

# Welcome to PS 39



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Anita de Paz, Principal

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# School Tour Agenda

- 9:00- 9:20 am**      **Welcome and School Overview**  
*Anita de Paz, Principal*
- 9:20- 9:25 am**      **Parent Involvement and the PTA**  
*Rudi Ganz, Parent Association President*
- 9:25- 9:35 am**      **Questions & Answers**  
*Gr. 4 & 5 Student Council Representatives*
- 9:35- 10:15 am**      **School Tour**



# About PS 39

- Landmark building built in 1877. Celebrating our 141<sup>st</sup> year!
- Unique layout and small size fosters an intimate atmosphere
- Collaborative learning environment with a staff committed to professional development
- School climate that strives to cultivate growth for all members of its community
- Celebrated academic excellence evidenced by 2016 National Blue Ribbon Award for Educational Excellence recipient as an Exemplary High Performing School and a “Well-Developed” Department of Education’s Quality Review Rating.



# Academics Overview

- Balanced approach to literacy and mathematics
- Workshop model supports individualized and small group instruction
- Project based learning and hands on explorations in social studies and science
- Differentiated instruction and academic support to meet needs of diverse learners
- Arts integration and enrichment partnerships enhance learning experiences



- Three Kindergarten classes with a maximum of 25 students in each class
- Average class size is 26 with three classes on most grade levels

# 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

## Social Emotional Learning

- Daily restorative circle practice in every class
- 4R curriculum (reading, writing, respect & resolution) through the Morningside Center for Teaching Social Responsibility.

# Academics

## Science

- Weekly science classes in our dedicated science- technology lab for grades 2 - 5
- Hands-on exploration of science concepts

## 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 teacher and music teacher
- Exploration of art concepts through work of notable artists
- Music concepts examined through movement, vocal and instrumental instruction



# Enrichment Partnerships

The curriculum at PS 39 is supported and enhanced by our many enrichment partnerships with many NYC cultural institutions, including:

## YMCA

*Swim for Life for grade 2 students and weekly Fitness Days at the Park Slope Armory*

## The New York Philharmonic

*In-class recorder and composition instruction and Young Composers After School Program*

## New Victory Theater

*In-class pre-workshops and field trip to programs at theater*

## Kids in the Game

*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 Schools

*In-class instruction for grades K- 2 and after school chess program and competitive chess team*

# A Day at PS 39



- Arrival is 8:20 am and Dismissal at 2:40 pm
- Breakfast program daily starting at 7:40am
- Daily cluster area class (Art, Music, Science, Physical Education)
- Gym space at Camp Friendship
- Daily 50 minute Lunch/Recess period
- Hot school lunch program available
- Recess Coaches through Kids in the Game
- Daily instruction in reading, writing and math
- On-site, enrichment based after school program run by CBE Kids
- Additional after school programs picking up at PS 39 as well as in-house specialized programs.



# PS 39 Family

## Involvement

- Exceptionally strong parent involvement with very active Parent Association and School Leadership Team
- Family Fridays classroom visits
- Monthly school & PA family events and workshops
- Grade level group principal breakfasts



## Communication

- Student Assessment folders
- STARS Report Cards- 3 times a year with extensive teacher comments
- Curriculum Night, Parent Teacher Conferences and What to Expect Workshops
- Weekly Parent Engagement Time
- PS 39 E-mail System
- Weekly Bulletin and Week at a Glance
- Monthly Family Calendar
- School Website: [ps39.org](http://ps39.org)
- Social Media: Facebook and Twitter

# 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](https://schools.nyc.gov) to:**

- Identify your zoned school based on your address using the *School Search Tool*
- Learn more about the application and admissions timeline and process for Pre-K and Kindergarten *in the Enrollment section*
- Identify the proper proof documents required for registration *in the Enrollment section*

**Please contact our Parent Coordinator,**  
Karen Herskowitz, with questions about PS 39

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- (718) 330- 9310 ext. 1003

**And visit our school website,**  
[www.ps39.org](http://www.ps39.org) for updates and information!



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