



# Cherry Avenue Buzz

## Principal's Message

March 2026

Dear Cherry Avenue Families:

### Dates to Remember in March

I hope you all had a restful, fun, and healthy February recess!

PTA PARP—week of March 2

February was a busy month. We enjoyed the musical talents of our students and staff at the All-District Chorus Concert. The Rtl Winter Screener has concluded; tier letters will be mailed home. P.S. I Love You was well-received and added a wonderful touch of kindness throughout the building, not to mention a beautiful main lobby filled with purple hearts. The community especially loved our uplifting messages on coffee sleeves from the Sayville Bean. On the 100th day of school, our kinder students enjoyed activities centered around the number 100, including a scavenger hunt. This was followed by the 101st day of school celebrated by first graders donning Dalmatian attire. Two adorable events for sure!

PTA Pages & Stages @ 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. & Evening Book Fair @ 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. 2

The Harlem Wizards are coming to Sayville tomorrow night, March 3. The event takes place at Sayville High School at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.). The school that sells the most tickets will receive a \$500 stipend from the SHS/SMS PTA for recess games/equipment. At this time, it is neck and neck among the three elementary schools!

Harlem Wizards game @ 6:30 p.m.—SHS 3

The Sayville Serving Sayville Volleyball Fundraiser is taking place on Tuesday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m., at Sayville High School. This fundraiser will raise money for the Sayville School Employees Charitable Foundation (SSECF) and collect food for the Sayville Food Pantry. This is always a fun night!

Sayville Serving Sayville Volleyball Fundraiser @ 7:00 p.m.—SHS 4

Our Science Fair is right around the corner. It is mandatory for grades 4 and 5, strongly encouraged for third grade, and optional for grades K-2. For those participating, please remind your child(ren) of the upcoming date. K-3 science fair projects are due on March 18 and on March 19 for grades four and five. The Evening Science Fair will take place on March 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to visit!

PTA Scholastic Book Fair 5 & 6

Family Connect Night 9

PTA National Circus Project during PE (week of 3/9)

BoE Business Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.—SMS 12

### March Dates Continued

Report cards available via portal March 20  
All-District Strings Concert @ 7:30 p.m.—SMS March 24  
CA Back-to-Basics Homework March 24  
Family Connect Night March 26  
PTA Dump Your Weight March 27  
PTA Spring Photo Day and Sibling Photos March 30  
'Light It Up Blue' for World Autism Awareness Day—wear blue April 1

5th-Grade Circus Performance @ 6:00p.m.- SMS 13

K-3 Science Fair 18

4&5 Science Fair & K -5 Evening Science Fair @ 6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. 19

Developing and fostering a growth mindset has many benefits, including boosting resiliency, confidence, problem solving, and turning disappointment/failure/mistakes into learning opportunities. The 'power of yet' serves as a valuable tool to reshape thinking from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset. Instead of saying, 'I can't ride a bike' say 'I can't ride a bike yet!', which commits to resiliency and improvement. A visual is included on the next page to help put this concept into practice.

Rock Your Socks Day—World Down Syndrome Day (wear crazy socks) -actual day is 3/21 19

Professional Development Day—no school for students 20

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# PARENT'S GUIDE TO A GROWTH MINDSET

*Your brain is like a muscle. When you learn, your brain grows.  
The feeling of it being hard is the feeling of your brain growing!*

Big Life Journal

**PRAISE FOR:**

- EFFORT
- STRATEGIES
- PROGRESS
- HARD WORK
- PERSISTENCE
- RISING TO A CHALLENGE
- LEARNING FROM A MISTAKE

**NOT FOR:**

- TALENT
- BEING SMART
- BORN GIFTED
- FIXED ABILITIES
- NOT MAKING MISTAKES

**THE POWER OF "YET" SAY**

"YOU CAN'T DO IT YET."  
"YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET."  
"IF YOU LEARN AND PRACTICE, YOU WILL!"

## BRAINS can GROW



**FAILURES AND MISTAKES = LEARNING SAY**

"MISTAKES HELP YOU IMPROVE."  
"YOU CAN LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES."  
"LET'S SEE WHAT OTHER STRATEGIES YOU CAN TRY."

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**RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN MINDSET**

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR OWN THINKING AND THE MESSAGES YOU SEND WITH YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS.



**ASK**

"WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY THAT MADE YOU THINK HARD?"

"WHAT NEW STRATEGIES DID YOU TRY?"

"WHAT MISTAKE DID YOU MAKE THAT TAUGHT YOU SOMETHING?"

"WHAT DID YOU TRY THAT WAS HARD TODAY?"

## CA Shout-Outs

It is my pleasure to welcome our new kitchen lead, Ms. Kelley Brabant, who is excited to join our CA family. She has strong ties to the community and looks forward to her new role, especially meeting and connecting with our students. We wish Mr. Mark Schenck the very best in retirement.



Wishing you all an enjoyable, healthy March! Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Sincerely,

Lisa Ihne, Ed.D.  
Principal

