



## P.S. 213 - The Carl Ullman Elementary School

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### Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Thanks to everyone who helped his/her child participate in ***March is Reading Month!*** Special thanks to our amazing PTA for sponsoring Ice Cream parties for all our class participants!

April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> are the New York State ELA Assessments for students in grades 3-5. We know our students are prepared to do their best and proud of all the work they have done over the year to become the readers they are today.

It is important for you to foster a love for reading at home and here are suggestions to help:

- **Set aside a special reading time and place:** Find a cozy reading nook, comfortable couch, or snuggle in bed. Having a special place and time to read makes reading part of family time. Children will come to look forward to this special time.
- **Become a member of the local library:** The library serves as a space where children can choose their own books and see you as a reader as well. The library also offers free programs for children of all ages that are rich and rewarding.
- **Ask questions:** Engage your child in discussion of the text you are reading together. For example, ask questions such as, "Can you remember what happened so far? What do you think will happen next? How do you think the character is feeling? Why?"
- **All reading is good:** All reading is valuable! Non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines, leaflets, etc. Encourage your student to read all types of text that sparks his/her interest.

#### ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

- **Coffee with the Principal: Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:15am.** Beautiful Child
- **PTA Meeting and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Showcase: Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**
- **P.S. 213's Drama Club Presents "Charlotte's Web": Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

Spring break is right around the corner. Whether it's a vacation, relaxation, or staycation fun, I hope your family has an enjoyable Spring Break.

In Partnership,

Megan McCauley  
Principal