



Spotlight on...

## PS39 LITERACY PROGRAM

The **PS39 Literacy Program** is a wonderful example of the way in which our students' academic growth is enriched by community engagement to promote the love of reading and storytelling. In this week's **Mighty Fine Drive Spotlight**, learn why the Literacy Program is so valuable to our school community- student, parents and staff!

### **WHAT IS THE LITERACY PROGRAM?**

The Literacy Program started as an informal event several years ago and has developed into a thoughtfully curated mission to instill the love of reading and writing among students and families. Together, the **PS39 Book Fair**, the annually-themed **Read-A-Thon**, the **Barnes & Noble Book Fair**, and the **Author Visits** make up the Literacy Program, which is run by parents with support from Karen Herskowitz, the PS39 Parent Coordinator. The **Author Visits** have become something that families, students, teachers and staff look forward to! And since every child goes home with a signed copy of the book from the visiting author, it's a gift and educational experience that continues outside of the classroom!



### **WHY THE LITERACY PROGRAM MATTERS?**

Wonderful authors such as **Jacqueline Woodson, Andrea and Brian Pinkney, Adam Gidwitz, Abby Hanlon, Matt de la Peña, Nick Bruel, Selina Alko, Alexandra Penfold** and **Gabrielle Balkan** have visited. Generating excitement and a connection to learning is vital, and by featuring a diverse selection of authors and topics, the program aims to speak to and to engage all PS39 students. Personal stories create community. And while so much learning happens in the classroom, the Literacy Program hopes to spread this love of stories, writing and reading beyond the classroom.



# MIGHTY FINE DRIVE

*"I look forward to the author visits and love getting the books!"*  
- Gabriel, 5th Grade

*"[Gabriel] always tells me all about the visits and he sometimes talks about them for weeks after. Some of the visits have informed him on topics and books he hasn't been exposed to or hadn't tried yet. I'd say these author visits are one of the highlights of the year!"*

- Simone  
(Mom to Gabriel in 5th Grade)



*"My 1st grade daughter, who has had two author visits so far at 39, really has been wowed by them -- and does read the books at home. And these visits have inspired her to make books!"*

- Laura  
(Mom to Oonagh in 1st Grade)

**Help us continue to support the PS39 LITERACY PROGRAM!**

For online donations, please go to <https://ps39.paylite.net>. Alternatively, you can write a check to PS 39 PA and place it in a "PS39 PA" labeled envelope in your child's folder

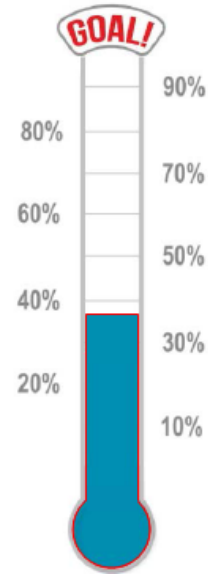


## MIGHTY FINE DRIVE

Did you know that the PS39 Parent Association spends \$500 - \$600 per student each year on a variety of programs to support and enhance our children's education!

Please help us to continue to support these programs:

- Literacy Program & Author Visits
- Kids in the Game Recess Coach Program
- New Victory Theater Partnership
- YMCA Swim for Life Program
- Teaching Assistants Program
- New York Philharmonic & Young Composers Program
- Diversity & Inclusion trainings and events
- Classroom grants to each teacher
- and so much more!



Every dollar helps and every dollar counts! We cannot reach our goal without you!

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**Yes! I want to help our PS39 PA support our children's educational experience!**

Please count me in for a tax-deductible donation of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and have enclosed a check or cash for the amount indicated.

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