

RACHEL CARSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 237

Magnet School for the Arts

Achieving Academic Excellence through the Arts

46-21 Colden Street, Flushing, New York 11355

(718) 353-6464 rcis237.org Fax: (718) 460-6427

Judith Friedman, Principal

Carla Brathwaite, Assistant Principal
Stephen Galizia, Assistant Principal
Jeannine Strong, Assistant Principal
Susan Braverman, Special Ed. Advisor

April 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Spring is an especially important time of year for us as we begin to engage in preparations for end-of-year assessments and review **promotion criteria**. As always, we rely on the help of our parents and guardians to make sure that our youngsters conclude the school year successfully. Please carefully review the following information:

NYS Assessments

ASSESSMENT	DATES
NYSESLAT	Speaking portion begins Monday 4/9
ELA	Tuesday 4/11 and Wednesday 4/12
Math	Tuesday May 1 and Wednesday May 2

- **On all test days, every student must report to school by 7:50 AM and come prepared with at least two sharpened #2 pencils with good erasers.**
- **Students should not bring cell phones or other electronic devices to school on test days as they are not permitted in testing rooms.** All cell phones and electronic devices that are brought to school will be collected. **TESTS OF STUDENTS FOUND WITH CELL PHONES OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN TESTING ROOMS MAY HAVE TO BE INVALIDATED.**

Blue Emergency Card

It is essential that all adults who are permitted to pick your child up from school are listed on the Blue emergency Card. No student will be released to anyone whose name is not listed on the Emergency Contact Card. All visitors **must** have ID to enter the building.

Dress Code: Please be reminded that our **school dress code is a uniform shirt in the appropriate grade level color, and either khaki slacks or jeans**. Students are **not** permitted to wear hoodies, ripped jeans of any color, sweat pants, short shorts, skimpy shirts/blouses, tee shirts or sandals. (Sandals are prohibited for safety reasons.) Please help by checking your child's attire before he/she leaves for school each morning.

Important April Dates

April 2-6 Spring Break – No School
April 10 SLT Meeting 3:30 PM
April 25 Town Hall Safety Meeting 10:00 AM
April 27 Class 604 & 615 Trip to Museum of Chinese Americans

CONGRATULATIONS to the I.S. 237 Math Team and Debate Team! Both teams were winners in recent competitions!

- Our 8th grade Math Team came in 2nd place in the MathCounts Queens Chapter Competition
- Our Debate Team won 1st Place Sweepstakes as well as individual and speaker awards in the Spring Classic Advanced Competition.

SCHOOL CLOSED March 30th through APRIL 8th FOR SPRING BREAK

We are always here to help you and your child. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. Best wishes for happy and health holidays to all those who will be celebrating during the spring break. We hope that you all enjoy the arrival of spring weather.

Very truly yours,

Judith Friedman

