

WELCOME TO PS 39!



Dear Families,

A landmark built in 1877, our unique layout and small size foster an intimate learning atmosphere. We pride ourselves on our collaborative learning environment, committed staff, and school climate that strives to cultivate growth for all members of its community. In 2016, PS 39 received the National Blue Ribbon Award for Education Excellence! We look forward to showing you our school.

Kindest regards,

Sara Panag, Principal I.A.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Every class participates in a daily restorative circle practice utilizing the 4Rs (reading, writing, respect, resolution) Program. Our teachers have been trained on these practices by the Morningside Center for Teaching Social Responsibility.

ENRICHMENT PARTNERSHIPS

The curriculum at PS 39 is supported and enhanced by many NYC cultural institutes, including:

YMCA Swim for Life *For grade 2 students weekly*

Park Slope Armory *Fitness days*

The New York Philharmonic *In-class recorder and composition instruction*

New York Philharmonic Very Young Composers *After-school program*

New Victory Theater *In-class pre-workshops and field trip to programs at the theater*

Kids in the Game *A recess coach provides organized sports and games during all recess periods*

City College Poetry Outreach *Poetry workshops and selected student works included in annual anthology and performance*

Chess in the School *In-class instruction for grades K-2, after-school chess program and a competitive chess team.*



PS 39 FAMILY

We are lucky to have exceptionally strong family involvement with a very active Parent Association (PA) and School Leadership Team (SLT). We celebrate student learning and share with our families through a monthly Family Friday event in the morning that includes classroom visits. We have monthly school & PA family events workshops, as well as monthly Coffee and Conversation with the Principal.

PS 39 AT A GLANCE

8:20 am arrival and 2:40 pm dismissal

Daily breakfast program starts at 7:40 am

Daily instruction in math, writing and reading

Daily cluster area class

Physical Education classes held at Camp Friendship

25 minutes for recess play, 25 minutes for taking lunch

Enrichment-based after school program through CBE

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ACADEMICS OVERVIEW

- Balanced literacy approach of reader's workshop, writer's workshop, word study
- Workshop model to support individualized and small group instruction
- Project-based learning, and hands-on exploration
- Differentiated instruction and support to meet the needs of diverse learners
- Arts integration and enrichment partnerships to enhance learning experiences
- Average class size is 26 with three classes each grade level
- Teaching assistants, generously funded by the PA, to provide in-class academic support

ACADEMICS

Literacy

- PS 39 follows Columbia University's Teachers College Reading and Writing Workshop Model for Literacy
- Through the workshop model, students work at their own level in reading and writing

Mathematics

- PS 39 follows the workshop model for teaching mathematics
- Integrated curriculum incorporating both skill application and concept based understanding
- Engage NY math curriculum

Physical Education & Health

- Full time physical education teacher

Social Studies

- Exploration of social studies concepts through literature and projects
- Enrichment choice model for projects based on student interests

The Arts

- Weekly visual art & music classes with full-time art and music teachers
- Exploration of art concepts through works of notable artists
- Music concepts examined through movement, vocal, and instrumental instruction

Science

- Weekly science classes in our science/technology lab for all grades
- Hands-on exploration

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PS 39 is a zoned school that follows standard NYC Department of Education priority for admissions.

Please visit the DOE's website at schools.nyc.gov for more information.

For questions about PS 39 enrollment, please contact our School Business Manager, Karen Herskowitz:

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Visit our school's website, www.ps39.org for updates and information!