John H. Finley School PS/MS 129 Week of Mar 18th

# 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.

# March Madness We Advanced In the Hack-a-Thon

We did it, we advanced in the Hack-a-Thon. No, the Hack-a-Thon is not something you will see on WikiLeaks, it is a city based competition between students and schools to find solutions to everyday problems. Middle School students Gabriel, Garret, Davon, JahMeir, Mamakhady, and Dana created an app called HelpNearMe. This app helps people who are in dangerous situations to find a safe place or person to help them. Our middle schoolers advanced to the next level and if they keep this up they can show off their ideas for the mayor at City Hall. Stay tuned!

Joseph R.



## **Upcoming Events**

**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

May 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>
Parent Teacher Conference

# Selfconfidence is the best outfit, rock it and own it.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>.

It is **7 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. When answering the short answers, remember to do **EXACTLY** what the question asks. If it asks for  $\underline{\text{TWO}}$  details, give them  $\underline{\text{TWO}}$  details. Use that acronym R.A.C.E. that we see in every classroom. Restate the question,  $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$ nswer the question,  $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$  ite the source and  $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$ xplain your response.
- 3. Did we tell you to get a goodnight's rest? Yeah? DUHHH, we keep telling you because it is **important**. 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 2nd 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 www.goddard.org
  - www.nycgovparks.org/reg/summercamp
  - o 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 1st - 3rd. Let us work together to help our students do their personal best.



# **In the Community**

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

www.nycgovparks.org/events

#### **NYC Parks**

forning Fitness at Fort Tyron Park at leather Garden. Manhattan **!640 Grand Concourse** Contact Number: (212) 795-1388 Sat March 23 From 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

YRR Open Run: St. Mary's Park at Eagle Avenue and 149th Street, Bronx Contact Number: (212) 360-3300 Sat March 23, 2019 From 9:00 -0:00a.m

Shape Up NYC Latin Dance for fitness it Poe Park Visitor Center, Bronx 1arch 23, 2019 From 9:00 - 10:00am ontact Number: (718) 365-5516

Luis R

Thank you for reading ③

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