

Welcome

PS 107 is a neighborhood school committed to academic excellence and community values. Our goal is to develop responsible, independent and enthusiastic thinkers who enjoy learning and have a genuine respect for diversity. PS 107 is strongly committed to involving parents as educational partners and to serving as a resource for our local and global communities.

Leadership at PS 107



Principal Cynthia Holton (left), a former classroom teacher and District 15 administrator, has been principal at PS 107 since 2000. She is assisted by Administrator/Staff Developer Yolanda Nappi, who works with teachers to develop curriculum, fine-tune teaching strategies and assess student progress. Their in-depth knowledge of curriculum and pedagogy is matched by a solid commitment to helping both students and teachers develop to their full potential.

CURRICULUM

PS 107 has established a curriculum that allows each student to reach his/her full learning potential. Our standards-based curriculum is taught using the workshop model, which encourages students to think creatively and take responsibility for their own learning. In every grade, students publish their own written works and develop projects in math, science and social studies that demonstrate their understanding of the world around them. The arts are integrated into this curriculum, both as distinct disciplines of study and as vehicles for nurturing students' observation and communication skills.

Reading/Writing

PS 107 is a partner with Columbia University's Teachers College in its Reader's and Writer's Workshop Program. During a 90-minute block each day, children receive direct instruction in reading, writing and word study. Students learn about and have practice writing in many different genres of literature, such as narrative texts, nonfiction and poetry.

Mathematics

PS 107 encourages children to see the value of math in everyday situations. We have developed a unified, comprehensive math curriculum that combines the best elements of the Everyday Math, TERC, and Math in the City programs.

Parent Involvement – PTA

PS 107 enjoys the strong support of its PTA. The PTA coordinates parent involvement, organizes special events, raises money and provides programs and supplies that enrich students' educational experiences.

Parent-led committees work together with school staff to support curriculum areas such as science, art and the library. The PTA also provides parents with news about the school through an on-line listserv and quarterly newsletter.

School Leadership Team

PS 107's School Leadership Team (SLT) is a steering committee comprised of the principal, the PTA president, elected parents, teachers and the UFT representative. The SLT identifies and discusses school issues such as curriculum, budget, and future growth.

Parent Coordinator

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PRE-K THROUGH 5TH GRADE

Library

Our new school library opened in 2005 on the school's 4th floor. The library is managed by our part-time librarian with assistance from parents on the Library Committee, who extend the library's hours and organize special programs. Our annual library benefit, "Readings on the 4th Floor," features award-winning authors discussing their works in a series of evening events, presented in partnership with the Community Bookstore.

Science

PS 107 has a well-equipped science laboratory, where Grade 2-5 students work with the full-time science teacher. Pre-K through 1st grade students work with our Early Childhood Science Specialist and their classroom teacher to explore science through hands-on projects. All students learn about plant growth and composting in our Rainbow Garden, a NYC community garden. Our parent-led Eco-Science Committee enhances the Science curriculum by arranging field trips for every grade, such as sailing on the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, an overnight at the Poconos Environmental Education Center, and programs in nearby Prospect Park. Beginning in 2005, students are raising trout for study and release as part of the Trout-in-the-Classroom program.

Social Studies

Children learn about peoples and cultures close to home and around the world, past and present, with their classroom teachers. Studies are often extended by related projects in the art studio. PS 107 follows the sequence of social studies topics recommended by the New York State Board of Education.

Visual & Performing Arts

The Arts are a valued part of PS 107's curriculum. We have two visual arts teachers (one full-time & one part-time), a full-time music teacher, as well as a long-standing partnership with three renowned arts education organizations: ArtsConnection, Lincoln Center Institute and Studio-in-a-School, known as the Arts Alliance. This partnership, funded by a Center for Arts Education Partnership grant, enables K through 5th grade students and teachers to work with visiting artists to explore visual art, music, dance and drama through experiential workshops and performances. The parent-led Arts Committee arranges for class visits to museums and performances throughout the year.



Physical Education

All classes in grades K through 5 have physical education once a week with our full-time Physical Education teacher, who also coaches the upper grade co-ed softball team. We anticipate class use of the new recreation center in the Park Slope Armory for our gym classes when renovations are complete (slated for 2007). In addition, the PTA has funded a music and movement program for Pre-K classes for several years.

Computers & Technology

We have a full-time technology teacher who works with students on new mobile laptop stations on each floor. We also have an in-house technical expert who keeps the school's website www.ps107.org, computer equipment and software up-to-date. The school has wireless connection to the internet.

After-School Program

PS 107 has a rich and nurturing after-school program conveniently located in our school and led by PS 107 teachers and staff. The program operates from 3 to 6 pm, Monday - Friday following every full school day.

We offer homework help, enrichment and recreation in a safe and collaborative environment. Activities taught by outside enrichment instructors include art, chess, computer, cooking, dance, drama, fabric arts, Spanish language & culture, tennis and yoga.



SPECIAL EVENTS & ENRICHMENTS

On the First Friday of each month, parents and other family members are invited to read with students.

Parents also are invited into classrooms for regular Publishing Celebrations to mark the end of a study of a genre of writing in PS 107's Writer's Workshop program.

Author Visits provide an opportunity for all students to meet published book authors and illustrators to engage in lively discussions throughout the year. Authors have included Mo Willems, Jacqueline Woodson, and Paul O. Zelinsky.

Art Day is a Saturday of art-making workshops and performances open to the PS 107 community each spring.

Earth Day is celebrated through special projects related to conservation and the environment that are planned by the Eco-Science Committee.

The Learning Fair is held once a year. Each class exhibits student work developed in class and linked to the core curriculum.

Heritage Day is a celebration of the multi-cultural make-up of our school, with a parent-run fair featuring food, crafts, performances and activities from their home countries.

The Chess Club is open to K-5 students during lunch hours.

The Book Club offers literary enrichment to advanced readers in 4th & 5th grades.