



P.S.101Q THE SCHOOL IN THE GARDENS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The week of March 8th has been designated by the School Chancellor as “**Respect for All**” week. P.S.101 takes character education very seriously all year, as it is our goal to maintain a student body that’s self-controlled, respectful, and considers the consequences of their actions before making decisions. Our goal is to help our students to become emotionally balanced, socially compassionate individuals with a solid value system. We have implemented a variety of training sessions and programs throughout the school to help foster these qualities.

On **March 12**, two auditorium presentations will be conducted focusing on bullying (one for the lower grades and one for the upper grades) the presentations will utilize a video as well as open discussions afterwards. These important dialogues will not just end in the auditorium but will be further enhanced through poignant literature, group activities as well as an anonymous “bully boxes” where children can safely alert their teachers of any concerns they might be having. Through this implementation, children can come to see that it is not okay to simply be a bystander when another child is being bullied. Another key lesson is that telling an adult is *not* tattling, but is in fact the brave and responsible thing to do.

Once again, it is our mission to continue to keep our school a safe place where every student feels included by their peers and accepted for who they are.

Sincerely,

Valerie Capitulo
Principal