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Dear P.S. 307 Families:

I am writing to you just as our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are completing the third day of the New York State English Language Arts Exam. Like you, I am hoping that they put forth their best, including my own daughter, who is sitting for the 6th grade ELA exam at this very moment. Our teachers have prepared the students well so I am feeling pretty good about it.

Last night, I went to a college fair with my older daughter who is a junior in high school. So many colleges were present and while it was an opportunity to imagine the types of experiences my daughter would get at each of these schools, it became clear to me that the reality would be based on what degree she was able to meet the criteria for each of these schools.

I share this because it was a reminder that you can't suddenly have doors open for you in your junior year of high school. The work on the part of families and schools begins early. As principal of an elementary school, I own this responsibility and recognize that doors begin opening as early as now. High academic proficiency, as measured by mastery of grade level standards and the state test, active participation in extracurricular activities, service to the community and demonstration of character traits that are reflective of college and career readiness, opens the door to great middle schools, which open the doors to great high schools, and...you get the picture.

Many of you have filled out the NYC Department of Education School Survey. If you have not yet completed it, please participate before the April 7th deadline. Throughout the month of April the school will also be surveying families to learn more about how we can further engage you in the academic life of your child. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge how important it is for us to have your support, so please do not be shy sharing with us what you need.

This month ends on another high note with tomorrow's P.S. 307 Women in STEM Expo, celebrating and advocating for women's important role in the field of STEM. Several inspiring career women will be visiting

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and presenting to our students in grades 3-5 from 1 to 2pm. Please be sure to follow up with your child and ask them what they learned.

April is Autism Awareness Month and we will have events to celebrate our students and staff and to educate others on autism. We have an outstanding ASD program so it is a great time to recognize the hard work and dedication that the staff and the children we serve embody.

It is sunnier and brighter and P.S. 307; not because spring has finally sprung, but because the scaffolding is finally gone and the light is pouring through. We are now setting our sights on bringing the front of the school back to life with flowers, grass, plants and all the things that indicate that it is spring. The School Construction Authority has promised to bring the outside of the school to its pre-construction state so please bear with us in the meantime.

Spring break begins on April 8th and school resumes on the 19th. During this time, please ensure that your child continues to read daily in addition to getting quality outdoor time. We have another round of state testing for Math in May for grades 3-5. Therefore, students should also be reviewing their work and completing their math assignments during the break.

Enjoy your spring break and, as always, thank you for choosing P.S. 307. ☺

Sincerely,

Stephanie Carroll
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