

# The Panther Weekly

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## Women's Month Focus

This women's month focus is dedicated to all the newly elected women in Congress. In January 2019, there were a record number of women sworn into office, 127 to be exact. Whether they are on the left or right side of the isle, it is promising to see women take positions that we did not have rights to. Inspirational stories from the youngest to the first in various categories, strong women pushed for and made a movement that motivated voters, young and old alike, and we as a country are better for it.

*"We realize the importance of our voices only when we are silenced." – Malala Yousafzai, Nobel Laureate*

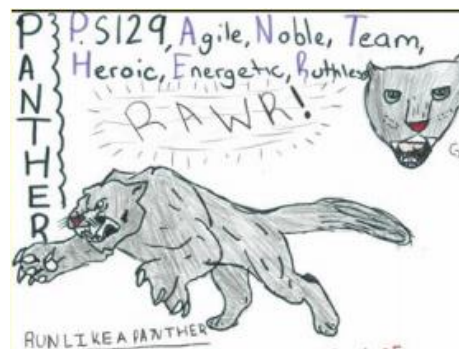
- Joseph R.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

On February 28, 2019 we had our Black History Celebration at our school. We choreographed and danced to songs like Poison by BBD, Rockin' Robin by Jackson 5 and Proud Mary by Tina Turner. We recited poems from inspirational African American writers like Maya Angelou and Langston Hughes. Our performance was a celebration of our heritage, our freedom of expression, and way for us to show off our dance moves. We ended the show with a collaborative dance with all parents, teachers and students in the audience. It was a great moment at our school to see us all come together to celebrate the freedoms and progress that our ancestors fought so hard for. I believe they would be proud.

If you missed the show you can watch the whole show on our school website, [www.johnhfinley.org](http://www.johnhfinley.org).

-Malachi G.



## Upcoming Events

### March 10<sup>th</sup>

Day Light Saving (*move your clock one hour forward 2am*)

### March 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

Parent Teacher Conference

### March 17<sup>th</sup>

St. Patrick Day (**wear green**)

### April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>

ELA State Test Grades 3 – 8



**Attendance 93%**

Remember school begins at  
**8:00am.**

The best way to have our children practice great habits is to start now!

## **SUNAII'S TEST TAKING TIPS**

As we all know the ELA State test is coming starting **April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>**. It is **18 school days** away! To prepare for this we decided to share some tips to help us all do our best. These are methods that we can do every day on our own to help us prepare.

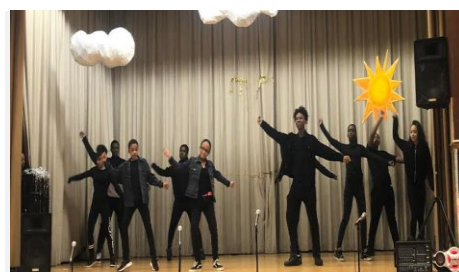
1. The night before the test get a good night's sleep and eat high protein breakfast in the morning. Nothing would be worse than getting to the test and feel tired and hungry.
2. **Be early on test day!** This is one of the best ways to calm your nerves and feel relaxed going into the exam.
3. **Be positive!** Nobody likes a negative Nancy and neither does your confidence. They say a little confidence goes a long way, well it could help get you over the hump to success.
4. **Be receptive** to the information your teacher has been providing you, and take the practice material they provide and practice. It is stated that "Practice makes perfect" well I say **"practice makes permanent"** and we want to permanently excel in everything we do.

## **REMINDER FOR STUDENTS:**

- 🌈 **CLUBS ARE BACK!!** Please see Mr. Zorrilla about the new clubs that are forming. Find what you love and immerse yourselves ☺
- 🌈 Want to get fit before school? Sign up for **CHAMPS** sports. Every **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** from **7am – 7:45am**, CHAMPS is a fitness program involving all sports, the quarterly feature is BOXING.

## **REMINDER FOR PARENTS:**

- ❖ Summer camp enrollments are coming up, get a head start on arrangements for the free programs offered. Here are some options of websites that provide information on free or income based camps.
  - [www.goddard.org](http://www.goddard.org)
  - [www.nycgovparks.org/reg/summercamp](http://www.nycgovparks.org/reg/summercamp)
  - [www1.nyc.gov](http://www1.nyc.gov)
- ❖ John H Finley's **uniform policy** is navy blue pants with a white collar shirt and maroon cardigan: Uniform is displayed in the main lobby, and can be purchased at Lazarus or Cookies.
- ❖ State tests will be administered for **ELA** from **April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>** and for **Math, May 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Let us work together to help our students do their personal best.



### **In the Community**

Parents do you want some fun things to do with your children over the weekend? Here are some local **low cost** or **FREE** activities in your area, Register via **Eventbrite App**.

#### **Barbie 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pop-Up**

Sat March 9 10am – 7pm  
505 Broadway NY, NY 10012  
Free

#### **Music SouSou! Pan-Diaspora Rhythms**

Sat March 9 11am – 3 pm  
Caribbean Cultural Center  
120 E 125<sup>th</sup> street NY, NY 10035  
Free

**Features from the student body, Thank you for reading ☺**