

September Newsletter

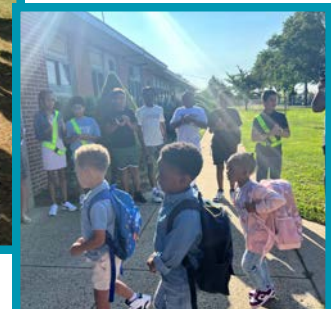
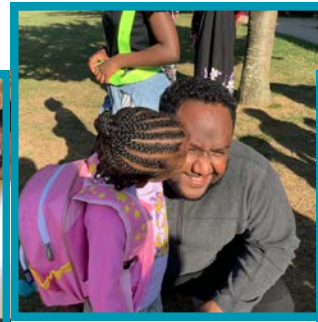
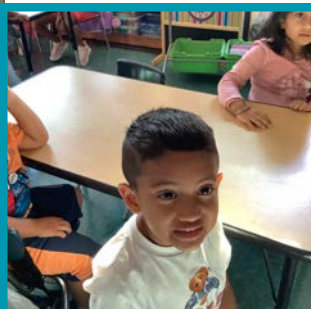
Welcome Back! Kicking Off a Great First Day of School

On September 3, 2024, Dutch Broadway School warmly welcomed back students and their families for the new school year. The excitement was palpable as students met their new teachers and reconnected with old friends. It was a joyful day filled with smiles and anticipation from both students and staff.



Dutch Broadway Welcomes Its Youngest Lions

On September 4, 2024, Dutch Broadway School welcomed our Pre-K students and their families with open arms. Staff members greeted the students warmly, and our sixth-grade students added to the excitement, clapping and cheering as the young learners entered the building for their first day.



PTA Pre-K & Kindergarten Playground Playdate

On Friday, September 6, 2024, the Dutch Broadway PTA hosted a delightful Meet and Greet playdate for Pre-K and Kindergarten families. It was a beautiful evening as children made new friends, chased bubbles from a bubble machine, created chalk drawings, and enjoyed playing on the playground. Parents had the opportunity to connect with one another while watching their little ones have fun. The Dutch Broadway PTA treated everyone to ices and fruit snacks, making it a memorable event for both families and students.



Remembering 9/11: A Tribute to Resilience and Heroes

On Wednesday, September 11, 2024, the Dutch Broadway School community gathered on the front lawn for a solemn ceremony in remembrance of September 11, 2001. This day has become a time for Americans to reflect, honor, and mourn the many lives lost. Our sixth-grade students sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," and some of our fifth-grade students recited a heartfelt poem titled "We Remember." In a symbolic gesture, music teacher Ms. Stark struck a gong for each year that has passed since that tragic day. Students in Pre-K through fourth grade were able to participate in the ceremony virtually via Zoom.





Fourth Graders Introduced to Musical Instruments: A Musical Journey Begins

Recently, our fourth-grade students had the exciting opportunity to be introduced to a variety of musical instruments during a special presentation by music teachers Mr. Timko and Ms. Zuniga. The students learned about the different instruments available in both band and orchestra. Students will have the chance to choose an instrument they are most interested in and will begin their musical journey with lessons throughout the school year. We are eager to see the students explore their musical talents and look forward to hearing them perform!



Dutch Broadway School Celebrates International Dot Day

The Dutch Broadway School community recently celebrated "International Dot Day," a day dedicated to celebrating creativity, courage, and self-expression. Students and staff were encouraged to wear polka dots, filling the school with vibrant colors and playful patterns. Throughout the day, students participated in activities that highlighted the importance of individuality and creativity. A special read-aloud of Peter H. Reynolds's book, *The Dot*, the inspiration behind the day, helped spark conversations about how everyone can make their mark in the world. It was a fun and inspiring day, reminding us all of the beauty in each person's uniqueness.

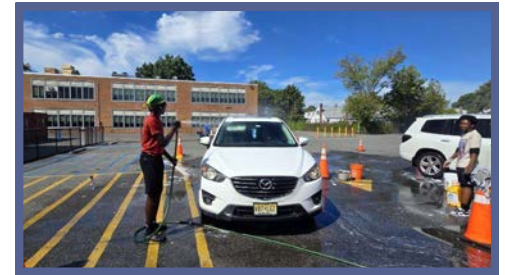
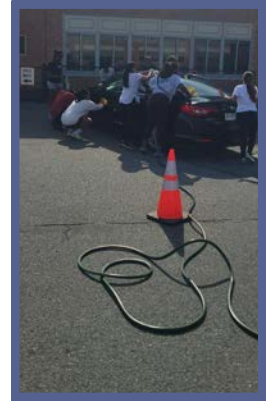




Dutch Broadway's PTA Hosts Successful Car Wash Fundraiser



On Saturday, September 21, 2024, Dutch Broadway School's PTA hosted a community car wash to raise funds in support of our school's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Lab. The event was a huge success, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the school community's students and families, as well as students from Elmont Memorial High School's Key Club, who volunteered their time to support the cause. The volunteers worked tirelessly throughout the day to ensure every car left sparkling clean. Their enthusiasm and hard work contributed significantly to the event's success, raising much-needed funds for supplementary materials and equipment for the school's growing STEAM Lab. The PTA thanks everyone who participated, including community members who stopped by to get their cars washed. Everyone's generosity is helping to foster innovation and creativity in our students!



Upcoming Events:

October:

- PTA Community Night, Auditorium: 10/17/24, 6 PM
- Red Ribbon Week: 10/21/24 - 10/25/24
- Lion's Pride Day: 10/25/24

November:

- Student Council Elections: 11/1/24
- Parent Teacher Conferences (Evening): 11/4/24
- Election Day - School Closed: 11/5/24
- Veterans Day Celebration: 11/8/24
- Veterans Day - School Closed: 11/11/24
- PTA Fall Photo Make Up Day: 11/12/24
- Board of Education Meeting: 11/12/24
- The Basics Workshop: 11/14/24
- STEAM Night: 11/19/24
- Parent Teacher Conferences (Afternoon): 11/20/24
- Lion's Pride Day: 11/22/24
- "Let's Get Physical Games" (Grade 5): 11/26/24
- Districtwide Early Dismissal Drill: 11/27/24
- Thanksgiving Break - No School: 11/28/24 - 11/29/24

Be sure to check out our
flyers for details on
our upcoming events!

Shining Bright: Grade 1 Spotlight

Mrs. Basdeo



Throughout the first month of school, students in Mrs. Basdeo's class participated in "All About Me" activities. The children were invited to bring in three special items from home that represented their personalities. Additionally, students completed a writing craft to showcase their writing skills.

Mrs. Beaumont



Students in Mrs. Beaumont's class have been strengthening their phonics skills using the Foundations program. They practice writing letters on their whiteboards and identify each letter's sound by tapping out the sounds in words.

Mrs. Fortunato



As a fun welcoming activity, Ms. Fortunato read the book *First Grade Jitters* to her class. Following the story, her students were invited to taste "jitter juice" to help shake off their first day nerves. Afterwards, the class created a tally chart to see how many enjoyed the jitter juice and how many didn't.

Ms. Morfesi & Mrs. Ortiz



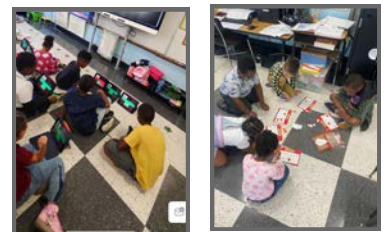
After reading *Our Classroom is a Family*, by Shannon Olsen, Ms. Morfesi and Mrs. Ortiz's class engaged in a discussion about what it means to be a "family" in their classroom. Students then expressed their ideas by writing and drawing pictures to share their thoughts.

Mrs. Ormond



In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Mrs. Ormond's class read *Turning Pages*, by Sonia Sotomayor, a memoir about the U.S. Supreme Court Justice's inspiring life. After reading, students worked on sequencing key events from Sonia Sotomayor's life on a timeline to better understand her journey. To make the lesson even more memorable, students also created a craft that highlighted her achievements and cultural contributions.

Mr. Ortiz



Students in Mr. Ortiz's class have already started rotating through various ELA stations. These activities include playing games like Sight Word Bingo, using district-approved apps to enhance reading skills, working independently on differentiated assignments, and participating in small-group instruction with Mr. Ortiz.

Introducing Our New Faculty: Meet the Brilliant Minds Joining Our Team!



Ms. Amodeo
Pre-K Teacher



Ms. Berlin
3rd Grade Teacher



Ms. Basile
Literacy Teacher



Ms. Chung
Psychologist

We are excited to announce the arrival of several talented new faculty members to the Dutch Broadway School team this year! Their diverse backgrounds, expertise, and passion for education will be invaluable in helping our students grow and thrive. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our newest educators as they embark on this exciting journey with us. We look forward to the positive impact they will have on our school community!



Ms. Ormond
1/2 Grade Teacher



Ms. Pollani
Literacy Teacher



Mr. Timko
Music Teacher



Ms. Zuniga
Music Teacher

