

The Panther Weekly

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Black History Month Focus

George Washington Carver, was an agricultural scientist and inventor who developed hundreds of products using peanuts (though not peanut butter, as is often claimed), sweet potatoes and soybeans.

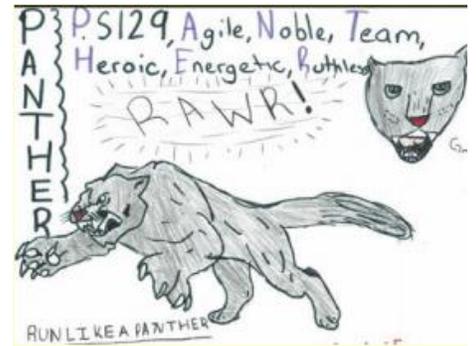
"It is simply service that measures success."

7th and 8th Grade visit the Opera

On Friday, February 8th, the 7th and 8th grade classes attended the Dress Rehearsal for the opera **Rigoletto** at the Metropolitan Opera at Lincoln Center. This opera's plot involved the karmas of love and revenge and was sung entirely in Italian. E 'stato fantastico, grazie Ms. Wozniak. (It was great, thank you Ms. Wozniak)

Student Newsletter

In hopes of making a more transparent school environment the student government has decided to create a weekly newsletter created by the student government and edited by staff. The newsletter will be created by various students in grades 3 - 8. We hope this newsletter will help share the exciting things that happen in our school with each and every home that is represented here. It will be distributed each week, so make sure you are checking bags every week to see what's going on here at John H. Finley Campus.



Upcoming Events

February 14

Valentine's Day

February 18 – 22

Mid-Winter Recess **No School**

February 28

Family Night

March 13 – 14

Parent Teacher Conference



Attendance

92%

Remember school begins at

8:00am.

The best way to have our children practice great habits is to start now!

More Important News

College Bound

A graduate from the 2015 class is off to college. Receiving a full ride from Mercy College and Alfred State, Elan has received a Presidential scholarship and will attend Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island this fall. She attributes her love and dedication for schooling to the family atmosphere she received here. She states that she misses our family environment and our rich and diverse curriculum in our African American history. We wish Elan great fortune in her college endeavors.



So You Think You Can Dance?

Hosted by Yandy Smith, CEO of PUD (Partners Uplifting our Daughters), a program which targets girls entering middle school and is designed to promote the development of literacy and emotional wellness. During an assembly, all of our students were able to participate in team building activities through dance and song. They shared stories of failure to triumph, pushing the message to never give up and always do your best.

Reminder for Students:

- ✚ CLUBS ARE BACK!! Please see Mr. Zorrilla about the new clubs that are forming. Find what you love and immerse yourselves 😊
- ✚ Want to get fit before school? Sign up for CHAMPS sports. Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7am – 7:45am, CHAMPS is a fitness program involving all sports, the quarterly feature is BOXING.

Reminder for Parents:

- ❖ Summer camp enrollments are coming up, get a head start on arrangements for the free programs offered. Here are some options of websites that provide information on free or income based camps.
 - www.goddard.org
 - www.nycgovparks.org/reg/summercamp
 - www1.nyc.gov
- ❖ John H Finley's **uniform policy** is navy blue pants with a white collar shirt and maroon cardigan: Uniform is displayed in the main lobby, and can be purchased at Lazarus or Cookies.
- ❖ **Homework packets** were handed out for the break for each class, they are **due** when they return on **Monday February 25, 2019**.
- ❖ State tests will be administered for ELA from April 2nd – 4th and for Math May 1st – 3rd. Let us work together to help our students do their personal best.



In the Community

Parents do you want some fun things to do with your children over the weekend, here are some local low cost or free activities in your area, Register via **Eventbrite App**.

Astoria STEM Sundays (\$15)
Sun Feb 17 12pm – 1pm
Cathy's Dance Studio Inc.
3319 Crescent Street, 11106

Features from Malachi G, Bryce T. and Joseph R. and the rest of the Student Government Staff.