

Best of the 2016-2017 School Year!

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This school year has been great! The P.S. 11 paper tracked down the “Best of 2016-17” P.S. 11 events, books of the month, recess games, after school/enrichment classes, and kids movies. We even polled some people to find out their favorites.

“Best of” P.S. 11 events is our first category. P.S. 11 had a lot of events, and everyone had their favorite. Some people liked the Fall Festival or Dance Day, while others liked the Story Pirates or K+G Valentines. Our opinion on the best P.S. 11 event of the 2016-17 school year? We have to say (you’re welcome, 2nd graders) the 2nd-grade show, *Mighty Minds!* We think this because we are 2nd graders, and it was fun to perform.

Next, we took an unofficial poll of the P.S. 11 Book of the Month, and everyone had their favorite here, too, from September’s *Kindness is Cooler, Mrs. Ruler* to May’s *If the World Were a Village*, but March’s Book of the Month, *Strictly No Elephants*, got the most votes! Each Book of the Month teaches you a K+G lesson. March’s book teaches you never to exclude someone else from what you’re doing. *If the World Were a Village* was one of our personal favorites, but *Strictly No Elephants* cap-



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tured more people’s attention.

Next, are “Best of” recess games. There are many games you can play at recess. Two out of eight people said they like Bubble Tag most, and another said they liked Freeze Tag the most. “I like games that include taggers catching people and running, and it’s fun to run in a circle or a square,” said Rachel Sanger about Bubble Tag. The five other people each had a different favorite. These were: soccer, monkey bars, gaga, family, robo (a made-up game) and gymnastics. In our opinion, the best



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recess game is hide-and-seek, because there are a lot of great hiding spots in the recess yard. In the recess yard, you can also dance or play basketball. Judging from how many people we see doing these things every day, we are pretty sure that these are favorites of some people, too.

Another category for “Best of 2016-17” is after-school/enrichment classes. P.S. 11 has so many options of enrichment and after school classes that nobody who was polled had the same opinion. There were: chess, braiding, puppet power, hip-hop, ceramics, create your own environment, tumbling, sign language, mine

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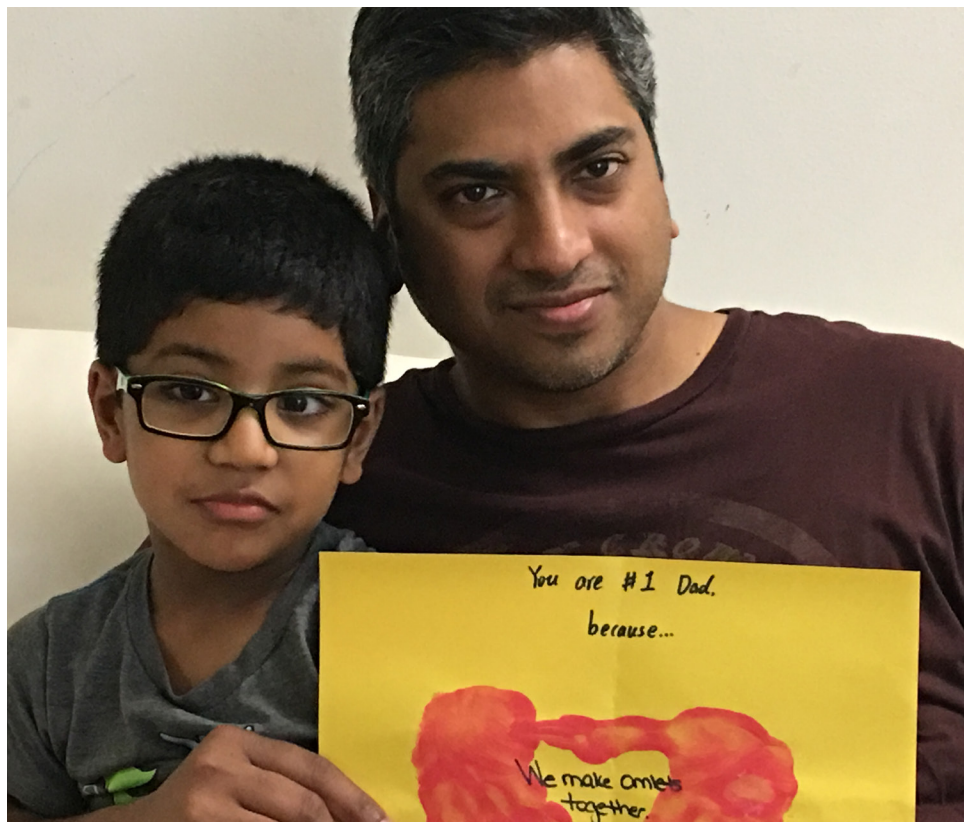
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craft, drumming with Ms. Golub, swimming and paper mache. Rachel Sanger said that her favorite enrichment is, “paper mache, because I like getting my hands dirty and making things.” Max Brosnick said, “my favorite after school is Minecraft Redstone Engineering because Minecraft is really fun and I like making circuits and stuff like that.” Some other after-school/enrichment classes are: breakdancing, cursive, chicken coop (All Cooped Up), wonders of the world and animal rights.

The last category we analyzed for “Best of 2016-17” is kids’ movies: According to the people who got polled, the best kids’ movie in 2016-17 is *Zootopia*! Five people voted for this movie. Hilda Liang explained, “I love animals and *Zootopia* has a lot of them. I can see their different instincts so I get to know what is similar to them and to humans.” The next most popular movie was *Moana*, with 4 votes. Three people liked *Finding Dory*. Ruby Lahana said she liked “*Finding Dory* because, at the end, it was just so meaningful.” Other movies that made the list were: 2 votes each for *Lego Batman*, *Captain Underpants*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. One person voted for *Boss Baby*, one person liked *Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Long Haul)*, and one liked *Trolls*. The other kids’ movies that came out in 2016-17 are: *Sing*, *Cars*, and *The Secret Life of Pets*. In our opinion, the best kids’ movie that has come out in 2016-17 is *Captain Underpants*, because it’s super funny!!!

Whew! That was a long list! We hope that you will remember this amazing school year. Next year, there will be a whole new “Best of” list! See you all again next year for another fantastic school year!

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Father's Day

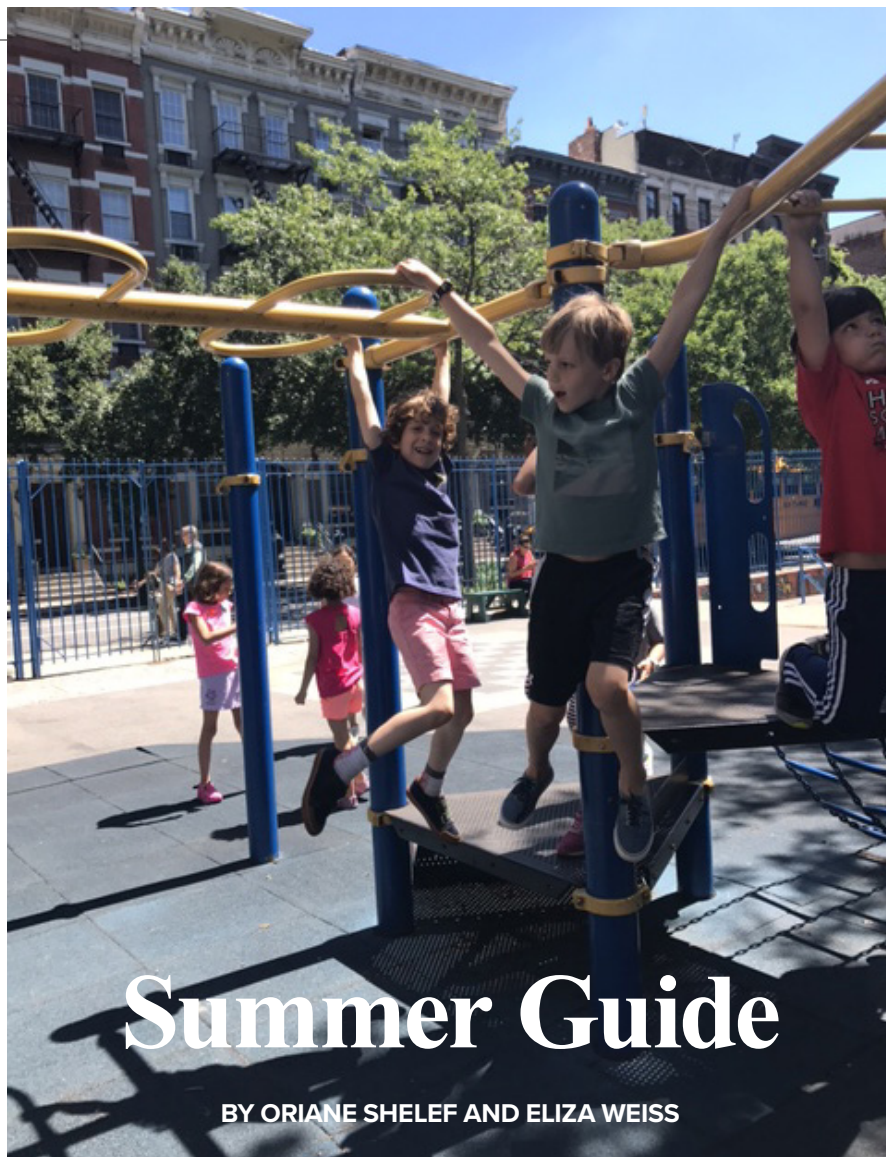
BY GEMMA GOLDRICH

Father's Day was on Sunday, June 18 this year. It is a day for all families to celebrate Daddy and what he means to them.

We went to ask some classes what they do for Father's Day. Some classes make cards for the dads, and some kindergarten classes even made a video, which started, “I love you because ...” and they shared all the reasons they love their dads.

We then went to ask some students about what their plans were for Father's Day. We found that some students bought their dads a present, some of them sing songs to their fathers, and some of them just left their dads alone!

In my family, I woke my dad up by jumping on him and giving him a home-made Father's Day card. I also made him one of my famous clothespin/tongue depressor stick airplanes! Then, we made him some breakfast. Later in the day, we went with my grandpa (my dad's dad) to my cousin's house in New Jersey for a barbecue. It was a really nice day, and we even had a Carvel Ice Cream cake at the end.



Summer Guide

BY ORIANE SHELEF AND ELIZA WEISS

School is almost over and the summer is beginning. If you don't have any plans, read this Summer Guide. We've got some ideas for you!

OUTDOOR RESTAURANTS!

Do you like eating outside? If so, the summer time is the best time because it is nice outside. And here are a few outdoor restaurants to try:

Chelsea Ristorante – An Italian restaurant with a real brick pizza-oven.

Sea Mores – A new, cool seafood restaurant.

Tappo Thin Crust Pizza – An airy, casual eatery offering thin-crust pizza and Italian fare.

Rocking Horse Café – A Mexican food place with good chips and salsa. And we hear, good Margaritas, too!

BEACHES!

Do you like to wiggle your piggy-wiggles in the sand? Do you like to play in the waves or build sand castles but don't know where you can do it? Our area has some of the world's best beaches. Check out:

Coney Island – There are plenty of places to eat, play games and go on rides, not to mention, the great beach with soft sand and big waves.

Jones Beach – Just a short, 4-mile bike ride from the LIRR, over 3

bridges and along the water. You get to see both the Great South Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. Of course, there are plenty of places for food and snacks, and by the time you walk from the water to the board walk, you can be sure you will be ready for a cold drink!

Robert Moses – On the western end of Fire Island. You can drive over the bridge or even take a ferry. There is a lot of sand and great places to walk, like the Coast Guard Station or the Light House. Plus, there is even a fishing pier in case you want to catch your dinner.

SUMMER CAMP!

If you are considering going to camp, first, you should choose between day camp and sleep-away camp. We polled some kids on which one they were going to this summer. Out of 15 kids, 13 kids said, "day camp" and only 2 kids said they were going to sleep-away camp. This shows that more kids prefer day camps, so let's check out a few.

New York City has tons of day camps to choose from:

Construction Kids or Curious Jane - If you like doing crafts or making things.

MoMath and the Natural History Museum - If you like math or science.

Chelsea Piers - If you like sports. There is a camp for every sport there!

VACATIONS!

If camp is not in the works, most families go on vacation. Here are some suggestions:

Montauk - If you want to go on vacation close to home, Montauk is the tip of Long Island. The beach there is big and beautiful and they have a yummy

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ice cream place in the town.

Michigan - If you have more time, tell your family to try Michigan. There is an island there called Mackinaw that only allows bikes, no cars! Another cool thing is, if you don't have your own bike, you can rent one!

Israel - Lastly, if you want to go far way, tell your family to try Israel. It's very warm and it has nice beaches. There are so many fun things to do in the summer. You can go to camp, go on vacation, eat outside or go to some local beaches. Even if you have no big plans, you can always go on play dates, read, write, go to a park or even watch TV!!

We hope you have a great summer!

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BY ZACHARY PUNNOOSE

Friday, June 23 - 8:15 A.M.

Paper: What are you doing?

Mr. Bender: Talking with Ms. Mueller about our plans for the day.



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Dress as Your Favorite Book Character Day

BY AMAIRA CHAMADIA

On June 6, P. S. 11 celebrated a Spirit Day called, Dress as Your Favorite Book Character Day. It was fun to see the teachers and students dress up as their favorite characters.

As expected, lots of kids recycled their Halloween costumes and showed up as Harry Potter and Hermione Granger. There were also a couple of superheroes flying around. We spotted some interesting choices, like Clementine from the series of the same name, Pippi Longstocking, Indiana Jones, the cat from *The Cat in the Hat*, and even a Very Hungry Caterpillar.

All seven of the third-grade teachers came as the Seven Dwarves!

First-grader, Avaan, who dressed as Captain Underpants, hilariously wearing his underwear to school, thought the event was "cool and funny." Second-grader, Ruby, in her Professor McGonagall costume, enjoyed seeing all the costumes and thought everyone was "very creative." Second-grader, Vikram, dressed as an astronaut from *Apollo 13*, summed it up: "It was so awesome. There were so many costumes and it was fun to figure out who everyone was!"

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The 5th-Grade Moving On Ceremony

BY ILSA FELDMAN

The 5th-Grade Moving On Ceremony is a chance for the students to say goodbye to the school they've been attending for several years. It's also a chance for the teachers to say farewell to the future 6th-grade students. This year's ceremony took place on Thursday, June 22, at P.S. 11. There were balloons in the back of the auditorium and flowers covering most people's faces, with parent's tears

rolling behind them. The auditorium was filled with music, and 5th-graders started walking through the aisles right on the beat like a bunch of robots designed to walk exactly the same. All the girls in fifth grade were wearing dresses and fancy shoes. Same with the boys, except they were wearing suits.

Then, girls and boys each took turns reading things they wrote, like mini-stories from their first day of school to now. An example: "On the

first day of school, I saw those blue doors and was trembling with fear. I didn't know who my teacher was going to be. I didn't know if people were going to be nice, but now in fifth grade, I walk through those blue doors feeling confident and knowing that friends and people will always be kind."

From the sides of the auditorium, 5th-graders streamed onstage, shaking their teacher's hand and getting congratulated. It appeared as if Mr. Bender had a hard time holding back the tears.

One highlight of the day was Mr. Fier's slide show for the 5th-graders, with pictures of classes, Field Day, chess tournaments, field trips, and other photographs from the past year. It was really cool.

I interviewed a number of 5th-graders to hear how they felt about graduating, and many of them expressed feelings of disappointment. Rei Tokue felt very sad about leaving the school. Star Montalvo also felt sad about leaving. But there were also students, like Lizzie Applebaum, who felt both sad and excited about leaving. Shayla Vidal is kind of sad about leaving P.S. 11 but is excited about maybe learning a new language in the sixth grade. Roxandra Marshall is also sad about leaving P.S. 11 but looks forward to becoming a better mathematician in 6th grade. And Ashley is kind of happy about graduating.

Even though it might be hard graduating from a school you've been at for several years, and leaving your friends, the 5th-grade Moving On ceremony was a great success, and everybody enjoyed saying goodbye to the proud and strong students waiting to conquer the 6th grade.

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Questions
with...

Josh Cutler

(Camp Director of Camp By The Sea)

**1. What type of camp do you have?**

I direct a day camp, Camp By the Sea. It is based out of the Margate, NJ JCC. We have about 550 campers per summer. Before working at JCCs, I worked in museums.

2. How many years have you been a camp director?

This will be my 13th year as camp Director.

3. Have you ever had an emergency?

Yes, we have, but fortunately, everything turned out ok.

4. How long have there been specialty camps?

About five years ago, we added about 5 -6 specialty camps, and last summer, our number of specialty camps grew to 18!

5. What ages is this camp for?

Camp By the Sea is for ages 2-16. We have an early childhood camp for our youngest campers and adventure camps for older campers. Our newest camp is our teen tour that travels to California every summer.



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6. Why did you become a Camp Director?

I grew up a camper in the JCC Medford Camps and then did overnight camp for a couple years at JCC Arthur & Reeta. Camp days were some of the best days I can remember from my youth. Those amazing memories made me want to recreate them for a new generation. And I now get to relive those amazing camp moments with 500 + campers every day.

7. What would you like to add to your camp?

We have a vision to open up a 'offsite' camp with a lake and all kinds of amazing outdoor facilities.... one day.

8. What is your favorite thing about the camp?

My personal favorite is breaking color war!

[A fun game competition where teams are divided by colors]

9. Are there field trips?

Yes! More than 15 per week.

10. How many counselors are there?

Overall, 135 staff including, lifeguards, counselors, specialists, LITs, managers, etc.

11. How is your camp different than others?

We are an air-conditioned, building-based, Jewish Camp by the beach. It doesn't get any better than that!

BY JUDE LEGER

5th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.

BY KIMBERLY HOOK

Do you like history? Do you like learning new facts? If so, you should read this article.

The entire P.S. 11 fifth grade journeyed on a trip to Washington, D.C. They left on Wednesday, May 31, and returned on Friday, June 2. According to Anya Shulga, “It was five and a half hours,” away and, “we got there at 11:00 a.m.” Chloe Velez shared, “We slept at a hostel, an upgraded cabin.”

Maxwell Wesslock explained, “The purpose of the trip was so we could learn about Washington, D.C.” The trip is an annual right of passage for fifth-graders at P.S. 11, and has been for over ten years. During the three days, the students have opportunities to visit many of D.C.’s attractions. When asked to name some of the sites the fifth-graders had the chance to see, Bix Cole commented, “Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Korean War Memorial, FDR Memorial, Smithsonian Museum, hat archives, African American Museum, Capitol Building.”

Because presidents live in the White House in Washington, D.C., there are several monuments to honor past presidents. The Washington monument is a tall obelisk to remember the first president of the United States: George Washington. The Lincoln Memorial was built to honor our 16th president: Abraham Lincoln. The Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) Memorial celebrates the time under the 32nd U.S. president.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Monument highlights the

contributions by the American Nobel prize winner, social activist and Baptist Minister. He fought for the rights of African Americans until he was killed in 1968.

The Smithsonian Institution, located throughout the National Mall, contains 11 museums and galleries. Some of the world-famous Smithsonian collections include: The Air and Space Museum, Natural History Museum, and the Postal Museum. All these museums are free and were started by James Smithson, an English scientist who left all his money to create the Smithsonian Institution. The National Museum of African American History and Culture is the most recent addition to the vast Smithsonian institutions.

At the eastern end of the National Mall, atop Capitol Hill, lies the Capitol Building. The Capitol Building is where the U.S. Congress, made up of the House of Representatives and Senate, carry out work to write and pass laws. If you wonder where your Representative or Senator goes to work while s/he is in D.C., this is the place.

The students were asked about how they enjoyed this three day, ac-

tion packed trip. In response, Velez stated, “Yeah, it was awesome!”

Shulga enthusiastically stated, “We learned a lot and I want to go again.”

When questioned if the weather had been sunny and adventuresome, Velez said, “Yeah. It was hot every single day. On the first day, it rained for about 30 minutes.” The students were also asked about whom they met. Among the answers, Velez stated, “A tour guide named Cathie and chaperones.”

From the comments of the fifth-graders and the impressive list that Cole rattled off, it sure seems like they had lots of fun, learned a great deal, and have many memories to treasure!

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Yellow Team Wins Field Day!

BY WILLIAM GOLDSMAN

Field Day was on June 16. It was held at P.S. 11 on 21st Street between 8th and 9th Avenues. The street was blocked off so cars couldn't go down it.

There were 6 teams. The teams were red, yellow, green, blue, purple, and pink. Each class got an equal number in each color. Every team wanted their team to win. Each grade rotated events, so everybody competed with people their own age. There were 3 teams competing at a time, so there were 2 rounds per grade. For example: Red, blue, and green against each other, and then, pink, purple, and yellow against each other.

One of the events was a relay race, where you had to run up to a cone, around the cone, run back, and pass the baton to the next person. I give the relay race 4 out of 5 stars. There was also a water relay, which was slightly similar. What you had to do was get a cup full of water, carefully speed-walk to the pitcher, dump the water in the pitcher, then speed-

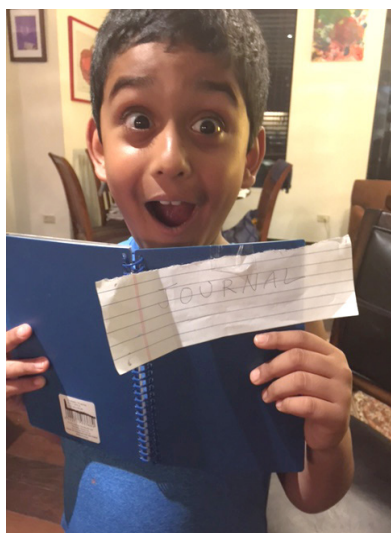
walk back to the line, and hand the cup over to the next person. I give this event 3 out of 5 stars. My favorite event was the switching balls challenge. You got a ball handed to you, and then, ran to the first cone, switched the balls, ran to the second cone, switched the balls, ran to the third cone, switched the balls, and then, you ran back to the line and handed the ball over to the next person in line. I give this 5 out of 5 stars.

Congratulations go to the winning team: YELLOW! In second place, was RED.

Now, to the poll statistic: 100% of the people liked Field Day; 0% of the people did not like it.



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JOKES of the MONTH

BY RUBY LAHANA

My sister says I'm nosy.

At least that's what she keeps writing in her diary.

How do you keep someone in suspense for 24 hours?

I'll tell you tomorrow.



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