



MS 354 TIMES

OCTOBER 2024

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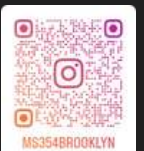
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October 2024



EVENT SCHEDULE

10/16/24

Breast Cancer Awareness (Students wear Pink tops & Uniform Bottoms)

10/17/24

Food Pantry Distribution
9:30am - 10:30am

10/17/24

PTA Meeting

10/19/24

Middle School Fair (New Students)
MS 246

10/25/24

Grade 6 Bowling
(Select Students)

10/26/24

Food Pantry Distribution
10:00am - 12:00n

10/28/24

Character Day
(Info will be sent home)

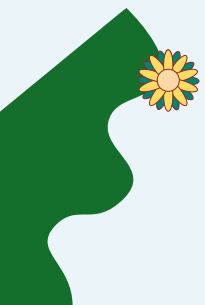
10/30/24

Gr8 Specialized High School Test
8:00am

2024-25 PTA/SLT Meeting Schedule

November 21
January 16
March 27
May 22

December 19
February 27
April 24
June 12



Welcome to a new beginning Principal's message

As we embark on this new school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the theme of growth and new beginnings. Each year brings with it a fresh start, an opportunity to redefine ourselves, cultivate new friendships, and explore new knowledge. Just as a seed pushes through the soil to reach the sunlight, you too are on a journey of growth, discovery and transformation.

Every year, you will face changes – new teachers –, new subjects, and even new classmates. Change can be intimidating, but it is also essential for growth. Embrace the unknown with an open heart and mind. Ask questions, seek help when needed, and remember that your teachers and staff are here to support you through this journey.

Growth is not always easy; it involves challenges, perseverance, and sometimes, stepping outside of our comfort zones. Middle school is an exciting time in your lives, filled with opportunities to learn – about yourselves, your passions, and your goals. Embrace this stage of your development! As you navigate through different subjects, clubs, and activities, remember that each experience contributes to your personal and academic growth.

Dr. Monique Campbell



MS 354 PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2024-2025

Come out to our meetings -
Your support is needed!!!

*Stay
informed*



**PTA
PRESIDENT**

Christine Mills



**VICE
PRESIDENT**

Tamika Linton-Jones



TREASURER
Antonia Meekins



RECORDING SECRETARY

Prisca Julian



Dear M.S 354 families,

It is my honor to introduce myself to the M.S 354 family. My name is Christine Mills. I am a wife and mother of two awesome young ladies. I am truly honored to serve as your PTA president for the 2024-2025 school year. I am looking forward to working alongside an exceptional executive Board of enthusiastic and dedicated parents. As your executive board, we aim to provide with the kind of leadership and representation that you will be proud of.

I am also looking forward this school year to getting to know the families, administrative staff and teachers who are a big part of our children's education and wellbeing.

Our PTA relies directly on the support of us, the families. Whether you are new or a returning parent, I encourage you to join the PTA and attend our monthly meetings. It is a great way to keep you informed on what is going on at M.S 354,

including the activities, we are going to plan together as a team to support our children's school experience.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year!

Yours truly,
Christine Mills
M.S 354 PTA President

**STAFF
SPOTLIGHT
OCTOBER
2024**



Shushanna Roper

A great ELA teacher not only excels in teaching foundational literacy skills but also cultivates a vibrant community of learners. Shushanna Roper is that great ELA teacher! Ms. Roper has played a crucial role in nurturing students' love for literature, encouraging self-expression through writing, and preparing them to be critical thinkers and effective communicators for the past 10 years. She has a genuine love for literature and the written word, which she uses to inspire students and ignite their passion for reading. She is well versed at creating structured routines that facilitate a focused learning environment. Ms. Roper is always willing to collaborate with other educators, specialists, and administrators to enhance student learning experiences.



Student Spotlight October



**Danyella
Matthews**

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PE

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**Alicia
Arthur**

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**Reading
Skills**

604



**Karishma
Downer**

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Math

604



**Denique
Kerr**

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**Art, Science,
Social Studies**

604



**Amarii
Meekins**

.....
ELA

604



**Madison
Fleming**

.....
SCIENCE

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**Eliana
Thompson**

.....
**Reading Skills
ELA**

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**Levih
Munoz**

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**SOCIAL STUDIES
PE**

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Student Spotlight October



Javelle Joseph
.....
Math

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Zoe Amadis
.....
Spanish

602



Brandy Jones
.....
Math

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Terry McCarden
.....
PE

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Zarah Rupert
.....
Reading Skills

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Soraya Thiam
.....
SOCIAL STUDIES

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Gavin Brooks
.....
PE

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Natoly Boyce
.....
READING SKILLS,
SCIENCE, ELA,
SOCIAL STUDIES

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Student Spotlight October



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Kayden
Ricketts

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Math



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Jalyn
Chambers

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Art



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Sophia
Guzman

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Science



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Cristal
Mable

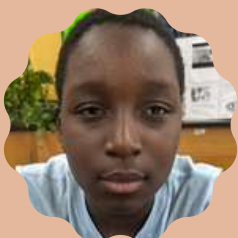
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PE



710

Rasiel
Martinez

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MATH
ELA



702

Razack
Amao

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Social Studies



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Yehou-Nic
Isemar

.....
MATH,
SCIENCE



Student Spotlight October



**Alexis
Momplaisir**

.....
PE

702



**Khelsie
Pierre**

.....
Art

702



**Tahima
Jean-Louis**

.....
Math Skills

702



**Marquise
Darius**

.....
ELA

702



**Lucnerline
Augustin**

.....
Science

703



**Violet
Bryson**

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ART

703



**Deyana
Curtis**

.....
Math Skills

703



**Aaliyah
Ferguson**

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**SOCIAL STUDIES
ELA**

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Student Spotlight October



Anissa
Peters

.....
Math

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Reon
Sanchez

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PE

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Tristan
Christophe

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ELA

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Empress
Wade

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Art

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Niaomi
Myers

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PE

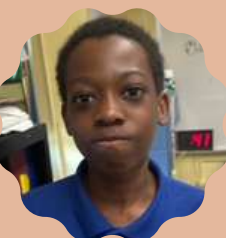
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Khaliq
Ovid

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SOCIAL STUDIES,
MATH SKILLS

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Benjamin
Saint Fleur

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ENL

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Elijah
Vaughn

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SCIENCE

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Student Spotlight October



**Miylon
White**

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Math

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**Worokia
Diallo**

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**Social
Studies**

711



**Sahida
Kimba**

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**ELA, Math, Math
Skills, Science**

711



**Nicholos
Popo**

.....
PE

711



**Kayla
Thomas**

.....
Art

711



**Zephaniah
Walker**

.....
PE, MATH

810



**Melanie
Granville
Parke**

.....
**Spanish,
Science**

810



Student Spotlight October



**Kalyani
Holmes**

.....
Science

804



**Jeremiah
Lyken**

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**Social
Studies**

804



**Aiden
Thomas**

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**ELA, Math,
Spanish, Reading
Skills**

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**Tey Anna
Burrell**

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PE

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**Maykel
Chicaiza**

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Spanish

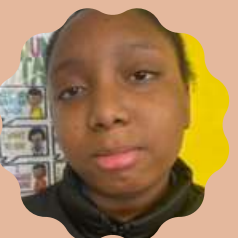
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**Lawton
Henry**

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SOCIAL STUDIES

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**Armani
Pollack**

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Math, Science

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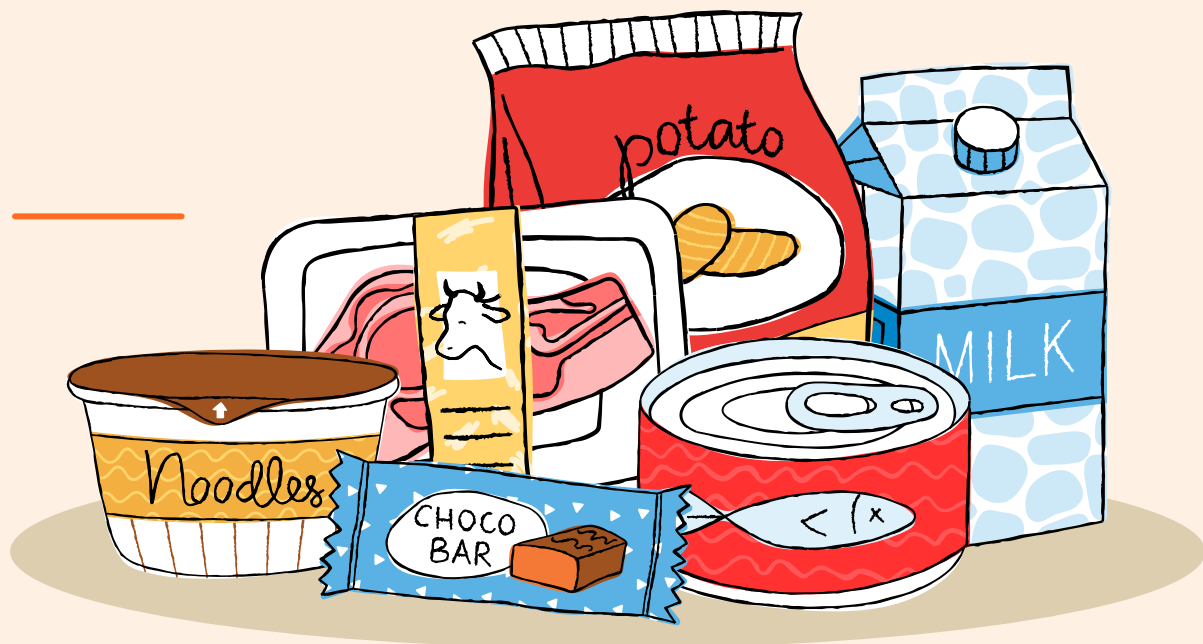
**Deshawn
Truesdale**

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**ELA, READING
SKILLS**

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FOOD PANTRY

AT MS 354



BENEFITS

- Food access
- Healthy Eating
- Crisis Support

DISTRIBUTION DATES 2024

- ▶ October 15 & 26
- ▶ November 19 & 23
- ▶ December 17 & 21
- ▶ Tuesdays 9:30am - 10:30 am
- ▶ Saturday 10:00 am - 12:00 N



Feature Story
**NYC DOT, NYCPS &
BIKE NY BIKE
PROGRAM**

Bicycle Program



Our seventh graders participated in New York City Public Schools Get Kids Biking Program this month. Students were provided with skills and experiences they'll need to enjoy the benefits of biking

BENEFITS

- **Mental Health:**
Improves concentration, confidence & independence
- **Environmental Benefits:**
Environmental awareness & responsibility
- **Academic Performance:**
Students become more focused & ready to learn
- **Fun!!!!**



PARENTING CORNER



Kids remember how often a parent was busy working, not the promotion they got.

Let's be honest, there will be a time when they compare the sizes of homes and the types of cars too. However, when they have strong family bonds they FEEL the difference less.

They might ALSO notice that even with less, their family has other qualities that stand out.

The amount of quality time they get.

Their parent's presence and interest in their lives.

The little rituals and traditions that made them feel seen.

The life skills they were taught that made them feel meaningful in the world.

There will be a point in time, a great equalizer, when some of these soft skills become more valuable than the toys, the cars and the homes.

Your kids WON'T Remember:



- What kind of car you drove
- How many toys they had
- How big their childhood home was
- The promotion you got at work

Your kids WILL Remember



- The family trips & holidays
- How you made them feel
- Family rituals & traditions
- Life skills you taught them

It's in these moments, when relationship skills, life skills and mental health becomes the path to success, that children re-evaluate their childhoods once again. What they miss out and regret most isn't physical and it isn't in things.

What really matters, in the end, is something that every parent can do well, no matter what their position in life - **SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH THEIR KIDS!**

October Themes & Celebrations



Breast Cancer Awareness Month



16 Oct
2024

ABOUT BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an international health campaign that's held every October. The month aims to promote screening and prevention of the disease, which affects 2.3 million women worldwide.



October Themes & Celebrations



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENES



Congress declared the month of October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) in 1988. DVAM is a national campaign dedicated to raise awareness about domestic violence. Organizations and individuals unite across the country for a national effort to uplift the needs, voices, and experiences of survivors. MS 354 staff showed our support by wearing purple on 10/17/24.



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

National Hispanic Heritage Month is annually observed from September 15 to October 15 in the United States for recognizing the contributions and influence of Hispanic Culture to the nation's achievements, culture, and history.





10/1
ISAIAH GRANT
EMPRESS WADS

10/5
JARED D. HAITI
ZARAH RUPERT
JAYDEN PEGUERO

10/12
MADISON MOORE
TORIE FINDLAY

10/13
KAYDEN RICKETTS

10/14
RWAN ABUALI
JAI MASSIAH

10/16
SOLIEL
MARCELLUIS

10/18
JAYDEN
VALENTIN

Happy Birthday



OCTOBER 2024



10/24
JAYDEN
CHAMBERS
GAVIN
BROOKS
MESSIAH HILL

10/24
TAYLOR
WYCHE WEST
LATRELL THOMAS

10/25
YEHOU-NIC
ISEMAR
LIAM CHARLES

10/31
JUWANDA
CAMPBELL



Welcome Back Event

