COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 32
BUSHWICK, BROOKLYN
TOGETHER WE SHINE

Superintendent Arelis Parache

DISTRICT 32 LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY BULLETIN

November 2026

In the Month of November

On Veteran's Day (November 11) we recognize and thank those who have served in the military, reflecting on the values of service, dedication, courage, and leadership.

Colin Powell



Colin Powell (1937-2021) was a four-star general in the U.S. Army, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the first Black U.S. Secretary of State. He grew up in New York City as the son of Jamaican immigrants and rose through public service to become one of the most respected leaders in the nation.

Why is he important?

- Served in the U.S. Army for 35 years.
- Advocated for education, mentorship, leadership, and service throughout his life.
- Demonstrated that dedication, integrity, and hard work can help overcome obstacles and create opportunities for others.

Our Website:
www.csd32.org

District 32 Shared Purpose

Vision: Cultivating rigorous and authentic student-driven learning experiences every day to foster strong, successful, and signficant leaders in all our students.

Mission: Accelerating teaching and learning, advancing equity, and activating community in service of our students and families.

A Season of Gratitude



Dear District 32 Lighthouse Family,

As we enter November, a season of gratitude and reflection, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for the incredible people who make District 32 shine.

To our District Team, thank you for your tireless dedication and the countless ways you support our schools, often behind the scenes.

To our principals, educators, and school staff, thank you for creating learning environments where every child feels seen, valued, challenged, and inspired.

To our students, thank you for filling our schools with curiosity, joy, and endless possibilities. You are the heart of our Bushwick Brilliance!

To our families and community partners, thank you for your trust, collaboration, and unwavering commitment to our children's success.

Our lighthouse reminds us that no one shines alone. Each of you is a guiding light, and together, we are building a stronger, brighter future for our students.

This season, I encourage everyone to celebrate those who make a difference and find ways to shine a little light on others.

With heartfelt gratitude, thank you for being part of our District 32 family.

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District 32 Harvest Math Festival

This October, District 32 transformed the district office into a festive pumpkin patch as families, students, staff, and community partners gathered to celebrate the changing season at our annual Harvest Festival. This year, we were excited to introduce a new math component in support of NYCPS Math Week, creating even more opportunities for joyful learning and engagement.

Throughout the event, district team members and community partners hosted hands-on math games and activities designed to reinforce an important message: everyone is a mathematician at heart. Students and families explored math through art by creating shapes, patterns, and mosaics, solved picture-based algebra puzzles, built number sense and fluency through card games like War, and practiced flexible addition and subtraction while constructing with blocks. No matter their age or experience, participants discovered that math can be creative, collaborative, and fun.

As students visited each math station, they earned stickers in their Math Passports, proudly collecting evidence of their mathematical thinking and problem-solving. Once their passports were filled, students earned access to the pumpkin patch, where they selected a pumpkin and received a special treat bag to take home.

The day was filled with even more fun thanks to our wonderful community partners, whose support helped make the event a memorable experience for all. Families enjoyed face painting, boxing activities, a festive photo booth, and other engaging experiences that brought our community together and celebrated the joy of learning.
We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of the district team members, volunteers, and community partners who helped bring this event to life. Together, we created an afternoon filled with discovery, laughter, and connection, while reminding students and families that math is for everyone and that every learner has the potential to think, reason, and solve problems like a mathematician.







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Resources for Families

Food Pantry Near Me

https://www.foodbanknyc.org/find-food/

New York Psychotherapy and Conuseling Center

https://nypcc.org/

New York Public School Calendar
School Year 2026-2027

https://tinyurl.com/a7jhk46z

National Family Literacy Month

November is National Family Literacy Month, a time to celebrate the important role families play in helping children develop a love of reading, learning, and storytelling. Research shows that when families read, talk, and learn together, children build stronger literacy skills, greater confidence, and a lifelong appreciation for learning.

This month, we encourage District 32 families to make literacy part of everyday life through simple and fun activities:

📖 Read together for 20 minutes each day.
🗣️ Share family stories, traditions, and memories.
📚 Visit your local library and explore new books.
✍️ Write letters, cards, shopping lists, or journal entries together.
🎭 Act out scenes from a favorite story or create your own.
❓ Ask questions and discuss books as a family.
🌎 Read stories that celebrate different cultures, languages, and experiences.

Family Literacy Challenge

Try completing one literacy activity each week:

- Read a favorite book together.
- Visit a library or create a cozy reading space at home.
- Write a story, poem, or family memory together.
- Share a book recommendation with a friend or family member.

Remember, literacy goes beyond books. Talking, listening, singing, storytelling, and writing are all powerful ways to support your child's learning. Every conversation, every story, and every book helps children grow as readers and learners.

Let's celebrate National Family Literacy Month by making time to read, learn, and grow together. Every family has a story, and every child can be a reader! 📚❤️👨‍👩‍👧

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Calendar of Events

Election Day (Remote Learning)
November 3

Parent Teacher Conferences (Elementary Schools)
November 5

Veteran's Day: No School
November 11

Parent Teacher Conferences (Middle Schools)
November 12

Community Education Council Meeting (CEC)
@ I.S. 562
November 17 @ 6PM

Thanksgiving Holiday Schools Closed
November 26 - 27

High School Applications Close
December 4, 2026

Middle School Applications Close
December 11, 2026

Important Contacts

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What Else is Going on at District 32

District 32 Does Math









I.S. 347 Soccer Garden Ribbon Cutting





