

Tiger Talk

Kahlil Gibran School's Official School Newspaper



Let's Chat With the Superintendent



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Kahlil Gibran School is proud to host the next "Chat With the Superintendent Event!"

"In an effort to improve our outreach to parents and guardians in the Yonkers Public Schools, the YCPTA/PTSAs will be joining Superintendent Dr. Quezada in a series of talks called "Let's Chat With the Superintendent" We hope to develop stronger relationships with parents, hear their concerns, and improve parent involvement." Says the Yonkers Board of Education. Join us as we welcome Dr. Quezada on Wednesday, November 22 @ 9am!

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Kindergarten News:

Meeting Ms. Marvin's class was a lot of fun. The class consists of 24 students with a mixture of girls and boys ranging in ages from 4 to 5. Her classroom is filled with so many wonderful things. She has two computers and a smartboard with a computer attached to it. This year, Ms. Marvin has more walkers than bus students. The students eat healthy snacks each day. Ms. Marvin's bulletin board this month has a Halloween theme. It is labelled "When I get scared". The students talked about fears and what you can do to face them. Fun, fun, fun in Ms. Marvin's class!

Elyssa Bailey 5A, Josslyn Garcia 5F

Ms. Mangan's class is a very busy class. Ms. Lisa Mazzacuolo helps the students learn how to read and she also plays games with them. Ms. Mangan's class loves the gym teacher, Coach Mannion because they love to play games, and use the hula hoops and jump ropes. This fall they voted for their favorite types of apples – sweet or sour. The students are looking forward to more fun Fall activities –especially a new book. The whole class can agree with me when I say Mrs. Mangan's kindergarten is the best place to be.

Rodiat Lawal 5A, Kamal Abuali 5F

1st Grade News:

Ms. Troiano's class and Ms. Khader's class learned about fire safety and what they should do if they were in a fire during the Fire Prevention week. One of the students' father came in to speak to the class. Some of the students told us what they remembered the fireman told them to do. If someone calls out your name, you should say deep loud voice I am here. You should never play with fire or the stoves in your house. You should never hide if there is a fire. These first graders really learned a lot from this assembly!

Alyssa Weeks 5A, Ruba Aljamal 5F

2nd Grade News:

Ms. Perez has a very diverse group of students. They all come from different cities, states, and even countries. The students will be going to a farm for a field trip. They will be pumpkin

and apple picking, hay riding, and so much more. Ms. Perez's class is looking forward to the Halloween parade and dressing up for Halloween. They also looking forward to seeing Ms. Perez dressed up as a tiger. As always, the students will have great fun during the Halloween Parade!

Yael Torres 5A, Amberly Nunez 5F

Ms. Castellani's class is very excited about their field trip on October 25th. They are going to Barton's Orchards. They can't wait for the many fun activities. Some students can't wait to go on the hay ride. Sitting on hay in the back of a tractor sounds like fun. Others are looking forward to pumpkin and apple picking. Still others can't wait to walk through the corn maze. Many of the students have never been in a corn maze. The best part of the trip for some is going to be eating the apple doughnuts. We are crossing our fingers that it is a beautiful day for them.

Qasim Butt 5A , Pierce Coffey 5F

3rd Grade News:

We interviewed Conor, Jayden, Noah, and Daynaliz from Ms. Salvi's class. They really like their class because they get to decorate it for the holidays. They enjoy their fun math coloring worksheets and Daily 5 which is word work. They also mentioned that the practice words in class and they read to each other. Working on writing is also a great activity since they get to write stories. Fridays are the best day. Not only because it is the last day of school but because they have Fun Friday and no homework. These students are really enjoying their new class!

Olivia DiForio 5A, Wilenny Reguillo 5F

Ms. Shaggura's class is off to a great year. They have spent the beginning of the year getting used to the third grade and their classroom. It has been right down to work for Ms. Shaggura's class. The students work together for reading and math and love their new classroom. All of the students are looking forward to their new writing unit. Ms. Shaggura is introducing the class to opinion essays. The students have been able to share their opinions with each other. Their writing assignment will be an opinion essay about pets. The class will share their opinions about the best for them and which pets may not be



the best for their house. We can look forward to learning all about Ms. Shaggura's students and their pets.

4th Grade News:

Ms. Dos Santos's class was hard at work this spring researching famous and outstanding women. The students either interviewed a woman that they believed to be outstanding or they read a biography about a famous woman. The students wrote reports which were displayed on their bulletin board. These students are also busy learning about the world around them. They took a trip to the Yonkers Recycling Center where they learned the process of recycling. They also visited the John Jay Homestead where they learned what life was like to colonial times.

5th Grade News:

Mr. Figueroa's class is having a great year so far. Of course, everyone loves Fun Friday. Fun Friday is a way the students are rewarded for being responsible fifth graders. Playing dodgeball with Mr. Fig is one of the highlights of the fifth grade. Mr. Fig's class helped out with Relief Week helping to collect the donations made throughout the school. Mr. Fig's class loved the Liberty Science Center. The Skyscraper exhibit was a favorite among the class. They are having a class election this month. Stay tuned for the results.

Ms. Ackerman's class dove right in this year creating posters and signs for Relief Week. First, they decided on which Spirit Days to have. They brainstormed a whole bunch of ideas and then they each used that list to choose our top five favorites. Then Ms. Ackerman tallied the classes' favorites and came up with the top five. As you all know, because the whole school participated, they had a fun filled week of spirit and collecting for the Hurricane victims. They hope that this is the first a many community projects for the year. They had a great time on their first field trip to the Liberty Science Center. Some students did a lab locating antibodies. It was so much fun!

6th Grade News:

Sixth grade students will be attending the Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts in Katonah on the rescheduled dates of December 18 and 19! Before attending, students prepare in many ways to get the

most out of the experience. An architect comes on the Tuesday before the visit to and students learn interesting things about architecture around the world and in our daily lives. Students learn about the three orders of Greek architecture: Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian. Furthermore, students learn about the inception and creation of skyscrapers and read a poem by the same name. Students are always interested to learn of the impact that Yonkers had on the creation of these towering structures, given Yonkers' place in elevator history with the Otis Elevator Company!

7th Grade News:

Our new 7th Graders are finally getting comfortable in their new "Secondary" skin - this school year represents their movement upward from the realm of Elementary school! Suddenly, these students find themselves immersed in higher-level coursework and in front of a group of up to 7 different teachers! With the increased demands of the courses, the different expectations and personalities of the teachers, and the newfound responsibilities and freedoms, this transition can be a difficult one for anyone. However, it seems as though this year's group has done a great job of adjusting and is hitting their stride right in time for the second marking period, which begins today!

Students will be receiving their first quarterly report card soon - where their 1-4 grades will be replaced with scores ranging from 1-100! Good luck 7th graders!

8th Grade News:

Next month, on Friday, December 8, students in 7th and 8th grades alike will be treated to the opportunity to see a live stage show! Classes will be heading to the Tarrytown Music Hall to see a performance called "Encore", which centers around a variety of texts found in the ELA curriculum. Short stories ranging from "The Tell-Tale Heart", by Edgar Allan Poe, to "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow", by Washington Irving will be adapted for the stage and students will be treated to a feast for the senses as they delve into these classic and celebrated stories. Keep an eye out for student reviews in our next issue!



A Letter from the Student Editor:

By Mia Freitag

How Can You Make a Difference?

Do you know what's happening in our world today? Do you understand how different some people's world is from ours? Well, if you don't, let me explain.

In Mr. Di Monaco's 7th Grade ELA class, we read a book titled, A Long Walk to Water. Now ask yourself, "what is the most important resource we can't live without?" The answer is: water!

In South Sudan, there lived a young girl named Nya who had a great responsibility. She was to make two trips to fetch water per day. She would leave early in the morning, collect the water, return home and drop off the water, and head back out to repeat the process. This would take all day. She did this every single day.

Another young person living in South Sudan, a young boy named Salva Dut, traveled and tried to escape the horrid war occurring in his homeland. When he was just a boy, the war came to his village, killing his family and forcing him to go in the opposite direction of his home. As he grows up, he continues to travel to different areas, meeting new people, and joining new groups. His life was horrifying. He would

walk without resources, to dangerous places where many others he knew were killed., Throughout everything, he survived. He eventually made his way to live in upstate NY, became educated and found a way to help his homeland.

Later in the story, we come to find out that he now travels back to Sudan to help others without water obtain the life-giving resource. He escaped a horrible life in Sudan, but is brave enough to return there after everything and try to help those he left behind. He runs his foundation "Water for Sudan" and is an active participant in bringing water and drilling wells for those in South Sudan.

Salva was a very brave young boy. He made a big difference in the lives of countless people, and you can, too. It could be across the globe or right outside your front door! If you see something that you believe you can help improve, tell people about it and try your hardest to do so. No one can stop you from doing the right thing. You can help change the world one good deed at a time.

How can you make a difference?

Let us know how you help to make your community a better place!

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Kahlil Gibran Corner:

Beauty is not
in the face;
beauty is a light
in the heart.

Kahlil Gibran

Each issue, we here at Tiger Talk would like to challenge students to think in the way that our school's namesake, *Kahlil Gibran*, did. Gibran is known for his thoughtful teachings that can help people to improve their daily lives by changing their perspective on the things they experience.

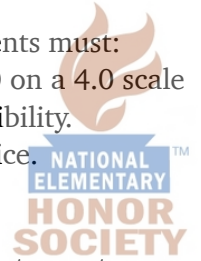
In the quote above, Gibran seems to be trying to communicate the importance in looking for different types of beauty than the type we traditionally think of. Though appearances may be appealing, the beauty that is found within us can help us to see all of the beauty in the world around us - not just that which we are trained to see!

National Honor Societies:

We are excited to offer the opportunity to students at Kahlil Gibran School to be inducted into our chapter of both The **National Elementary Honor Society** and **The National Junior Honor Society**! The NEHS and NJHS are the nation's premier organizations established to recognize outstanding elementary and middle level students. More than just an **honor** roll, NEHS and NJHS serve to **honor** those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

To be considered for the NEHS, students must:

1. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
2. Demonstrate exceptional responsibility.
3. Demonstrate a dedication to service.
4. Exhibit leadership qualities.



To be considered for the NJHS, students must:

1. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 92% out of 100%
2. Demonstrate exceptional behavior and self-control. No student who is suspended or otherwise given a serious disciplinary action may be considered.
3. Complete pre-designated volunteer hours and demonstrate their commitment to their community.
4. Exhibit leadership qualities in and out of the classroom.



Good luck to all of our Gibran students as they aim for the stars and try to achieve NEHS or NJHS status for the 2017-2018 school year!

Holiday Book Drive:

In keeping with our continual efforts to benefit the community our students find themselves a part of, Kahlil Gibran is hosting a Holiday Book Drive - facilitated by our Student Government and National Junior Honor Society Candidates! Gently used books are being collected by these students to be sorted, organized and sent out to a local women's shelter where they can be put to good use. Once the story inside the pages of a book is read by the original reader, it can take on entirely new lives as more individuals get the chance to read the book again later! Books at all reading levels are acceptable for donation, as not only will these books benefit the women in the shelter, but also those children that may be there with them. Help those in need to have a story or a magical world to get lost in and donate books today! Donations are being accepted through December 14, 2017!

Intramural Sports:

As we enter another school year, Kahlil Gibran students hope to find success yet again in intramural sports! Thus far, Gibran student-athletes have performed at a phenomenal level: winning championships and exceeding the goals they set out for themselves in previous years.

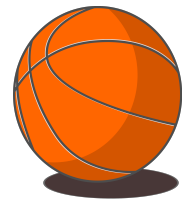
Open to 7th and 8th grade students, our intramural sports offerings put students from our school up against their peers from across the other schools in the District in a variety of sports.

During the Fall, students participate in the soccer program, which is now coming to its end. For soccer, the boys' team plays and practices on Monday and Wednesday and the girls' team plays and practices on Tuesday and Thursday. They play four games each before the

top two teams in each division meet for the playoffs and the subsequent championship game. The boys' team is already out of the running but our girls' team still has a chance and will be competing later this week to see if they can overcome their opponents and make it to the championship game!

Soon, the focus will shift from the soccer season to basketball. Permission slips for basketball are going out soon! The basketball season runs from December 1, 2017 - February 9, 2018.

After that, the Spring rolls around with softball season! More information will be forthcoming regarding the softball season when it is made available! Come out to a game and support our Kahlil Gibran Tigers!



Gibran Teachers

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Fall Book Fair:

The Kahlil Gibran school PTA recently hosted their fall Scholastic book fair! Given our school's theme of literacy, we are always thankful and eager to have an opportunity for our students to discover new books right here in the building! Selections ranged in grade level/reading level from pre-k all the way up to 8th grade and students from across all grade levels participated in the book fair.

In total, students at Gibran purchased and took home *three hundred and forty* new books! We're very proud to be promoting a culture of literacy from early childhood through adolescence and are even more proud of the fervor with which our students approach reading.

At Gibran we always say, "Kids who read, succeed!" With our first book fair of the school year behind us, it certainly seems that we're on track to fulfill that motto in the 2017-2018 school year.



Superintendent's visit with Gibran PTA, Colonial Heights Association, and School Community:

On Thursday, November 30, Kahlil Gibran School will host a meeting between Yonkers Public Schools' Superintendent, Dr. Edwin Quezada, and several other stakeholders as they discuss potential plans to renovate/modify the structure of Kahlil Gibran School.

The Superintendent will be joined by architects and other important individuals associated with the plan and project in an attempt to community with the school community, including the Colonial Heights Association, Gibran PTA, and more, about the plans that are currently in the works and to hear the community members' thoughts and concerns surrounding them.

Please join in this informative session that brings many stakeholders in your children's education together. When we all collaborate to provide an education to our students we are met with the best results. Join us as we learn more about this exciting project and what it means for the future of Kahlil Gibran School!

