





**DISTRICT 3  
MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS  
MARCH 2019**

SCHOOL NUMBER SCHOOL NAME PRINCIPAL	HIGHLIGHTS
<p><b>MS 54</b></p> <p><b>Booker T. Washington</b></p> <p><b>103 West 107 Street</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Elana Elster</b></p>	<p><b>OKLAHOMA!</b></p> <p>Where: Booker T. Washington MS 54 – 108<sup>th</sup> Street between Amsterdam and Columbus When: Thursday and Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Tickets: \$10 students, \$20 adults <a href="mailto:Amcintosh6@schools.nyc.gov">Amcintosh6@schools.nyc.gov</a></p> <p>Booker T. celebrated Black History Month with an assembly for the entire school. Students performed skits, the chorus sang, poetry was read, the Step Dance Club performed and portraits of black Americans lined the walls of the auditorium.</p>
<p><b>PS/IS 76</b></p> <p><b>Asa Phillip Randolph School of the Humanities</b></p> <p><b>220 West 121 Street</b></p> <p><b>Charles DeBerry</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MS Parents Math Workshop Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.</li> <li>• Spirit Fridays February 1<sup>st</sup>; 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> . Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> was Blackout/Whiteout.</li> <li>• Grandparents Appreciation Breakfast Wednesday, March 20, 2019.</li> <li>• MS monthly Assembly Tuesday, March 26, 2019.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">     </div>
<p><b>PS/IS 149</b></p> <p><b>Sojourner Truth</b></p> <p><b>41 West 117 Street</b></p> <p><b>Claudia Aguirre</b></p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Our Sojourner Truth students celebrating “Women’s History Month”</b></p>
<p><b>PS/IS 180</b></p> <p><b>Hugo Newman College Preparatory</b></p> <p><b>370 West 120 Street</b></p> <p><b>Jeneca Parker</b></p>	<p><b>Brotherhood Club</b></p> <p>The mid-year reviews are in and the PS/IS 180 Brotherhood Club is getting top marks!</p> <p>At PS/IS 180, our big brother program is called Brotherhood Club. Although it takes place at school, our unique peer-mentoring program isn't limited to the classroom. Of course, some little brothers do talk with their big brothers about class, or do homework, or read together, but it's perfectly fine to shoot hoops in the gym or play on the playground. It's about building relationships, providing guidance and inspiring all students to reach their potential. Our teachers give this program high marks. They see students come back from their time at Brotherhood Club filled with confidence, smiling big, ready to learn and eager to succeed.</p> 

<p><b>PS/IS 191</b></p> <p><b>Riverside School for Makers and Artists</b></p> <p><b>300 West 61 Street</b></p> <p><b>Lauren Keville</b></p>	<p>This month, we celebrated Black History month. We experienced African American culture through music, artifacts and performances. We celebrated our traditions culture and our proud students. After enjoying a wonderful performance, the packed auditorium was led to the cafeteria</p>  <p>to indulge in "A Taste of Soul" dinner which was provided by our families. Our next family event is Family Maker Night on March 28<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b>MS 243</b></p> <p><b>The Center School</b></p> <p><b>100 West 84 Street</b></p> <p><b>Elaine Schwartz</b></p>	<p>March 6<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Fair begins at 3:45 pm till 6pm, All students works will be displayed. At 6pm we will have our potluck dinner and auction in the Cafeteria.</p> <p>March 17<sup>th</sup> Spring TACS show 7:00 pm  March 20<sup>th</sup> Second Trimester Report goes home  March 21<sup>st</sup> Family conferences 3:30 pm – 8 pm  March 22<sup>nd</sup> Family conferences 12:30 – 3:30 pm</p>
<p><b>MS 245</b></p> <p><b>The Computer School</b></p> <p><b>100 West 77 Street</b></p> <p><b>Henry Zymeck</b></p>	<p>The past month has been full of meaningful events, with more to come!  We celebrated Black History Month at our latest All School Meeting, with teacher Diamond Skinner leading students in performances that reflected history, culture, art, personal narratives, and issues that our students of color navigate.  Our 8th graders explored the Tempest with Lincoln Center teaching artists, with each 8th grade class performing scenes from the play at an electrifying final performance.  Additionally, our Winter After School Showcase was creative, quirky, festive and inspiring, as students shared their work in dance, song, musicianship, comedy, acting, and animation. Coming up is our school musical, <i>Urinetown!</i> and our Respect for All initiative, led by Erin Hill and Erica Butler, focusing on LGBTQ+ awareness and making school a safer place for all.</p> 
<p><b>MS 247</b></p> <p><b>Dual Language Middle School</b></p> <p><b>100 West 77 Street</b></p> <p><b>Kristina Jelinek</b></p>	<p>Dual Language Middle School's winter partnerships are in full effect! We are currently working with Groundswell on two exciting projects, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Arts and Activism unit and a school-wide mural project. The mural project is generously funded by Councilmember Helen Rosenthal. In one of the first sessions, students analyzed the mural that was completed last year to get inspiration for this year's mural. We have also started two dance residencies, one for 6<sup>th</sup> grade with Flamenco Vivo and a school-wide one with the New York City Chinese Cultural Center. We look forward to celebrating both the arts and academics this winter!</p>  

<p><b>MS 250</b></p> <p><b>West Side Collaborative Middle School</b></p> <p><b>735 West End Avenue</b></p> <p><b>Novella Bailey</b></p>	<p>*American Hip Hop Icon, Darryl McDaniels, member of Run DMC, visited West Side Collaborative to meet with our students. The week prior, students learned about McDaniel’s background and impact on American music and culture. Engagement was high as McDaniels shared his inspiring personal story that conveyed the power of collaboration, determination, and courage.</p> <p>*Our Student Council organized our Respect For All Week activities which included mixed-grade community building activities for our students and culminated with our annual ice skating trip!</p> <p>*Bravo to our 7th grade students who participated in our first annual WSC Vocabulary Bee which supports our students’ use of rigorous academic vocabulary!</p> 
<p><b>MS 256</b></p> <p><b>Lafayette Academy</b></p> <p><b>154 West 93 Street</b></p> <p><b>Brian Zager</b></p>	<p>Lafayette Academy had Spirit week        Dress for success, Sports day, Twin Day, Valentine’s Day, And finally Pajama day.        It was amazing to see our teachers and students participate in the fun. We now are starting our Pennies for patients Fundraiser. This Fundraiser is for Children fighting Cancer. At Lafayette Academy, we believe you should always give back. Our goal is to do better than last year.</p> 
<p><b>MS 258</b></p> <p><b>Community Action School</b></p> <p><b>154 West 93 Street</b></p> <p><b>Andrew Sullivan</b></p>	<p>The Hockey Extravaganza is one of many school wide community building sporting events that we have at Community Action School. The Hockey Extravaganza focuses on communication, teamwork and overcoming challenges through the game of floor hockey. Students were tasked with creating groups, determining positions and coming together to face other teams. There were a total of 18 teams and 126 students from 6th-8th grade that participated in the event, making it one of the most successful extravaganzas yet. Students were brought down to the gym to play in tournament style games that left one undefeated team by the end of the day. That team participated in a final game against participating teachers. It was a wonderful time for all, and one both students and staff will be talking about for a while!</p> 
<p><b>MS 291</b></p> <p><b>West End Secondary School of Urban Studies</b></p> <p><b>227 West 61 Street</b></p> <p><b>Jessica Jenkins</b></p>	<p>Our 6th grade celebrated their Presentation of Learning at the NY Times Center on Friday, March 1st. While some students showed their films in the main theater others presented their papers, posters and artwork in the reception area. Our authentic audience included scientists and film experts as our expedition centered around Egypt and different types of diseases. It was a great experience for all!</p>

**PS/IS 333**

**Manhattan School for Children**

**154 West 93 Street**

**Claire Lowenstein**

Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade student went on their Annual team building retreat to Frost Valley. They had a wonderful time fostering new leadership skills as well learning more about each other.



**MS 421**

**West Prep Academy**

**150 West 105 Street**

**Carland Washington**



In lieu of Black History Month, we've been learning about this phenomenal Black women whose cells helped shape scientific discoveries, such as developing measles, polio and HPV vaccines and enhanced the understanding of diseases such as with HIV, Ebola and many types of cancer!

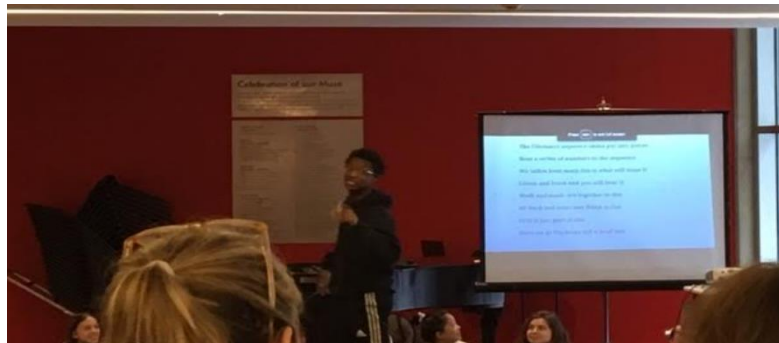
**03M859**

**Special Music School**




**129 West 67 Street**

**Katherine Banucci-Smith**

SMS opened up March with a **Town Hall Meeting** focused on Middle School Math. Our 8th graders gave fascinating presentations on the work they are doing, culminating in a rap about the **Fibonacci Sequence**, written and performed by **Justin K**, Grade 8, pictured below:



Our Middle School will also perform a **series of solo grade concerts in March**: the 6th grade has an extended play concert on 3/19, the 7th grade also brings music history and writing skills into their concert by writing their own composer program notss on 3/15, and the 8th grade takes it to the next level with a day of lecture recitals on 3/22 featuring in depth presentations on their composers along with their solo performances.

<p><b>03M860</b>  <b>FDA II</b>  <b>215 West 114 Street</b>  <b>Osei Owusu-Afriyie</b></p>	<p>March 7th &amp; 8th Scholar Led conferences. The role of the classroom teacher is to facilitate the conference process. Scholars lead parents through a discussion of their work and established academic and social goals.</p> <p>GSA ( Gender Sexuality Alliance) Middle School Scholars attended "The Prom" on Broadway. The show was at Longacre Theater. 13 Scholars attended the trip. The tickets were purchased using the student identity grant that our GSA got for this year.</p> <p>Here at FDA II we held our annual Dental Screening for our scholars through our Community School Partnership.</p> <p>FDA II Town Hall. Scholars are awarded with prizes and certificates. Celebrating academics, attendance and scholarly behavior.</p> <p>Preparing Scholars for State Exams! Saturday Academy will continue for the month of March. Two scholars competed in the District 3 Spelling Bee.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div>
<p><b>03M862</b>  <b>Mott Hall II</b>  <b>234 West 109 Street</b>  <b>Marlon Lowe</b></p>	<p><b>High school meetings for 7th grade families!</b></p> <p>Please join Mrs. Gorman on Tuesday, March 19th at 8:30-10:00 AM or Wednesday, March 20th at 5:30-7:30 PM in the auditorium. We will be reviewing the new online application process and procedures, the Independent/Private School process and there will be a guest speaker, Mr. Maurice Frumkin, who will also take questions. Mr. Frumkin comes with several years' experience as the former Director of the High School Admissions with the Department of Education and the president of NYC Admissions Solutions. This will be a very important and informative meeting. Please make every effort to attend one of these meetings, as we will not be able to meet independently to share this information. All scholars are encouraged to attend the evening meeting on Wednesday, March 20th with their families.</p>