



STORY OF A NAME:

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My name is Daniela. I have two older sisters who were each named after one of my grandmothers, Maria and Enza. My parents gave me the name Daniela with no middle name! My dad is from Italy and just liked it. Some people would call me "Danielle." I wouldn't mind because even my family would call me "Danielle" or "Dani." "Daniela" has 1 "L", but people usually put two "L's" when I tell them my name. Now, I make to sure I say "with one L". I don't enjoy saying my name because when people say it back they say "Oh, Danella." Close, but not quite my name. Growing up, my two best friends were both named Danielle Marie. It seemed so easy. I decided to choose my confirmation name as Maria, since I do not have a middle name. I could be Daniela Maria, which would flow better and make it easier for everyone. It still doesn't. But I love my name and everything that comes along with it, Danella, Dani, Danielle!

DIALOGUE & DRINKS

Our reading group meets on Monday, February 25th at 8:30pm @ [Commonwealth](#). We will be discussing [The World According to Fannie Davis](#) by Bridgett Davis
Parent member, Dawne David-Pierre will facilitate. RSVP to diversity@ps39.org

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH RESOURCES
[Center for Racial Justice in Education](#)

Great ways to celebrate BHM
Visit the [Brooklyn Historical Society](#),
See Academic Stand-up *[Blackademia Takeover](#). Check out what the [Brooklyn Nets](#) are doing.

GENDER WORKSHOP

On, 2/27, join us for "[All About Gender](#)" night, to learn how ideas about gender affect community. Presenters from the Gender and Family Project lead the workshop on what gender is (v. sexuality), why gender inclusivity is important in schools, what our schools are responsible for and how to examine the role of gender in our own lives. If you have ever said, "boys will be boys" or "you know how girls are," or have ever made decisions based on gender, this workshop is for you! Visit our website for more



AT HOME: BOOK OF THE MONTH

The February book of the month selections are now on our [Webpage](#), along with discussion questions. This month's theme is black history.

Featured titles are:

- **K/1st Grades:** [Grandad Mandela](#) by Ambassador Zindzi Mandela, Zazi and Ziwelene Mandela, Zondwa Mandela
- **2nd/3rd Grades:** [Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History](#) by Vashti Harrison
- **4th/5th Grades:** [The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth & Harlem's Greatest Bookstore](#) by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson

If you would like to buy any of these books for home or classrooms to be "checked out" by students, books can be purchased on our Amazon [Wish List](#). Or, if you have these books to lend to classrooms, please drop them with our Parent Coordinator, Karen Herskowitz. Books can also be placed on hold at the Brooklyn Public Library.

DEFINING A TERM

Movement Building: /'moōvmənt/ /'bildiŋ/ is the effort of social change agents to engage power holders and the broader society in addressing a systemic problem or injustice while promoting an alternative vision or solution.

- ✦ Propose solutions to the root causes of social problems
 - ✦ Enable people to exercise their collective power
 - ✦ Humanize groups that have been denied basic human rights and improve conditions for the groups affected
 - ✦ Create structural change by building something larger than a particular organization or campaign
- Promote visions and values for society based on fairness, justice and democracy.

FEATURED MEDIA

Poet Laureate Tracy K. Smith's podcast [The Slow Down](#). A black woman's voice elevating the voices of others.

WORTH FOLLOWING

This month's Twitter account worth following is: [@AliciaGarza](#)
Alicia Garza is the Special Projects Director for the National Domestic Workers Alliance and co-creator of [#BlackLivesMatter](#)

CONTACT US!

If you have any questions or input or are interested in a leadership role on the committee, please [Contact Us @ diversity@ps39.org](#)