

# The Panther Weekly

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## Women's Month Focus

Beyoncé is a singer, songwriter, actress, record producer and dancer from Houston, Texas. Beyoncé's talent and influence cannot be limited just to her musical accolades. Besides being an awesome person, Beyoncé has inspired my love for dancing, she performs almost effortlessly and attributes her success to hard work, self-determination and never giving up. Her timeless hits and inspirational songs, have women and young girls all over the world drinking their "Lemonade" and letting us know "Who runs the world? GIRLS". I would not mind living in that world.

"I don't like to gamble but if there's one thing I can bet on, it's myself."

- Beyoncé

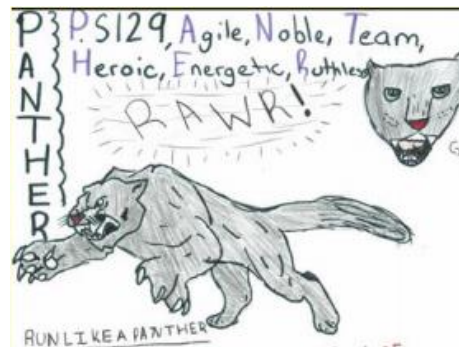
-Bryce T.

## AHHHHHH SWOOSHHHH



We fly high, no lie, you know it BALLIN'!! The John H Finley Panther co-ed basketball team had a basketball game on March 9, 2019. Our team consists of the grades 3 through 5 and our coach is Mr. Kellum aka Coach K. He encourages us to do our best no matter the score. We were supported by our friends, family and our teachers. We did not win the game but we had some season high performances by Joe and myself. Even though we were sad that we did not win the game, Coach K still took us out for McDonald's afterwards as a team.

- Janiyah W.



## Upcoming Events

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** 4:30pm – 7:30pm

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** 12:20pm – 2:20pm

Parent Teacher Conference

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**

St. Patrick Day

(Wear green on Monday 3/18)

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

ELA State Test Grades 3 – 8

**April 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**

Spring Break School Closed



**Attendance 94%**

Remember school begins at

**8:00am.**

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

## Cire and Malachi'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 **14 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. **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. **RELAX!!** Nothing will be worse than getting to the test and stressing out: relax, take your time, you literally have all day.
3. **Ask for help!** The teachers are here to help you do your best.
4. **Did we tell you to get a goodnight's rest?** Yeah? In the last newsletter? Well that is because it is doubly important. Sleep is important in helping the body function. So catch some Zzzz's and eat a hearty protein filled breakfast, and come to school **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** prepared to do your best.

## **REMINDER FOR STUDENTS:**

- 🌟 **CLUBS ARE BACK!!** Please see Mr. Zorrilla about the new clubs that are forming.
- 🌟 **TRYOUTS!** Join the soccer team, Grades 6-8. First tryout is this Wednesday 3/13 at 4:30pm and games will be on Saturdays at Brooklyn Bridge Park. If any teachers are interested in coaching contact Ms. Geldner.

- Joseph R.

## **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 [www.goddard.org](http://www.goddard.org)
  - o [www.nycgovparks.org/reg/summercamp](http://www.nycgovparks.org/reg/summercamp)
  - o [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** or visit [www.nycgovparks.org/events](http://www.nycgovparks.org/events)

**Eventbrite App**  
**WOW Festival Teen Summit**  
**Apollo Theater Mainstage**  
253 W 125<sup>th</sup> street NY, 10027  
Sat March 16 from 12pm – 1:30pm  
Free – RSVP on App

**NYC Parks**  
**Nature's Workshop: Growing A Green Garden**  
Dyckman Street and Payson Ave  
Sat March 16<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 2:30pm  
Free – Contact 212-304-2277

**Rowing Open House**  
2579 Harlem river Drive NY, 10034  
Sat March 16<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 4pm  
Free –  
Contact: [newyork@toprow.com](mailto:newyork@toprow.com)

- Luis R.

Thank you for reading ☺