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Winter Wonderland!

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Students from third, fourth and fifth grade enjoyed a Winter Wonderland celebration with their families! Happy Holidays from P.S. 89!

It's finally December! Time for presents! Time for hot chocolate! Time for ice skating and spending time with our families! P.S. 89 spreads the holiday cheer by having a Winter Wonderland for students and families to enjoy.

On December 17th and 18th, the school had an event for all grades from Kindergarten to 5th. At the event there were photos with Santa! Kids got to tell Santa what they wish for. Also the students participated in arts and crafts. Some of the crafts were making your own ornament, creating a red and white beaded bracelet, and a snowflake creation. Also there was an amazing DJ and dancing (shout out to Ms. Sherman!) Happy winter P.S. 89!

Meet Your New Student Council Leaders!

By Nusrath S., Class 308

It was a very close election this year for student council! All of the candidates did a great job with their speeches and with their posters. Now that the election has passed, let's see what the presidents from each academy are going to do for our school. Miranda, the president from Britton Academy, says, "I would like to put more clubs and awards for the Britton Academy." Vidhi, the Hampton Academy president says, "Me and Carlos (vice president) decided to make a suggestion box for students to put ideas for the Hampton Academy." Finally, Carolina the president of Gleane Academy told us, "I would like to make a comic club, phones in the cafeteria for 5th graders, and have cleaner bathrooms." Ms. Dorgan is looking forward to working with the students. She said, "The student council already had their first meeting, and they have a lot of great ideas." We wish the leaders good luck with all their plans for making our school better!

Britton Academy

Vice President: Alex C.

President: Miranda S.

Hampton Academy

Vice President: Carlos B.

President: Vidhi P.

Gleane Academy

Vice President: Daniel G.

President: Carolina M.



Clubs at P.S. 89

By Rihanna B., Class 208
and Heidi R., Class 209

Remember when we had to sit in lunch bored, just talking friends, not doing that much? Well now we have clubs! For example, basketball, dance, anime, sewing club and more! Kids enjoy their weekly activity learning new things and having fun working with other students from other classes. Batter up, or should I say, club up? We are going to ask kids about their opinions to see what the public thinks. Here are some of the opinions of kids and their thoughts on their clubs.

Mikayla, a 5th grader from class 208, is indeed glad she joined anime club. She said, "I feel like it's a dream because I have liked watching anime and when I got accepted in anime club I felt so amazed! I like the new clubs. It's fun for kids and it's entertaining too." Anime club is an afterschool club. Members watch episodes of anime and participate in activities anime related. They meet up every Thursday from 2:30 to 3:30.

Erick M. from class 209 goes to chorus every Wednesday. He said, "I like going to chorus because we get to sing, be ourselves use our creativity to rehearse and do our best work in singing." Chorus is also an after-school club on Wednesday or Thursday with Ms. Landers. They focus on singing skills and on future performances. They practice songs over and over again to get better.



Chris L., who is in gaming club says, "I love gaming club because we are taught how to solve a rubix cube and play games with other kids from other classes. We also play board games!" Can you hear the emotion in Chris' voice? Kids compete against other kids in games like connect four, checkers, tic-tac-toe, snake and ladders, jacks and jenga.

Hip Hop is back! David M. has been on the team for the past two years. He said, "Ms.Velazquez gives us a dance and she makes half of the dance but the rest is up to us. It's fun creating dances ourselves." Jessica Q. from class 208 said, "We dance, we rehearse for an assembly, and my favorite dance genre is hip hop. Dance is great because it's great for your body since it's exercise and it's enjoyable."

There is also the sports club! Brandon from class 209 said, "Our teacher is really awesome. She understands all of the sports we're going to learn. We're even starting to play lacrosse!" What an amazing teacher Ms. Camastro is!

The art of sewing is amazing. Sharon from class 208 says, "We are sewing a bookmark. Next we're doing a comfy pillow and super soft teddy bear. I think sewing is fun. We might use an actual sewing machine for our next creations!"

The students in different clubs are proud to be members and follow their passion for activities. We want to give our teachers a shout out for using their time from lunch for their students, and the teachers who stay after-school helping kids. Don't forget to thank your teachers!

Teachers and Students:

We want to share your news and events!

Please submit your news article ideas to student reporters in class 308, 315, 211, 208, or 209.



Future Games!

By Kevin B., Class 208

Have you heard about the new fifth grade basketball team? In January we are playing in competitive games against other schools. Will our Comets win? Or will the other team take us over? Find out what the players and coaches are thinking as they get ready for their first competitive game.

Our players are practicing for our game against the other school's team. My best friend Nicholas B. is on the scene sharing what he thinks of the team's chances. Nicholas says he is, "really scared to face off against the other schools." You heard him! Will these players be prepared enough to play in our first game? Now we have a big explanation of the practices by Ismael B. He believes that, "Basketball is great. We practice passing the ball, shooting, defenses, and passing." You heard it here. THE Ismael from basketball team says that it could be tough work for him and his brave teammates. We know that our team is working hard and will not be wasting any time. They are really eager to kick the other team out and win.

Our coach Mr. Desiante says, "We have a lot of promise. The athletes are very talented. We just need to mold them into a team so they can shine as true leaders and be an example for the other students." You heard it from the one and only Mr. D. He is wanting us to shine and excel as a team, to unite to WIN! It could be our time to show the other schools how amazing the Comets really are!

Now this concludes how we could be the best of the best! We could be the first and the best basketball team in the history of P.S. 89. Now we have the necessary uniforms, equipment and other tools to get to work. We wish the best of luck to the P.S. 89 Comets to win the match against the other teams! We believe in the amazing members of our awesome team. Will their hard work pay off? Hear it here in The Comet Chronicle. See you next time!

Cosmic Comedy!

Why did the snake want to be president?



From
Alvin Y.
Class 308

Keep reading to find the answer!



Mr. Benussi and Mr. Desiante coaching fifth grade students.



Ms. Verouhis with players from the Comets at their first practice.



Beginning with the end in mind as they prepare for their first game.

A Note from Ms. La Sala



I am so excited as I watch all of our students stepping up to try on leadership roles. From our cafeteria safety patrol to our candidates for student council, each and every one of you is showing us how within each of you is a leader. Wishing all of our P.S. 89 families a happy and healthy holiday season!

An Ideal Holiday Break

By Joanna W. and Vidhi P., Class 315

Imagine you're coming home from school. You smile as you think about the things you can do tomorrow and the rest of the break. But there's something else in the back of your head. "Homework" you think suddenly. Your happy visions of an ideal holiday break disappear, leaving you with a heavy feeling in your stomach. We know you can imagine a break without homework, but have you ever actually had one? There should be no homework on holiday breaks because you need time to be with family and friends, it is a time to rest, and students prefer it.

First of all, you need time with family and friends. For example, Vaibhvi P. from class H5-308 says, "Children can connect more with their family and friends instead of doing so much homework." This proves that family and friends are more important than homework. In addition, Mrs. Brulhardt says, "I want you to be able to celebrate with your family." As a result, we kids should be using vacation time to be with family and friends rather than doing homework.

Another reason is that it is time to rest. For instance, Ms. Sherman says, "I believe that the holidays should be a time for family and rejuvenation, not a time for homework." This explains that having no homework during holiday break can allow you to get rest and relax with your family. To add on, Amisha L. from class H5-308 says, "When it's holiday break, kids want to have resting time, not do homework." This shows kids should have time to rest, and relax.

Lastly, students prefer having no homework in holiday breaks. According to a recent survey on class H5-315, they were asked that if they want holiday homework or not and the whole class said no. This proves students agree they want no homework on holiday break. Furthermore, Pema D. says, "I would like no homework on breaks because when someone has been doing their homework everyday, they would like a time of relief which is having no homework." This means that students prefer having no homework on holiday break.

In conclusion remember how homework made you feel worried during break. No homework on holiday break is important. While some people may think a lot of homework on holiday break is good, it really just gives more stress to kids. No homework on holiday break is important to kids because they need time with family and friends, it is time to rest, and students prefer it. All people should know that sometimes people need a break!



Homework Over Break? No way!

By Charlie L., Class 208

Answer: He wanted to go down in hissssstory!