, for your support and enthusiasm for your children's education and for the work we do with them every day. Please see the chart below for important dates.

Best,

Mimi Maniscalco

Date	Time	Subject	Grade Level
03/29	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Afternoon Conferences	K - 5
03/30	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Evening Conferences	K - 5
04/05	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Afternoon Conferences	K - 5
04/18	9:30 AM APR 10:15 AM Classroom Visit	Reading Workshop	3-5
04/21	9:30 AM APR 10:15 AM Classroom Visit	Reading Workshop	K-2
05/12	9:30 AM APR 10:00 AM Classroom Visit	Math Workshop	K-2
05/15	9:30 AM APR 10:00 AM Classroom Visit	Math Workshop	3-5