

THE PTA UPDATE

Thank You For Supporting Downing Night Out and Mrs. Janosel, Teacher of The Year!

Mark Your Calendar!

4/18 - 4/26 Spring Recess

5/7- MWD PTA Meeting 7pm
MWD Library (Board Elections)

5/17- VIP Tea Please begin
planning for your students VIP
attendance.

5/21 District Budget Vote &
Board Of Election 7am-9pm
HTH GYM

5/24 - 5/27 School Closed
Happy Memorial Day!

5/31 MWD Half Day Students
Dismiss 11:23

6/7 MWD Early Dismissal 11:23
Field Day

6/21 Second Grade Carnival

Stay Connected!

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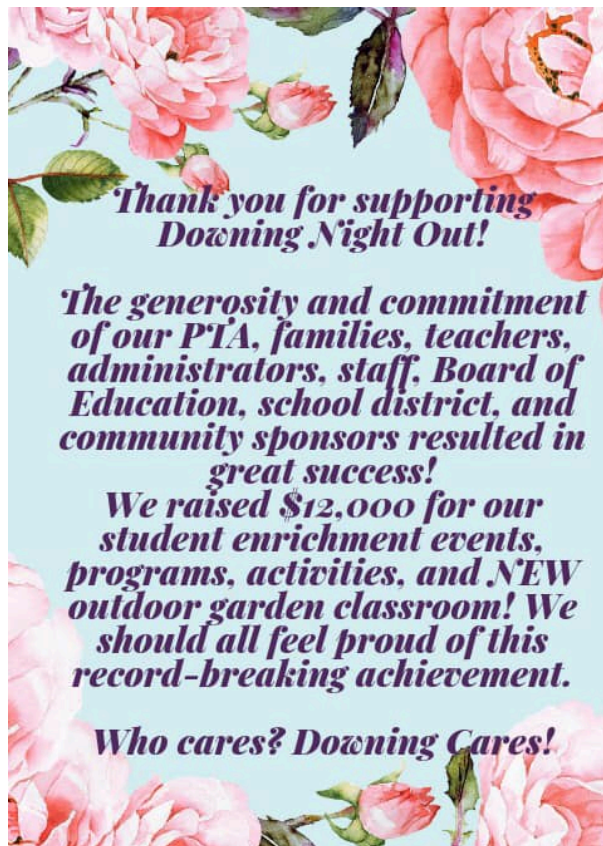
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Join Us For Our Second Annual VIP Tea a.k.a. Special Person's Tea

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Friday, May 17th for the 2nd annual VIP Tea! This is an adorable event for our children. Each child will have the opportunity to invite a VIP person i.e.(mom, dad, grandpa, grandma, aunt, uncle, sibling, neighbor, teacher, etc. anyone who can make it!) to join them for a special tea party on May 17th at MWD during school. The children will share snacks and a sweet activity with their VIP people, as well as have the chance to show off their school and friends! Please think about who will be able to attend this event with your child as flyers are coming home in your child's folder. Participation will be the key to success!

Downing Night Out Success





Who Cares?

Downing Cares!!!

Mrs. Robles & her team are working non-stop, encouraging the children & MWD families to continue to give to the student council fundraiser, the Ronald McDonald House. We have one more month to help support this work of kindness & generosity led by Our Students!

Assemblies:

On April 17th is MWD's April "We Can" Award Assembly and April's theme is "I Can Help". Congratulations to all of the students!

Reminders!!!

- **Send In Your Box Tops**
- **If you are interested in volunteering, email the PTA mwdpta@gmail.com**
- **Amazon Smile: PTA New York Congress 010-256 Maurice W Downing PTA**
- **PTA. Stop & Shop A+ Rewards: MAURICE W. DOWNING - ID#: 14359**

Outdoor Garden Classroom:

A large portion of the profits from MWD'S Downing Night Out will be applied towards our goal of creating an unprecedented Outdoor Garden Classroom for all of our students within our current Garden. In order to accomplish this goal we will need to exhaust all resources. Please email us or reach out to volunteer your time, professional advice, suggestions or any further donations. A Wishlist created by our very own MWD teachers has also been created and is incredibly exciting.

PTA Board Of Elections:

May is the time of year when the nominating committee begins to gather names of people who are interested in running for the PTA Board for next school year. All positions are held for one year and if re-elected, are only able to serve a total of 2 years max in that elected position. Interest forms will be coming home in the folders, if you think that you would like to run, please fill out the form and send it in back to us. Voting will be during the May PTA Meeting Tuesday, May 7 at 7pm in the MWD Library. If you are running for a position it is best to be present at that meeting.

Specials- Math Enrichment: *A letter From Ms. Suzanne Golder*

This year we are very excited that all children at Downing School will be receiving Math Enrichment as part of their "Specials." The Math Enrichment Program will operate on alternative cycles with the library. Each class will be solving problems using math manipulatives. The children will also be learning some games that can be played at home. All classes began by solving the problem of how many days we have been in school. As of today, do you know how many days we have been in school?

The kindergarten children began by sorting buttons! They had to find buttons based on clues. After that, the children were working with attribute shapes. They were solving problems by sorting shapes by shape, color, size, and thickness. Currently they have been working with connecting cubes to find how many different ways they could order three or even four cubes. Try this at home... make a collection! Buttons, beads, cars, shells... Sort them, count them, order them, talk about them, play with them!

The first graders have been counting to 120! They worked very hard on a Connect the Dots Picture where the numbers went up to 118. It was quite a problem, but those who persevered saw the makings of a squirrel. Next, the children followed directions to color specific numbers on a 120 chart to reveal a Mystery Picture. Once again, perseverance paid off. A beautiful rainbow was shown. Practice counting 120 objects. What does 120 of something look like? Use your estimating skills of how many are in a group and then check by counting. Are you a good estimator?

The second graders began the year by exploring numbers to 1,000. First, they worked on the biggest Connect the Dots ever! To complete the picture children had to follow the dots to 400! Next we read the book How Much, How Many, How Far, How Heavy, How Long, How Tall, Is 1000? The children used connecting cubes to see how long 1000 cubes were! They made groups of 10 and were thrilled to see 1000. We also had a chance to see how many zeros in the numbers one million (1,000,000) one billion (1,000,000,000) one trillion (1,000,000,000,000) and one quadrillion (1,000,000,000,000,000). Then we discussed infinity... There are many more exciting problems for us to solve this year! Please make time to ask your child what manipulative they used in Math Enrichment and what was the problem they had to solve. Google it or look for Apps that use those manipulatives!