

Principal McAuliffe's Seasonal
P.S. 55 NEWSLETTER
Reflections from Spring of 2025

Our school community continues to brilliantly S.H.I.N.E.



We continue to celebrate #PS55ShiningWithPride! This spring has been sensational as a result of the teamwork exhibited by every member of our school community.

This sixth Seasonal Newsletter highlights many of the exceptional experiences shared from April-June. We truly made the most of our Spring. Our school community is thrilled to learn about the amazing summers our families will experience upon return in September. I hope your first summer weekend was pleasant despite the heat and again thank you for: supporting all of our children, your amazing ideas, and your partnership with ensuring PS 55 remains a space where every student, staff, community, and family member is heard, seen, recognized, and valued for their individuality and awesomeness! We truly do S.H.I.N.E. Keep up the great work, stay cool, and continue learning.

Enjoy reading installment #6 and feel free to access previously shared newsletters below. Find seasonal Newsletter from SY 23-24 [#1](#), [#2](#) and [#3](#). Earlier this school year we celebrated a fun-filled Fall with edition [#4](#) as well as the winter edition [#5](#). Thank you again for all of the ways you celebrate and contribute to our school community!!!

April, 2025



Our band got to see a production of Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief with Mr. Graziano at Petrides. This experience brought music and reading together gorgeously. Thank you for arranging this trip for our students.



We continue celebrating Accomplished Athletes! Thank you Mrs. Saccaro for sharing these inspirational stories. Celine was celebrated as our April athlete of the month for her accolades in dance. Celine is also an extraordinary swimmer.



Wagner High School students visited to share their research with our students on NYC Climate Action Day. Thank you AP Roman for setting this opportunity up for our students.



Students engaged in Peacemaker Peer Mediation Training to ensure all learners collaboratively S.H.I.N.E. Thank you Mrs. Saccaro and Mrs. Anderson for supporting students toward earning their certificates to improve school climate and culture.



Students of the Moana Cast got a professional recording session with ETLabz!!! Hear the cast's gorgeous voices [here](#).



Our Disney/Superhero Spirit Day was an absolute hit! Each of our students has exhibited heroism this school year! We are so proud of all of your accomplishments.



Grace and Wayne were amazing in Staten Island productions beyond our school this Spring as well!



PreK Planting was phenomenal. Students learned the importance of patience and perseverance when it comes to gardening, which also happens to be one of your principal's favorite pastimes. Continue planting seeds to grow a better tomorrow both literally and metaphorically.

May, 2025



Our Student Council Supported our Garden's Clean Up, paving the way for new plants and ideas to bloom. Thank you for all you do to weed away what doesn't serve us to make room for more of what we need. Thank you for leading with kindness, care, and compassion. You truly showcase how we are #PS55ShiningWithPride



Carmine was our student of the month for May. Read about his awesomeness as a Flag Football Quarterback in SILive [here](#).



Our Fifth Grade Field Trip to Twin Peaks was a wonderful experience. I loved hearing all about it from our students who shared it was absolutely amazing the next day! Continue to climb co-president and class of 2025! The best is yet to come. Thank you for giving underclassmen much to aspire towards.



Our Staff was celebrated by the UFT for raising funds and awareness of Breast Cancer as a team!



Students learned more about the life of Alice Austin with an in house trip organized by Mrs. Gainer. There are so many lessons to learn from history. I cannot wait to see and read about the history you will create as the shining stars you are! Remember: Always Ask Questions and Never Stop Learning.



This year's Third Grade Chorus and Violin Concerts were truly amazing! Keep making beautiful music.



Thank you Mrs. Zerilli for leading MSK. This year's Tea Celebration was the perfect way to celebrate another successful year of student leadership.



Fifth Grade Friday brought magic to our building and Red, White, and Blue Spirit Day was all smiles.



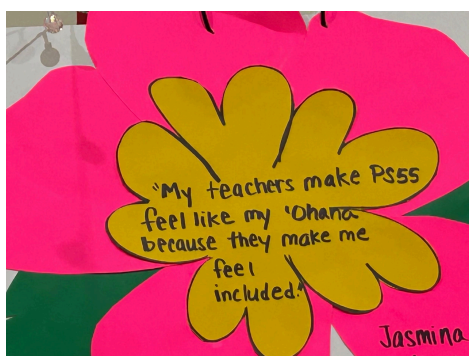
Thank you Mr. Vaccaro for preparing our team for the Fourth Grade SI Math Tournament. A future win is on the horizon. Thank you and the team for representing us so well. Everyone: Keep those math skills sharp over the summer. Opportunities to engage in equations are all around us each and every day.



Our Fourth and Fifth Grade Band Concert packed the auditorium with proud staff and families.



Thank you Mrs. LaPointe for arranging for our staff to show love and adoration for our absolutely stellar paraprofessionals with our new team Respect T-Shirts. Thank you, to all of our paraprofessionals for supporting each of our students as well as supporting individualized classroom learning.

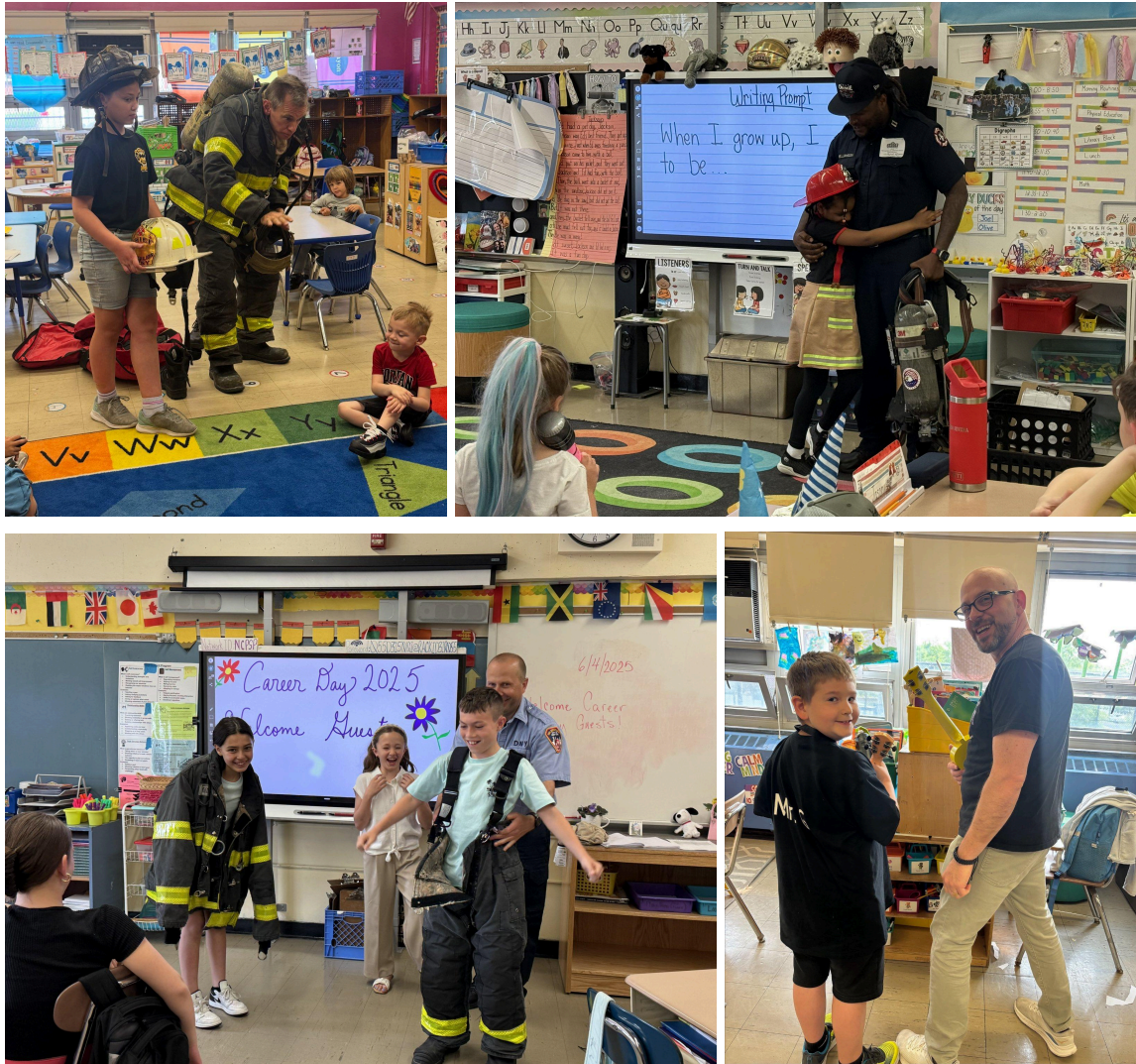


The Art Show was an absolute hit! Mrs. Argenziano, I am again speechless and looking forward to what the year ahead brings. Hearing our students proudly share their creations still has me smiling from ear to ear. To create art is to make the world a better place; to discuss it is to inspire others to do the same. Thank you for making our young artists confident change agents for a better world.



The Moana Production was an absolute success!!! An enormous thank you to the entire cast, our director, Mrs. Puliafico, assistant directors Ms. Cheyenne, Mrs. Coppola, Mrs. Pascale and all of the volunteers who made the production captivating as well as impressive from start to finish. BRAVO!!!

June, 2025



Career Day, wow, wow, wow!!! Thank you Mrs. Pascale for organizing our super talented school community family members to showcase tons of future career paths for our soon to be professionals. Students asked amazing questions, were proud to have guests share how they earn a living while simultaneously making our world a better place, and had a fantastic time learning about a variety of super cool careers with classmates. Thank you to all of the volunteers for spending the day with us to motivate and educate our students with regard to future opportunities. We are truly blessed to have the enormous turnout we do for this event year after year and appreciate all you do to S.H.I.N.E.



Ferryhawk Hype Day was tons of fun!!! A huge thank you to our PTA for asking Frankie the Ferryhawk to visit, getting students and staff excited to see some baseball with a great view of NYC!



The swimmers featured above trained at weekly practices and competed at four tri-meets against other schools and parishes across Staten Island. They showed persistence, hard work, and dedication throughout the season, helping I.S.34 secure another CYO championship title! AMAZING WORK!!!



Artists, whose piece is hanging in NYC Public Schools Chancellor Melissa Aviles Ramos's office, got to meet our chancellor at Tweed to enjoy lunch with other talented students from each of the boroughs.



Rebecca, also this year's co-president, earned our June athlete of the month award while also doing great academically. Thank you for leading with kindness while always keeping the bar high for fellow classmates. I'm going to miss you and Addie chiming in from basketball games during PTA zooms.



We welcomed a new PTA Executive Member, Sal, and celebrated those who brilliantly lead our team this school year at the annual PTA Installation Breakfast. We're super lucky to have the only member who will no longer serve on our Executive Board, instead serve as a classroom teacher next school year. Welcome to the P.S. 55 Teacher Team, Lauren and thank you for all of the cool Instagram content this school year!!! Our PTA Executive Board is the best. Thank you for all you do to support students, staff, new and returning families while continually highlighting how we are #PS55ShiningWithPride



Our PTA and Student Council's Helping Hands Club joined forces to raise money for the American Heart Association with an Ice Cream/ICE Pop fund raiser.



The Ferryhawk Game was super fun and raised funds for our school. I hope everyone will make it out to next year's game and thank our PTA for scheduling a sensational evening.



The Fifth Grade Dance and Fun Friday Painting Activity had everyone feeling their best and looking their brightest. Check out students and staff as they strutted their stuff on the red carpet here.



Our PTA worked with CWK Network to create a video highlighting extracurricular activities at P.S 55. Check it out [here](#). The four minute video only captured a bit of the joy and excitement.



It was wonderful to celebrate with families at our PreK Graduation and Kindergarten Escalation. Our entire team looks forward to seeing all you will achieve in Kindergarten and First Grade next school year. Keep up the great work, continue to lift one another , to be kind, and to enjoy all you are learning.



Our Fifth Grade Escalation brought a tear of pride to my eyes. Each student holds a special place in my heart. Please come back to share your accomplishments and present at a future career day. This class is bound to achieve beautiful things! Our future shining star students and staff will benefit from hearing all about how you are contributing as global citizens. Continue to S.H.I.N.E.



The Newspaper Club Publishing Party was lovely! Read this year's installment of The Scoop [here](#).



Seeing students sign one another's yearbook made for a marvelous morning. This right of passage showcased friendships forged over the years, inspirational messages, and brought our fifth grade class together in the playground for a moment to reflect as well as to connect.

Mrs. Crabbe is slated to be highlighted in the DIIT Feature A Teacher Weekly Newsletter as well as on LinkedIn. Be on the lookout for the write-up in the days to come. Thank you Mrs. Crabbe for all of the ways you S.H.I.N.E. while supporting our entire staff, all of our students, their families, and our NYC Public School System. Our students are ready for the ever changing world of Computer Science for your efforts, planning, compassion, and example of what it means to be a lifelong learner.



Our PTA sponsored End of Year Dance Party moved indoors as a result of our first seasonal heatwave. It turned out to be a tremendous success. Additionally, a few staff and students even got to dunk me outdoors in heat safe shifts. Thank you for impressing me with your accuracy and power. It was lovely to cool off as a result of your great arms. I think we have a few #PS55ShiningWithPride upcoming high school stars, D1 athletes, and professional ball players coming. Watch out!!!



Ms. Martinelli and Mrs. Riccio were both honored at this year's Senator Lanza Annual Teacher Appreciation Day. ceremony. Thank you for bringing positive energy to our school each day!



Our students and staff participated in a Slow-Motion Cheer Out to celebrate the retirement of Mrs. Deirdre Burke!!! You will be missed dearly but always have a home at P.S.55. Celebrating your abridged marathon through our halls and seeing you revered by all staff as well as the previous administration, who made it to our staff party, truly made me wish we had more time together. Continue to be an inspiration and thank you for your 28 years of service to NYC Public Schools and 25 years of service to P.S.55. Thank you from our entire team!!! You are a rock star and I hope to run as fast as you with more marathon experience. Continue to S.H.I.N.E. and inspire.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic year ahead! Thank you for reading and supporting all the ways we continue to be #PS55ShiningWithPride! Our team is truly terrific and I am eternally grateful.