

Elementary School Home-School Connection

The Messenger of God said: God informed Prophet Moses (peace be upon him) that of all God's servants, the dearest to God was he who was strong enough to take revenge and yet forgives. (Mishkat al-Masabih; Bayhaqi)



“Peace cannot be kept by force, it can only be achieved by understanding”

- Albert Einstein

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Message from Sister Bibi Baksh, Elementary School Instructional Leader

Policy Reminders: We are asking parents to respect school policies.

- **Parties in Classrooms:** Parents may not request parties on behalf of their children for any reason. Any celebration in school is initiated by teachers and subject to the principal's approval. Therefore, we will not accept cakes, cupcakes and/or party bags from parents who wish us to acknowledge birthdays or any other occasion.
- **Snacks:** Currently, only grades Pre-K to 2nd have assigned snack time. We are asking parents of these grades to send snacks with their children if they have issues with what their children eat in school. With a few parents objecting to what we share as snacks (although we are making healthier choices) and with several students with food allergies, we are considering phasing out giving students snacks. Instead, we encourage parents to send their children with their own snacks. We will still have a scheduled snack time.
- **Dismissal:** Parents should wait at the cafeteria at dismissal time to pick up their children. Please do not go directly to the classroom.
- **Picking up and dropping off:** Please do not make left turns from Walnut St. Also, parents are not permitted to block the driveway or drop off in the school yard. Please understand that this creates traffic chaos.



Important Dates:

Spelling Bee: March 5th (Elementary School), March 6th (Middle School).

State Tests: ELA, April 1-3; Math, April 30-May 2.

Trips:

We are currently planning trips. Thank you for your suggestions. Please keep in mind, with state tests so close, and with all the unexpected Snow Days, there is a possibility 3-5th grades will go on trips after State Tests.

Please email out trip coordinators, Srs. Sana and Ala, at smunassar@andalusiaschool.org and/or aabdallah@andalusiaschool.org

Title 1:

We are pleased to announce that we have received funding for Title 1 literacy services for Yonkers kids. They will receive services immediately.

Snow Days Make-Up:

Please keep in mind we will have school on April 15th, 16th and 17th instead of Spring Break. This is to make up for the Snow Days.

Student of the Month Achievers:

Grade	January
Pre-K	Karim Rafiq
K	Huda Jamshaid
1st Grade	Khiza Abbas
2nd Grade	Fatimah Azeez
3rd Grade	Manaar Gulrukh
4th Grade	Tamara Chowdury
5th Grade	Azizah Rashid
Arabic	Noor Dasan, Malayeka Naqvi
Islamic Studies	Salam Perez
Quran	Zahra Haleem
Gifted Award	Sajid Rohman

ES Science Fair Winners:

3rd Grade:

Natural Resources

Manaar Gulrukh, Nafeyu Tayib, Nasser Shibah, Dahlia Elgendi, Fatima Dezhambekova

4th Grade:

No More Browning, No More Problem

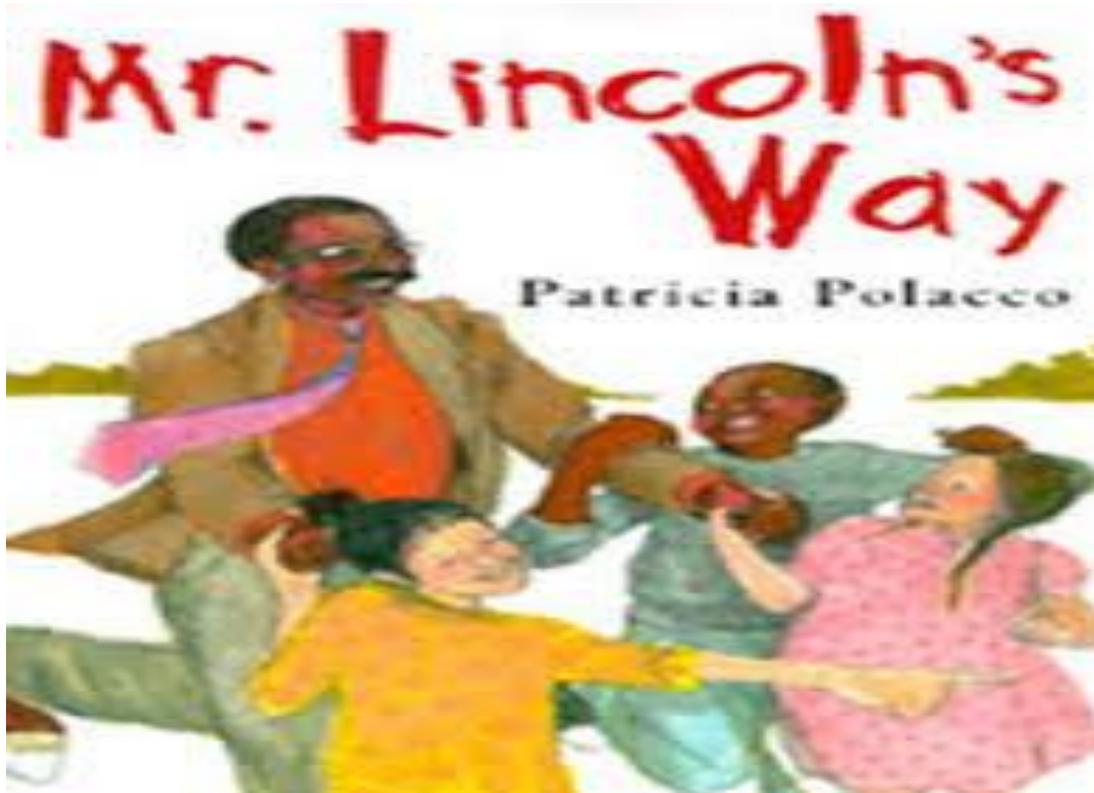
Ayat Ighara, Maryam Rached, Malayka Naqvi, Kamela Khan

5th Grade:

Balloon Rocket

Nora Yafae, Zahra Ali, Salma Perez

Book of the Month:



This book is about a boy who needs a way out of trouble and the principal who guides him. *"Mr. Lincoln is the coolest principal ever! He wears cool clothes and has a cool smile. He knows how to do everything, from jumping rope to leading nature walks. All the kids love him....except for Eugene Esterhause. 'Mean Gene' hates everyone who's different from himself. He's a terrible student. He pushes little kids down and makes them cry. And he calls people awful names. How can Mr. Lincoln get through to Mean Gene and show him that the differences between people are what make them special?"*

We chose this book in honor of Black History Month, and to continue in our efforts embracing of human diversity.

Writer's Corner

Ruby Bridges had courage as a little girl. She was brave. I read in *Time for Kids Magazine*, Ruby gave a speech about equal rights to children. She said, “You can’t look at a person and judge them.” This reminds me of Dr. King’s speech. He said, “I have a dream that one day my four little children will be judged by the content of their character...” Both Ruby Bridges and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had courage to stand up for equality. I think we should learn a lesson from both of them. We should all treat each other fairly. It really doesn’t matter how we look; it is all about what we do.

**From the Journal of Fatimah Azeez,
Grade 2**

First Grade Haiku

Black History Month
We are fighting for freedom
and equal rights.

By Shanzay Bhatti

Black History Month
Fight for desegregation!
Fight for equal rights!

By Raheem Azeez

Snow falls from the sky.
We go skiing in the snow.
Snow is really fun.

By Ammaar Shariff

In winter snow falls.
I like to make snow angels.
My dog likes it too.

By Sofian Dahmani

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