John H. Finley School PS/MS 129 Week of Mar 25nd

The Panther Weekly

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Women's Month

Elizabeth Shaila Koshy AKA Liza Koshy is a YouTuber, actress, comedian, television host and former Vinestar. Her success began on a once popular social media platform called vine and she then merged into the YouTube world and really took off. Born and raised in Houston, Texas even attending the University of Houston Liza left all that behind and moved to Los Angeles to pursue her dreams. She inspires many millennials and generation Z kids like myself by staying true to herself. She is a proud popular black female icon who has not defamed herself into what Hollywood wants you to be but has thrived by staying true to her values and roots.

"Don't worry about fitting in when you're custom made."

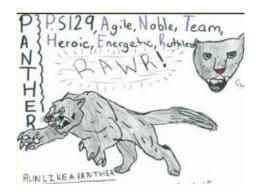
- Liza Koshy

-Sunaii B.

If I can see it I can be it

Every Friday, if you look into the auditorium you can see students, learning different genres of dance, techniques of rapping and a self-confidence tool called "If I can see it I can be it". Founder of WomenOverIncarcerated.org, Jamila Davis, hosts club activities with grades 6 through 8, in hopes to inspire us to make better choices, learn about the real world and follow our dreams. She has chosen to use her own personal stories of failure to triumph to inspire the youth to be better and do better. We are being immersed in different cultural experience that will broaden our horizons and views on our future and we will be better for it.

- Malachi G.



Upcoming Events

April 2nd – 4thELA State Test Grades 3 – 8

April 19th – 26thSpring Break School Closed

May 15th – 16th
Parent Teacher Conference

YOUR ONLY LIMIT IS YOU

Attendance 93%

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

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

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Kane and Bryce's Test Taking Tips

As we all know the ELA State test is coming starting April 2nd - 4th.

It is **2 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.

- Read the questions before you read the passage. When you skim over the questions and then read the passage it can help point out what you are looking for in the passage, and help you find the correct answer.
- 2. When answering the short answers, remember to do **EXACTLY** what the question asks. If it asks for <u>TWO</u> details, give them <u>TWO</u> details. Use that acronym <u>R.A.C.E.</u> that we see in every classroom. <u>Restate the question</u>, <u>Answer the question</u>, <u>Cite the source and <u>Explain</u> your response.</u>
- 3. Did we tell you to get a goodnight's rest? Yeah? DUHHH, we keep telling you because it is <u>important</u>. Sleep is important in helping the body and brain function. So catch some ZzZz's and eat a hearty protein filled breakfast, and come to school **April 2**nd prepared to do your best.

REMINDER FOR STUDENTS:

- **TRYOUTS!** Join the soccer team, Grades 6-8. Practices are every Wednesday and games are Saturday at Brooklyn Bridge Park. If any teachers are interested in coaching contact Ms. Geldner.
- **Saturday Test Prep!** We want you all to do your best come April 2nd, get your pink permission slips signed and come join us on Saturdays from 8:30am − 12:30pm.

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.
 - o <u>www.goddard.org</u>
 - o <u>www.nycgovparks.org/reg/summercamp</u>
 - o www1.nyc.gov
- John H Finley's <u>uniform policy</u> 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 2nd 4th and for Math, May 1st 3rd. 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 <u>Eventbrite App</u> or visit www.nycgovparks.org/events.

NYC Parks

When You Were Young: Play Favorite Childhood Games

J. Hood Wright Rec. Center 351 Washington Ave Sat March 30, @ 11am – 3:30pm Free – Contact 212-927-1514

EventBrite

Fort Tyron Kids Art: Whimsical Birdhouse Payson Center, Inwood Hill Park Payson Ave and Dyckman Street Sun March 31, 2pm -3:30pm Free – Register on EventBrite App

Luis R.

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