

# APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER



## A Note from Principal Antoine:

Dear PS 40 Families,

Happy April! As we welcome the warmer weather and the start of the spring season, we reflect on how March came in like a lion and went out like a lamb, making way for the gentle signs of spring ahead. We are reminded that April showers bring May flowers—a wonderful reflection of how growth takes time, patience, and care. Just like the changing season, our students continue to grow each day through their learning, creativity, and perseverance.

April is an important month for continued academic progress and strong attendance, especially as students in grades 3–5 prepare for the upcoming New York State assessments. Please help your child arrive to school on time each day, well-rested and ready to do their best.

At PS 40, we remain committed to developing the whole child through strong instruction in literacy and math, along with rich opportunities in the arts and social-emotional learning. We are proud of the creativity, effort, and progress our students demonstrate every day!

We also look forward to several spring activities and family engagement opportunities this month. Be sure to check your child's backpack and our school communications regularly for important dates and updates.

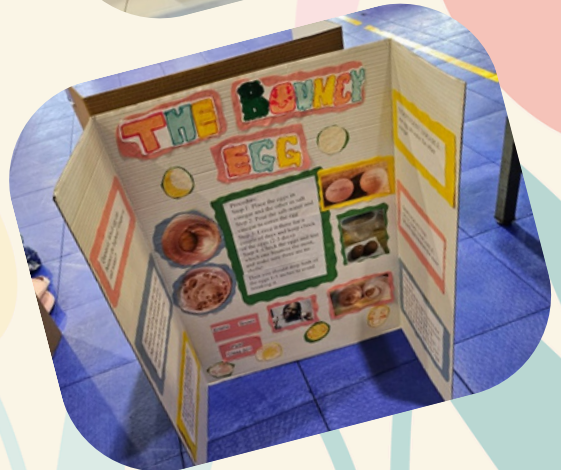
Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support.

Warmly,  
Principal Antoine

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## March Recap





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Movie Trip K-5	2  Passover 	3  Passover- NO NYE	4
5 Easter Sunday	6  	7  	8  	9  	10  	11
12	13	14	15 5th Grade ELA Testing	16 5th Grade ELA Testing  Brighter Bites Distribution SLT Meeting @ 5pm	17	18
19	20 4th Grade ELA Testing PTA & Title 1 Meeting @ 6pm Virtual	21 4th Grade ELA Testing	22 3rd Grade ELA Testing	23 3rd Grade ELA Testing	24  Vision Screening	25
26	27	28	29 5th Grade Math Testing	30 5th Grade Math Testing  Brighter Bites Distribution		

## Monthly Highlights

- **April 1** ..... Movie Trip: K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- **April 2 - 10** ..... Spring Break- NYE open April 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>-April 10<sup>th</sup>
- **April 15 & 16** ..... 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Testing
- **April 16** ..... Brighter Bites Distribution
- **April 16** ..... SLT Meeting @5pm
- **April 20** ..... PTA & Title 1 Meeting @ 6pm
- **April 20 & 21** ..... 4<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Testing
- **April 22 & 23** ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA Testing
- **April 24** ..... Vision Screening
- **April 29 & 30** ..... 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Testing
- **April 29** ..... Brighter Bites Distribution




# SPRING BREAK IDEAS



## SPRING BREAK ON A BUDGET!




Fun & Affordable Things to Do in NYC




Looking for ways to keep your children engaged during Spring Break? NYC offers many FREE and low-cost activities for families to enjoy together!





### FREE OUTDOOR FUN

- Central Park - Cherry blossoms, picnics & playgrounds
  - Staten Island Ferry - Free boat ride + Statue of Liberty views
  - Brooklyn Bridge & Brooklyn Bridge Park - Walk + play areas
  - The High Line - Scenic elevated park walk
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### LEARNING & INDOOR FUN

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- American Museum of Natural History (pay-what-you-wish)
  - The Metropolitan Museum of Art (pay-what-you-wish)
  - New York Public Library - Free storytime, crafts & activities
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### LOW-COST ACTIVITIES

- Coney Island - Boardwalk (FREE) + optional rides
  - Domino Park & Pier 6 Playground - Free and family-friendly
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### BONUS FREE EVENTS

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- NYC Parks activities (fitness, crafts, performances)
  - Street fairs, cultural festivals & pop-up events
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Enjoy a fun, relaxing, and budget-friendly Spring Break with your family!



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# PTA MEETING FOLLOWED BY A TITLE 1 MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026  
AT 6 PM (VIRTUAL)

## AGENDA

Call to order... Ms. Gayle (PTA Co-President)  
Reading of the minutes... Ms. Gilchrist (PTA Co-President)  
Old business/New business... Co-Presidents  
Principal's Report: .....Principal Antoine  
Parent Coordinator's Report: .....Ms. Dimaren (Parent Coordinator)  
Adjournment  
Title 1 Meeting... Ms. Warthin



Scan for zoom link

# STEM Team Celebration!

Congratulations to our incredible student teams for earning a top submission in the 2026 Minecraft Education Battle of the Boroughs! 🎉

We are so proud of our teams who will now move on to compete live at the Brooklyn Borough Championships:

## ★ 5 Star Girls

Jael Lewis Garcia  
Mary Margaret Mcdonald  
Chara Davis  
Ellianna Zayas

## 💎 Diamond Divas

Zaniya Boddie-Weston  
Shinay Benford  
Khloe Garcia  
Promise Johnson

A special thank you to their teacher, Ms. Seria Allen, for her guidance and support.

Let's wish our teams the best of luck as they represent our school—go STEM! 🚀



# *Art Club Celebration*

**We are thrilled to celebrate the incredible talent  
of our students!**

Congratulations to **Adaeze Chukwuma**, whose artwork “Animal Rainforest” was selected from over 1,100 entries to be featured in P.S. Art 2026—an amazing accomplishment!

We are also proud to share that two of our students have been accepted into the 2026 Brooklyn Borough Arts Visual Arts Exhibition:


**Mackenzie Henson** (Grade 1)

My Neighborhood – 2D mixed media (paper & cardboard)

**Amaya Waller** (Grade 3)

The Cardinal – 2D tempera & acrylic paint

A special thank you to their visual arts teacher, Ms. Shelly-Ann Wright & Ms. Adora Murray, for their dedication and support in nurturing our students’ creativity.



Join us in celebrating!  
Monday, May 18 at 5:30 PM  
at the Brooklyn Children’s Museum  
We are so proud of our young artists and can’t wait to see  
their work on display!



# *Debate Team Celebration*

**Congratulations to our amazing student debaters for their outstanding performance at the D16 Spring Debate Tournament 2 (SY 25-26)!**

We are proud to celebrate our top speakers from P.S. 40 George W. Carver:

Sanai Dickens – 1st Place

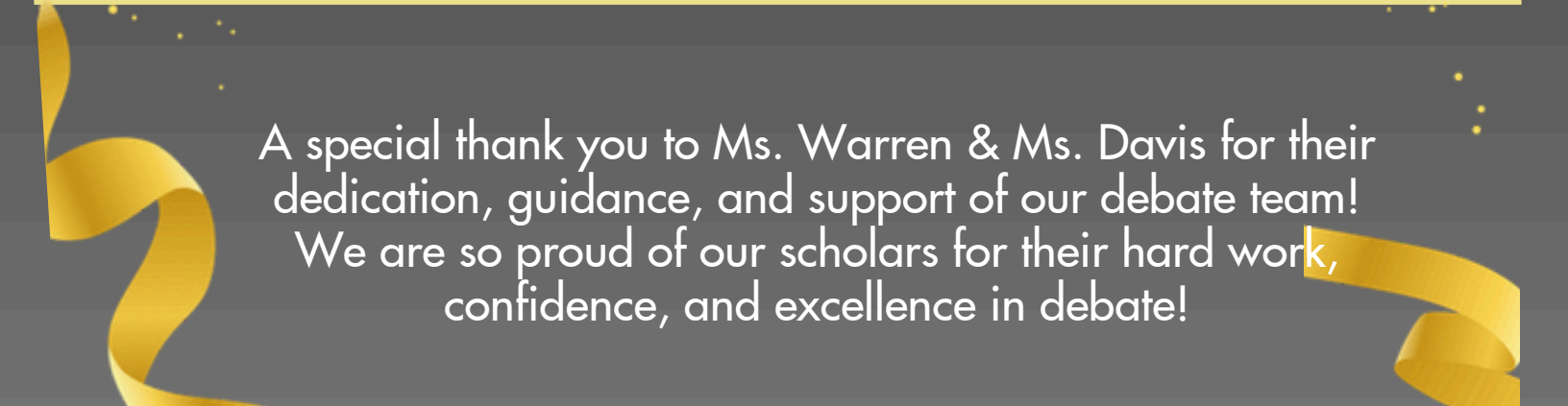
Jael Garcia Lewis – 2nd Place

Cleah McDonald – 5th Place

Ellianna Zayas – 7th Place

Princess Aderibigbe – 9th Place

Kallie Gillespie – 13th Place



A special thank you to Ms. Warren & Ms. Davis for their dedication, guidance, and support of our debate team!  
We are so proud of our scholars for their hard work, confidence, and excellence in debate!

# *Science Fair Celebration*

Congratulations to our amazing Science Fair winners!

We are so proud of our students for their creativity, hard work, and dedication to scientific discovery.

## **3rd Grade Winners**

Xavier Allen  
Christian Brown  
Zion James  
Malia Holmes

## **4th Grade Winners**

Ignacio Shearin  
Tomori Rock  
Mylah Burton

## **5th Grade Winners**

Shinay Benford  
Chara Davis  
Kamora Muckett  
Ajala Rock  
Jackie Dawkins

A special thank you to Mr. Fields for his guidance and support in inspiring our young scientists!  
Keep exploring, discovering, and shining!