

THE FIGUEROA FLAMES

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Career Day Fun At PS 398Q

by Haley, Hanna, Jewel, Safiya

PS398's Career Day happened on March 27, 2026. Career Day is when people come to our school to talk about their jobs and the awesome things they do. Students get to see cool tools and learn what they might want to be when they grow up! People come to volunteer like a physical therapist, theater artist, zoo educator, and more. PS 398 celebrates Career Day because Career Day helps students understand the different jobs they can do in the future!

Now you know what Career Day is. You can see some ideas of what you want to be when you grow up! Continue to page 5 to read more information about all the different careers students explored, all because of Ms. Kaur's hard work. Enjoy!

The Amazing Green Team of PS 398

by Alveena, Avery, Rumaiza, Kashfia

Have you ever wondered what it felt like to plan activities, help the community, or win a prize for the biggest flower or tree? Well, that is what it is like and what you will do if you are on the Green team. The Green Team is all about helping our community and cleaning the earth. The Green Team is trying to help the earth by teaching people to share and save natural resources. They also do things like help clean the earth and want to do charity.

The Green Team works hard to help the Earth and make it a better place. The team not only helps the earth and us, but animals too. For example, the Green Team tries to make more Green space in the environment to help humans and animals breathe in more oxygen, which plants make. The Green Team also helps with recycling. The Green Team members joined because they want to help the Earth become a healthier place for everyone. The members are interested in this because they love the Earth, and it is a fun and interesting way to help the Earth. It is also more fun to do this with friends. The members of the Green Team are passionate about this because helping the Earth is such an important job.

In each meeting, the Green Team takes notes about what else they can do to help the Earth. At P.S. 398 Q, Hector Figueroa School, the Green Team is being kept busy as new ideas float through their heads. They try to capture the ideas, but their hands are full of ideas already. Maybe you wonder, "Why does the Green Team spend all their time caring for Earth, when they can play video games instead?" That is because if the Earth is sick, then almost all humans will also be sick and will not have the resources to live. Taking care of the Earth is like taking care of a loved one or taking care of yourself. The team members love Earth and want to protect it. You might ask, "Why is it so important not to use cars as much?" Well, that is because it reduces the amount of pollution made by cars that can hurt humans, plants, and animals. Also, walking is good for your health and can help you save money.

The Green Team members have shirts that say, "We only have one Earth, let's take care of it!" If plants die, we have no oxygen to breathe. The Earth is our home, and if we hurt it, we can't live either.

So right now, go quickly and run to your garden or park. If you can, plant something, thank a tree, make sure to save water and electricity when you can, and enjoy sitting back and watching the beautiful planet do its job of giving us food, water, and air. Someday, the plant you planted might grow so big that you will be proud to have made one. Life is all connected through nature, so if the Earth is not healthy, we will all feel the effects of this. You can inspire other students at our school by showing your friend how a tiny sprout can turn into a beautiful cherry blossom tree or how a seed can grow into a green blade of grass! If you also want to help the earth, you can be in the Green Team when you get into fourth and fifth grade, too!

Continue to page 7 to read the interview with Ms. Suchan and what inspired her to create PS 398's amazing Green Team!



PHOTO: THE GREEN TEAM IN ACTION (2025-2026).
GREEN TEAM MEMBERS PLANTING FLOWERS AND TREES OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL.

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Debate Team of PS 398

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Did you ever wonder what the Debate Team does for the school? You may think they read scripts or just talk about their opinion, but you may be surprised, because the Debate Team goes to tournaments and reads their debates to other schools. They also compete against other schools. Do you want to know how debate works? People who want to be on the Debate Team have to sign up, and you can get chosen. In Debate, you can make friends, since you may have to debate about different things. Also, you can make friends by being in the same groups and connecting with each other's references or scripts.

Our very own journalist, Mahivardhan Sin, described the Debate Team in the following way: When we started to learn all about debate, we started to learn all about the positions in debate. For example, the cons are the people who disagree, and the pros are the people who agree with the claim. We also learned that we are going to be in groups of 3. We also learned we can't be shy and have to



PHOTO: THE DEBATE TEAM OF 2025-2026 IN THE PHOTO: MS. MANSI, MS. MUEVECELA, & STUDENTS FROM THEIR WINNING DEBATE.

talk a lot. Some topics that we debated on were whether students should have phones.”

After all that hard work, it actually paid off because the team did lots of work. They were all nervous, but the worries faded away. The Debate Team used a lot of teamwork to make the dream work. They also made new friends in debate. “We practiced a lot and stunned the other teams. We won for the first time, 1st place out of several schools, and it was held in PS 148. All of District 30 came to PS 148 to be in the tournament. PS 148 had won 4th place out of all of the schools,” said Mahivardhan Sin. If you were in the debate team, what topic would you want to debate?

Words from the Coaches

Even though this was only my second year coaching debate, this season felt completely different. I felt much more confident helping students build strong arguments and rebuttals, but this year’s topic challenged all of us in new ways. It pushed me to continue learning and preparing so I could best support my students. Debate reminded me that you can never be fully prepared, and that’s okay. There will always be challenges, but trusting the process makes all the difference. Watching students grow, gain confidence, and surprise me with their abilities was the most rewarding part of the experience. I am so proud of our students and can’t wait to come back next year even stronger. **-Ms. Mansi, Debate Team Coach**

Through coaching the debate team, I learned that everyone could overcome challenges. Whether it was being a first-time coach, speaking in front of a crowd for the first time, or joining debate for the first time, everyone had a lot of firsts. Debate taught us to be confident, work together, and support one another. We practiced, learned from mistakes, and kept going even when things felt hard. Winning is important, but what matters most is how much we grew as a team. Together, we found our voices, worked hard, and we won. **-Ms. Muevecela, Debate Team Coach**



PHOTO: THE CHEERLEADING TEAM OF 2025-2026 GROUP PHOTOS TAKEN AT SPORTS GAMES AND THE CHEERLEADING EXPOSITION.

Our Cheerleaders

by Eloise, Audrey, Haley, Louis

THE CHEERLEADERS BACKSTORY

Why did the cheerleader bring a ladder to practice? She wanted to take her spirit to the next level! What is a cheerleader's favourite fruit? A pom-pom- granate! What is the cheer team’s favourite math? Counting 5-6 5-6-7-8! Just some cheer humor; you’re probably wondering why our school even considered a cheer team, so we are going to tell you why. Our school was known for our basketball and soccer teams, but not for the cheerleading team, which is new to our school. This is what Ms. Persaud told us at the interview: "I started the cheerleading team for the 2025-2026 school year, with tryouts taking place on November 19th, because I wanted to create a group that could showcase and build school spirit. In physical education classes, students expressed interest to their teachers about starting and being part of a cheerleading team.” Students were tested on memory, skill, dance, cheer moves, and motivation for their fellow friends. In the end, about 17 to 18 students were chosen. They became the first cheerleaders at the Hector Figueroa School. The students participated in basketball games by helping to support them. The cheerleaders show creativity by making cheers and unique moves.

DRAGON PRIDE

The cheerleaders elevated our school's Dragon Pride and became the school’s face by performing in the District 30 cheer expo. Additionally, they performed at the games that the basketball team played. The cheerleaders worked hard throughout the whole season and started doing stunts for the first time, and great dances to cheer on the basketball team. The cheerleaders stayed supportive and positive no matter if the basketball team won or lost. They were resilient and tried their hardest and best. Even when things didn't go as planned or got hard, they didn't lose their positive spirit. Cheer teaches time management (if they have other activities or homework), problem solving, even math (how many people does it take to lift someone up!), and, if they have time, to learn other routines. Cheer teams combine athletic, acrobatic, and dance skills to motivate sports teams, entertain audiences, and sometimes compete.

Some cheers that the cheer team performed were: Ashes, Ashes; Let’s Go Dragons; Where’s that ball going; Lemonade; It’s Hot in Here; Victory; DANCE: HOT TO GO!! The Cheer Team also performed at the District 30 Cheer Expo for the first time. Our very own journalists

who are also cheerleaders, Haley and Audrey said, “It was a fun and memorable time that we had at the Expo. We hope to do it again sometime!” Some of the cheerleaders thought that it was a competition that they were competing in, but in reality, it was just a way to show off all the fun cheers they learned as a team. Many of the cheerleaders felt very competitive at the time. But, at the end of the day, they were just very excited to perform and to show everyone what they had learned all year. Also, they got to see other cool performances from other schools to get inspiration for other dances, cheers, and stunts.

Our Cheerleaders (continued...)

To conclude, the cheerleaders stayed positive and active throughout the school year, showed energy, and happiness. They showed school spirit and school identity. They never gave up and tried their best every time they went with the basketball team. It was extremely great for the cheerleaders to experience the cheers and songs to perform in and watch the games and the Cheer Expo. Our cheerleader's Hot To Go dance by Chappell Roan was a hit at the Cheer Expo. They performed in the Expo for the first time to represent our school. They learned time management and communication/cooperation skills with others. They learned not to be sore losers and appreciate that they tried their hardest. But most importantly, they remembered to have fun and felt like a second family as they worked together.

Words from the Coach

"I started the cheerleading team for the 2025-2026 school year, with tryouts taking place November 19th because I wanted to create a group that could showcase and build school spirit. In physical education classes, students expressed interest in their teachers about starting and being part of a cheerleading team. As someone who was part of a cheerleading team when I was younger, I wanted students to experience that same sense of pride, teamwork, and excitement. The team gives students the opportunity to come together, support one another, and represent our school with pride at games and performances. I am excited to continue growing the team and creating meaningful experiences for students."

-Ms. Persaud, 3rd Grade Teacher

The Awesome Graduating 5th Grade Classes of 2026

by Zara, Karen, Afreen

Some of you may not know that the Class of 2026 is the second graduating class for P.S. 398Q, The Hector Figueroa School! The 5th graders are excited about graduation, a celebration of all their hard work, accomplishments, and the end of elementary school. It is also a big change because the 5th graders are going to middle school, and academics will become more challenging. Are you excited to become a 5th grader one day?

Most 5th graders applied to I.S. 230, and they got accepted! But for 5th graders, it was their first time applying to middle schools. They also had to see how far it was from their home, what the school specializes in, if it was a gifted and talented school, and possibly what clubs it has to offer! Other students are going to other schools like I.S.145, Louis Armstrong, and I.S.126, while some students may be moving away. Before all the fun stuff like Adventureland (the Senior Trip), the Senior Dance, Graduation, cap and gown photos, students still need to focus on their grades and their schoolwork. One 5th grader said, "I'm excited to graduate and to finally get the yearbook!" 5th graders have to complete three state tests: the ELA, MATH, and SCIENCE. Some students might find it hard. Then, after all of that, they have the fun stuff like Adventureland, Senior Dance, and graduation. That's the new thing about being a 5th grader: you get to have fun after exams! The different things about being a 5th grader are that subjects are a little bit harder, you have 3 state tests instead of 2, you have to be a good role model to the younger students, and you have to get ready to leave for middle school.

Students will have mixed feelings, such as being sad and nervous. Many students say they will miss their friends and their favorite memories in P.S. 398 - The Hector Figueroa School. As sad as it may seem, students are also excited about graduating because they will go to different schools. This means a new chapter will begin! When you go to middle school, you have some old friends, and you will make new friends. You will learn many different new things. One student shared, "I am sad because I will miss everyone." And another student said, "I feel so happy because I am going to 6th grade."

How do you feel about becoming a 5th grader one day? Well, do you think you will be scared or happy about it? From a 5th grader's perspective, it might be scary at first, BUT you can get through it - just like every school year. So don't worry, 5th grade is lots of fun, and there is a lot to look forward to!



PHOTOS: THE GRADUATING 5TH GRADE CLASS OF 2026 PICTURED AT DIFFERENT EVENTS - IS 230 VISIT, FALL FESTIVAL, BOWLING TRIP TO LUCKY STRIKE.

Messages from the 5th Graders

Don't be afraid to move up in life. It's like a video game with its different levels, you advance as you grow. Don't be afraid to see what's next.

-Isabel Bernal, Class 5-314

Students can prepare for 5th grade by studying at home, asking friends for extra help, and making sure to always ask questions. Don't worry, even though it seems hard, you still have lots of fun!

-Marie Sinchī, Class 5-409

If schoolwork feels difficult, make sure to ask a teacher for help to understand it better, and watch videos to help you understand it.

-Jayden Sherpa, Class 5-314

One thing I have learned is to cherish the time you have with your friends because time doesn't wait for you.

Have fun and make the most of your time here!

-Alanī Andīno, Class 5-312

Some advice I would give to you is to try your best, behave, and have faith in yourself. Now, good luck! Not everything is about perfection, just try your best.

-Martín Restrepo, Class 5-312

Something you can do is practice the subject you are bad at, and do your homework on time. You have to be in control of your time so that you can do all your work, and then have time to play.

-Samuel Zapata Ortiz, Class 5-305

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Career Day Fun At PS 398 (continued...)

PHOTOGRAPHER

Career Day is a beautiful day because you get to share your ideas for what you want to be when you grow up. Career Day is fun because you get to visit every job you can think of, and you get a little bit of information about different jobs, like a photographer. A photographer is a person who takes pictures, but not only regular pictures. Photographers take pictures of important times like graduation and baby pictures, even school pictures and anniversary photos. Photography can be a fun job if you enjoy taking pictures and being creative.

THEATER ARTIST

Can you imagine being a theater artist? A theater artist has a big part in plays or dramas. They have to do costumes, lighting, and scripts. If you are in a play and you have a problem with your costume, you should talk to the theater artist. Theater Artists have to enroll in acting workshops and a bachelor's degree, which is professional and intense. Being a theater artist is like being a teacher who does theater (performs, acts, and designs)!



PHYSICAL THERAPY

Can you imagine what it is like to be a physical therapist? A physical therapist is a movement expert who helps people get stronger after they get hurt or have surgery. If you ever twist your ankle playing soccer or have a really bad backache, they are the ones who teach you special exercises and stretches to make the pain go away. They don't give you medicine or perform surgery. Instead, they use their hands to help your joints move better and show you how to use your muscles the right way. You have to go to college for a long time to become one because you have to learn how every single bone and muscle in the human body works together! Being a physical therapist is like being a body coach!

ZOO EDUCATION

Zoo education is a place where there is a diversity of animals from all over the world, a lot to explore, and a lot to learn from them! It is fun because you can visit different animals, like going to

different parts of the world, to help other animals that you didn't know existed. You help animals, so it is a very fun adventure and a lot to discover! Also, you learn about extinct animals like Barney (aka dinosaurs), the Tasmanian tiger, the dodo bird, and more.

WHAT WE LEARNED

We learned that you can do whatever you want when you put your mind to it. For example, you might want to be a doctor so when you're older, you can study so you can be one. Our opinion of Career Day is that we can follow your dreams, and you can be whatever you want to be.

What do you want to be when you grow up?



Words from Ms. Kaur

“Career Day is a fun day where we learn about different jobs and what people do besides stare at computers and drink coffee. Planning Career Day takes a lot of organizing because you have to schedule people, plan activities, and make sure nobody gets lost looking for the bathroom. It is important because it helps us think about what we want to be when we grow up - maybe a doctor, a teacher, or even a professional pizza taster!”

-Ms. Kaur, 2nd Grade Teacher

PHOTO: PS 398'S ANNUAL CAREER DAY, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2026. IN PHOTO: STAFF INCLUDING MR. FITZGERALD, MS. MONDAL, MR. DIAZ, MR. T. SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENT VOLUNTEERS WHO TOOK THE DAY TO VISIT AND EDUCATE THE STUDENTS. ANOTHER BIG THANKS TO MS. KAUR & MS. NOWSIN FOR ORGANIZING THE EVENT.

Career Word Search



Instructions: Circle or highlight all the different words related to careers. All possible words are listed below.

DESIGNER	VETERINARIAN	PERFORMER
WRITER	TRANSPORTATION	GARDENER
ASTRONAUT	FIREFIGHTER	FASHION
MECHANIC	TECHNOLOGY	NURSE
GOVERNMENT	LAW	TEACHER
DENTIST	SPORTS	CAREER
CONSTRUCTION	JOB	BANKER
ZOOLOGIST	MAIL CARRIER	MEDICAL
CAREGIVER	CUSTODIAL	ART
POLICE	CHEF	CLERK
ENGINEER	SCIENCE	
COSMETOLOGY	DOCTOR	

Think about all these careers listed.
Which one interests you?
How can you start to prepare for your future?



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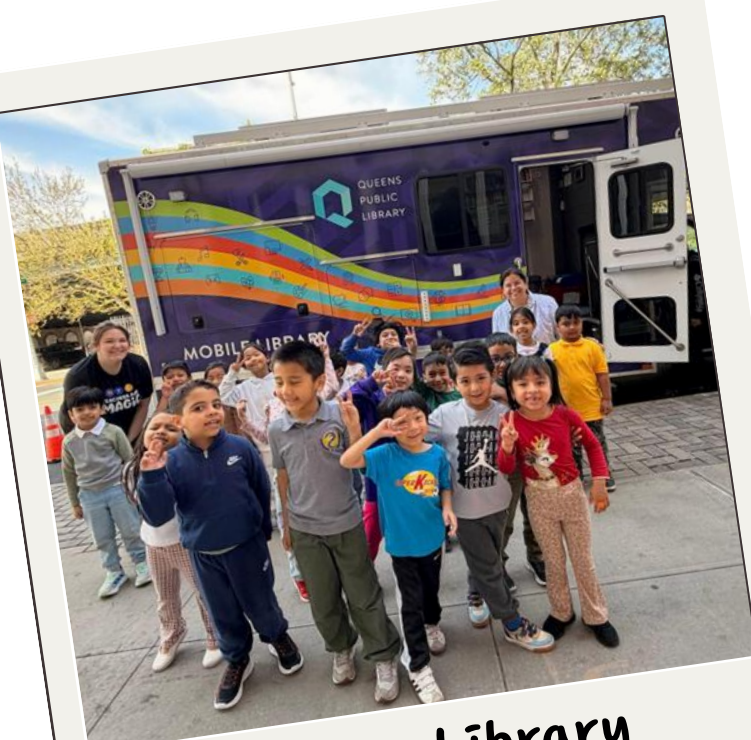
OH YEAH! THAT HAPPENED! THE QUICK ROUND-UP



2nd Grade
Landform Dioramas



Respect for All Week



Queens Library
Bus Visit



Spring Concert



World Read Aloud Day

INTERVIEW WITH

Our Principal

Mr. Fitzgerald
All About March Madness

1.) How did you come up with the idea of March Madness for our school?

Actually, March Madness was the idea of our awesome Parent Teacher Association, PTA! March is always a long month without any holidays and the PTA thought it would be an idea to make March fun. They were right, because we had incredible attendance in every class including our 3K and Pre K classes.

2.) How do you feel about this event? Has it helped with attendance?

I love the March Madness attendance challenge! In my opinion and experience, Attendance and arriving on time for school are the most important parts of being a student. When I see students who are present just about everyday and show up on time everyday, I know they are taking their academic careers seriously. And as someone who hires people, I always look at their attendance in other places as part of my hiring process.

3.) How do you keep track of multiple class attendances?

I am able to download all types of student performance and attendance data and I love researching data. Data tells me a story about our school and how we are helping our students and where they need help.

4.) What do you think about attendance so far at the school?

I am very impressed about our student and staff attendance. Overall this school year, we have a 94% attendance rate which is very high in comparison with other schools across NYC. However, if I have one concern, and you hear me say it every morning during announcements, it's how often many of our students are late.

5.) Do you have any other ideas on how to motivate students to come to school every day?

Honestly speaking, I don't believe in motivation for student attendance. I truly believe that all students have the responsibility to come to school everyday and on time. I believe more that it is the job of our school to help our students feel safe and comfortable coming to school. When students feel safe and supported, which I think they do at PS 398Q, then attendance will not be a big problem. We love our students and with the help of our families, staff and PTA, we want to keep PS 398Q the BEST SCHOOL IN NYC!

31 Days of March Madness

by Sophia, Raifa, Manuel

Have you ever heard of this AMAZING event called March Madness? Everyone was talking about it and wondering who would win. The prize... A PIZZA PARTY! Everybody loves pizza. I know what you're thinking: What can you do to win it while coming to school every day? Read more if you want to learn how to win in the future!

March Madness is an event in our school where you have to be in school EVERY day of March and be on time to get a prize. It's also good to be on time in school because then you don't miss any important things or events like this. Being in school every day and on time gives you lots of benefits. It keeps students motivated because everyone LOVES pizza! The hard thing is that... WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER! What if someone is always absent? What if someone is sick? So many people can make the whole class lose. I know what you're thinking, "There's no point in this prize. People are going to be absent." Don't worry, the principal got everything under control. The winners of March Madness this year went crazy!

How can you and your class win March Madness in the future? Well, you can tell your classmates, friends, and those who are quite close to you why it is so important! You can also motivate YOURSELF to come to school every day. It seems exciting to think about the prizes and rewards you get by earning them with your efforts! This will help you attend any educational building at any time. But here's some advice. You should set an alarm and sleep early. You should also wake up early, and before you go to bed at night, you should plan your outfit and breakfast. Make sure to have a healthy breakfast, and stay energized to remind your friends to come to school every day!

These are all of the reasons why you should always feel motivated to come to school every single day, especially when it is March, and you get a chance to win a pizza party! The class that I am in (5 - 312) won a pizza party because we had the highest attendance rate! Our pizza party was amazing, and we are so grateful! It was definitely worth it. March Madness inspired my class and the others to be in school and on time every single day! We hope it motivates and does the same for you.



PHOTO: CLASS 1-213 AND MS. SOSA ENJOYED A PIZZA PARTY FOR HAVING THE BEST FIRST-GRADE ATTENDANCE.

NEXT TIME YOU SEE THE PTA, MAKE SURE TO THANK THEM FOR ALL THEIR WONDERFUL CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR SCHOOL! THANKS TO THE PTA, WE HAVE SUCH WONDERFUL EVENTS INCLUDING THE MARCH MADNESS PIZZA PARTY, FALL & SPRING FESTIVAL, OUR SCHOOL DANCES, & MANY MORE!

The Amazing Green Team of PS 398 (continued...)

Interview with Ms. Suchan

What motivated you to create this club? What was your inspiration?

I have always wanted to make a Green Team Club, and after I attended a special teacher workshop about Climate Change at Columbia University during the February break, I knew I had to do it. My inspiration is the feeling that children want to help and do community service, projects that help the planet, and be involved in teamwork activities. I also feel that children enjoy and need to learn about issues affecting our planet, such as what causes climate change and how to be a part of making solutions to slow down and even end climate change.

What is it like leading The Green Team?

It is really fun to lead the Green Team because students have a lot of space to share their ideas. I also love that the students in the Green Team chose to be on the team. They want to be there. It is a great experience as a teacher connecting and bringing guest speakers from interesting organizations to the club, like Street Lab, NYC Street Trees, and the District 30 Sustainability Specialist, Bee Guzman. All of these organizations and the people that work for them are working on sharing environmental education with kids and are eager to visit the team.

What are you and the Green Team members working on right now?

We are working on planning the next Climate Action Day, which will be held on June 11th. It is a Climate Action Day about Water. We are teaming up with Street Lab again, and we are excited to share activities and experiences that highlight the importance of water. We are also going to have another meeting where we meet with guest educators from the Environmental Protection Agency.

What are you most excited to do with the Green Team in the future?

In the future, I want to help the Green Team grow our school's recycling initiatives, help advocate for more voice and visioning around what we can do with the 34th Ave Open Street, and I also hope we can plant more things together!



PHOTO: THE GREEN TEAM OF 2025-2026

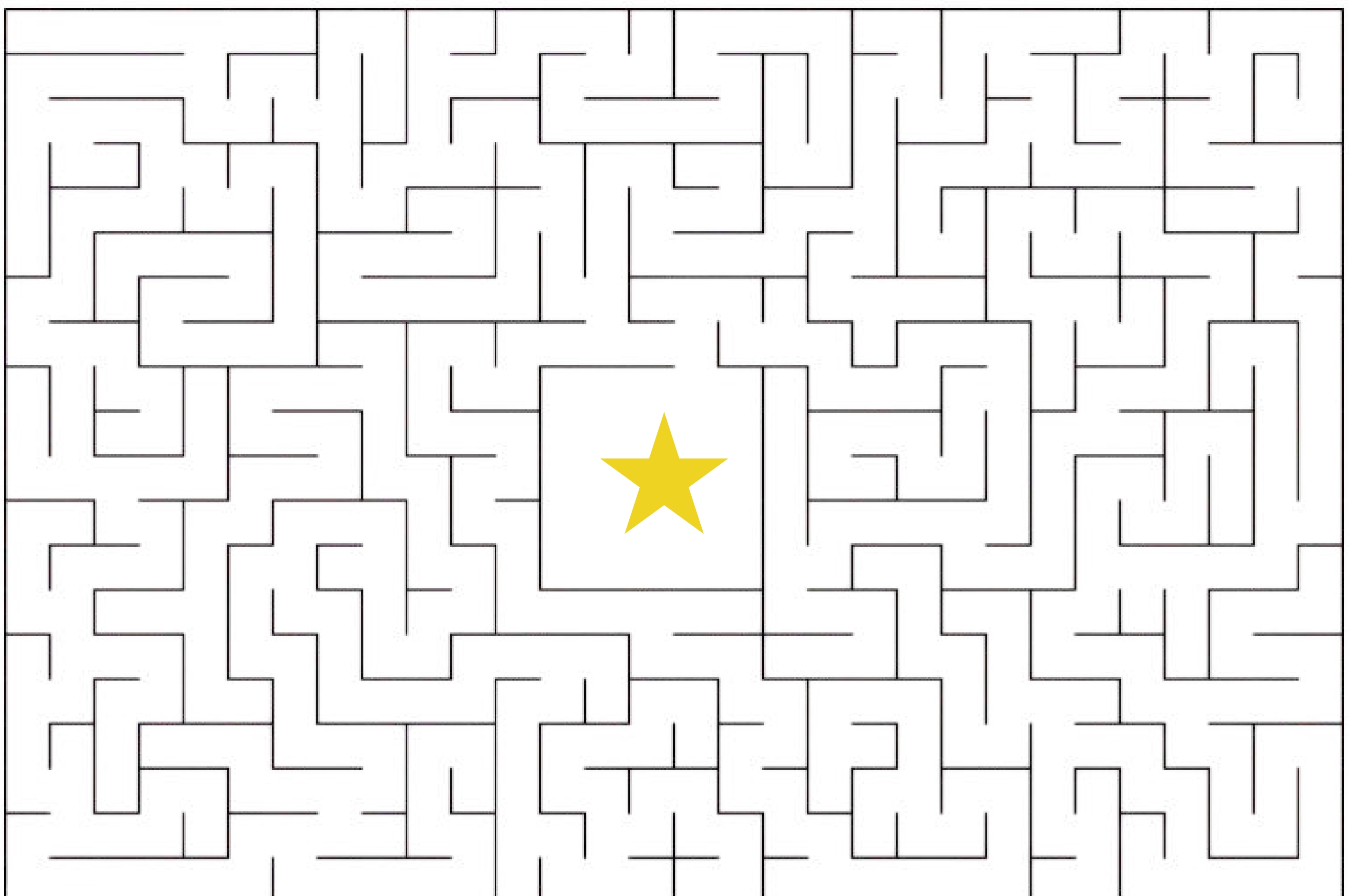
TOP PHOTO: MR. SANTOSTEFANO, MS. SUCHAN. & STUDENTS.

BOTTOM PHOTO: STUDENTS PLANTING OUTSIDE OF PS 398.



Maze - Find the Way Out!

Instructions: Begin in the middle square with the star. Follow the tunnels and find the best way to make it out!



Our First Journalists

by Ms. Rivera, Ms. De La Rosa, Ms. Walendziuk

From the very beginning, our first-ever Newspaper Club at PS398Q has been a truly special experience. In just a short amount of time, our students have accomplished something remarkable, and we could not be more proud.

Working together in teams, our young journalists learned how to listen to one another, share ideas, and communicate with purpose. They collaborated thoughtfully, supported each other through challenges, and discovered the power of combining their unique voices into one collective vision. Watching them grow—not only as writers, but as teammates and leaders—has been incredibly rewarding.

Their creativity, dedication, and enthusiasm helped lay a strong foundation for what we know will continue to grow: The Figueroa Flames. Each article, interview, and idea reflects their hard work and commitment to making something meaningful for our school community.

As teachers, we are so proud of the effort, resilience, and heart our students have shown. They took on this new challenge with courage and excitement, and they have set a shining example for future members of the club. We look forward to seeing how The Figueroa Flames continues to evolve—and we know that this first group of students has ignited something truly special.



PHOTO: THE NEWSPAPER CLUB OF 2025-2026. PHOTO TAKEN AT ONE OF OUR 1ST MEETINGS. STUDENTS BEGAN TO LEARN ABOUT JOURNALISM AND BRAINSTORMED IDEAS FOR NEWSPAPER ARTICLES.

More Messages from the 5th Graders

Some ways students can prepare for 5th grade are by always doing hard work, focusing, and not panicking - you got this!

-Hamad AbdulAziz, Class 5-409

My favorite memory of elementary school is my friends; they mean so much to me. We laughed, hung out, played volleyball, and it was the best. My advice is to make sure you have fun with your friends, enjoy the moment no matter what, because this won't last long.

-Sophie Morales, Class 5-305

Make lots of friends and don't be rude to anyone. Make sure you don't make the teachers angry. You should always make sure to be in school every day.

-Sonam Dolma, Class 5-314

My advice is to study a lot and keep track of what you are doing. You have to make the most of your learning because each grade gets harder. Use or make your own strategies if you get stuck on something.

Moving up a grade is scary, but you will make it.

-Matteo Torres, Class 5-305

School is a place to learn, but you will find joy in the small things you didn't even realize you had. So enjoy it while it lasts (like not having lots of homework)!

-Alyssa Bernal, Class 5-312

You should cherish the teachers who were always nice to you, and know that the work isn't that hard. Cherish the memories, friends, field trips, and all that you have been through.

-Farhan Haque, Class 5-314

DRAGONS DEN

Jokes

- 1.) What newspaper do cows like to read?
- 2.) Why did the reporter talk to the ice cream?
- 3.) Why do sharks swim in saltwater?
- 4.) Why do seagulls fly over the sea?
- 5.) What do you give a sick bird?
- 6.) Why don't skeletons fight each other?

Trivia - Test Your Knowledge

- 1.) Who was the first President of the United States?
- 2.) What ancient civilization built the pyramids?
- 3.) What ship sank in 1912 after hitting an iceberg?
- 4.) Who was the first person to walk on the Moon?
- 5.) Who was credited with inventing the light bulb?
- 6.) What is the largest planet in our solar system?

Brain Teasers

- 1.) What has hands but cannot clap?
- 2.) What gets wetter as it dries?
- 3.) What has a face and 2 hands but no arms or legs?
- 4.) What has one eye but cannot see?
- 5.) What can travel around the world while staying in one corner?
- 6.) What has many keys but can't open a door?

Answer Key

Flip the page to check your answers!

Trivia - Test Your Knowledge

- 1.) The Moos-paper
- 2.) Because it always had the scoop!
- 3.) Because pepper water makes them sneeze!
- 4.) Because if they flew over the bay, they'd be bagels!
- 5.) Tweetment!
- 6.) They don't have the guts.

Jokes

Brain Teasers

- 1.) George Washington
- 2.) The Ancient Egyptians
- 3.) Titanic
- 4.) Neil Armstrong
- 5.) Thomas Edison
- 6.) Jupiter

- 1.) A clock
- 2.) A towel
- 3.) A clock
- 4.) A needle
- 5.) A stamp
- 6.) A piano