

H A P P Y V A L E N T I N E ' S D A Y !

# February

From Early Scholars Learning Center

## Welcome

### Spotlight: Meet Divyea Singh

We are delighted to introduce Divyea Singh, our new Site Coordinator at PS 18Q. Divyea has been working as a tutor since this fall and brings a powerful combination of passion and experience to the Early Scholars NY family. I am confident that Divyea will bring energy and commitment to ensuring a positive science learning experience for all of our scholars!

Greetings, parents and families of PS 188Q and PS 18Q! We hope that everyone is staying safe on the roads and bundling up. This winter has already been quite active, from snowstorms in the air to rigorous practice tests in our classroom! We also have some exciting news to share with you about a new Early Scholars staff appointment, so please, read on to hear what's happening at Early Scholars in February. As always, feel free to contact us at [info@earlyscholarsny.com](mailto:info@earlyscholarsny.com) or (347) 494-1640.

### Save the Date!

**Early Scholars Learning Center will be closed at both P.S. 18 and P.S. 188 sites over the mid-winter recess.**

**Mid-Winter Recess is from:  
2/17 to 2/21**

## Academic Update

As we get closer each day to the 2014 spring state tests, we are continuing to work hard to prepare your students in our daily academic enrichment sessions.

In our ELA sessions, students continue to work hard on the skills they'll need to succeed, including reading comprehension, written responses to texts, figurative language, context clues, and several other skills and strategies. Students took their first full ELA practice test on January 31st and February 1st. This test included all the sessions that they will cover on the real test to prepare students for both the format and content. Keep your eyes out for a separate email regarding the ELA practice test graded reports and what you can do to help your student improve!

Students are also preparing for the upcoming math state test. They are scheduled to take their first full practice test today, and we look forward to sharing the results of this assessment with you as soon as possible. Our practice tests are a powerful tool, and we hope to partner together to give our students ample practice time at home and in the classroom to better prepare them to do well on the state tests.

Meanwhile, our younger students at PS 18Q and PS 188Q are beginning to focus on the sciences, with fun lessons and activities designed to teach them about the skeletal system. Students should be able to identify and point to their ribs, spine, skull, vertebrae, joints, and more. This month, they will be focusing on the muscular system with a focus on their biceps, triceps, quadriceps, heart. Ask them to point to and name those body parts and tell you about their important function in the body. We just may have some future doctors in the house!

### Club Notes

At PS 18Q, our art enrichment scholars are still working hard on learning about the iconic art of Andy Warhol and working to recreate some of his most eye-catching works. We will continue to work with our students to expose them to a wide range of artists while offering opportunities for them to create their own pieces in the months to come!

