



Dance with Ms. Schneller

“Choreographer Spotlight: Jerome Robbins”

“Dance is like life. It exists as you’re flitting through it, and when it’s over, it’s done.” – Jerome Robbins



Fifth grade students are creating dances in small groups based on a famous choreographer to perform for a grade in class. Ms. Schneller’s classes are focusing on Jerome Robbins, who was one of the 20th century’s most popular ballet and Broadway musical choreographers, known for gems like *West Side Story* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. We will be viewing the masterwork *NY Export: Opus Jazz* that debuted in 1958 and has been filmed on location throughout NYC in 2010. Then students will work in new small groups to create choreography with the emphasis on using spatial relationships in new and creative ways.

NEW PS 108Q has received a special grant which gave our stage upgraded equipment and flooring. As a result, all students will now be required to remove their shoes for dance class on the stage. Students will dance in their socks on the new dance floor. If students do not have socks, there is a bunch of freshly washed socks for them to borrow for the class period. Students are allowed to bring jazz or ballet shoes to wear in class.

*Please bring in ONE box of tissues for the dance space in the auditorium.

Supporting Dance Education at Home:

- ✎ Add a Jerome Robbins classic to your family movie night. The timeless tales of *West Side Story*, *On the Town*, *The King and I* and *Fiddler on the Roof* are wonderful to rent from Netflix.

Websites for Dance:

- ✎ www.ps108q.com and look for Ms. Schneller’s page, which features links to dance performances, dance companies and dance websites as well as supporting documents for each unit.
- ✎ www.jeromerobbins.org - This website has bios and info on all things Robbins.
- ✎ www.nycballet.com This is the Ballet company that was founded by Balanchine.

Musical Theater with Mrs. Lodescar



April is here! For this month students will continue to develop the art of public speaking. This is a necessary skill for students to build as they can use this in so many other areas as they progress in life. Learning the art of excellent communication prepares them for events such as job interviews, being valedictorian of their class, giving speeches and so much more! These are also necessary skills in acting, as actors must clearly communicate a message to the audience. They will work collaboratively with their classmates to create a commercial for their chosen product and would have the challenge of selling it to a critical audience. They will continue to acquire skills to help them build confidence independently, while learning to work together to build ensemble. It is indeed an exciting time for our students!

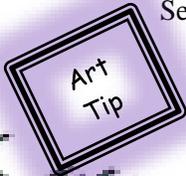
Events

- *Dance Theatre of Harlem* @ New York City Center. Apr. 10, 12 & 13. Tickets start at \$35. www.nycitycenter.org
- *Cunningham Centennial: Conversations with Merce* @ NYU Skirball Center. May 3 & 4. www.nyuskirball.org
- <http://queenstheatre.org/broadway-kids>
- <http://queenstheatre.org/park-plays>
- http://www.newyorkcitytheatre.com/index_musical.php

Art with Mrs. Parisi



In April, fifth grade classes will create a multi-media collage. Students will brainstorm ideas for their artwork after participating in a read aloud of *Commotion in the Ocean* by Giles Andreae. To create an underwater scene, students will be using a technique of adding salt to watercolor paint for the backgrounds of their collages. Students will then use construction paper to cut out the ocean floor. Seaweed will be added using tissue paper, and tin foil to add additional texture. Marine life will be created from white paper and markers and then added to the collage. Students' collages will focus on composition, color, texture, and overlapping to create depth.



See an art exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum - February 8-May 12, 2019

Frida Kahlo: Appearances Can Be Deceiving

Brooklyn Museum
200 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, New York

Art with Ms. Ally-Khan



Collage

In April, students in 507, 509, and 513 will continue adding to their collage using black and white paper. Students will also view artwork created by M.C. Escher who is known for his drawings, and prints.

Suggested Book

- *Round Trip*, by Ann Jonas

Website

Read all about M.C. Escher:

- <http://www.mcescher.com/about/biography/>

Technology with Mrs. Fornataro



In April, fifth grade students will continue *Minecraft: Education Edition!* The students will continue to design, create NPC's, add portfolios, and explore. They will also use Code Builder, trying challenges such as farming. The students are very excited to continue this project.

Physical Education with Mrs. Klein, Ms. Acquaviva, or Mr. Veltre



For the month of October, Grade 5 will be developing and refining their soccer skills. Students will learn various soccer skills such as passing the ball using the inside and outside of the foot, dribbling, and kicking the soccer ball. Students will also learn to control the ball and trap the ball by using the sole of their foot. By the end of this unit, students will have learned enough soccer skills to be able to engage themselves in a game of soccer outside the school setting.

STEM with Mrs. Schock

Fifth grade engineers will work together to create a list of school-wide problems they see every day. They will then choose an issue and gather ideas on how they can create a prototype to solve the problem. After, they will continue to work through the engineering design process until they have a working design that can solve their problem.

