



Cornelia F. Bradford

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Diwali : Festival of Lights

This year we were happy to partake in the Diwali Festival. Everyone was invited to don traditional dress for the occasion, parents and students shared about the way "Festival of Lights" is celebrated in their families, and the holiday's cultural significance. Parents prepared a generous buffet of traditional food for teachers and staff.

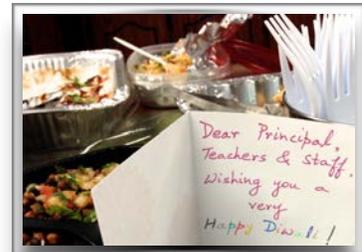
Just as our school's namesake, Cornelia Foster Bradford, was devoted to building bridges between classes and cultures among the diverse Jersey City families and school children, teaching mutual respect and curiosity for one another's background, we hope to continue creating opportunities to highlight the many beautiful cultures our students represent.

"It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength."

- Maya Angelou

"He who is different from me does not impoverish me - he enriches me. Our unity is constituted in something higher than ourselves - in Man..."

- Antoine de Saint - Exupéry



Left: Bollywood Dance students perform a Diwali song as part of their after-school program showcase. **Right:** Principal Watkins-Williams and the CPA Team take part in the celebration by wearing traditional saris.



**“The witches fly
Across the sky,
The owls go, “Who? Who? Who?”
The black cats yowl
And green ghosts howl,
“Scary Halloween to you!””**

-Nina Willis Walter



Our wonderful Art teacher Ms. Carrie Gordon dazzled everyone with her amazing Day of the Dead make up!

**“Clothes make a statement.
Costumes tell a story.”**

-Mason Cooley



School Spirit:

To teach the students about our school's history and remarkable legacy, CPA President Natasha Ioffe set out to haunt the halls of PS16 dressed as young Cornelia Bradford, circa 1860's. The kids had fun learning the story behind the faded portrait on the auditorium wall.

HALLOWEEN at PS16:

After performing the annual school Halloween Concert for an audience of families and friends, our students held a colorful costumed parade through the streets of Downtown, accompanied by parents and teachers.



Later that afternoon the older students (grades 3-5) enjoyed a spooky and shaky dance party, hosted by the CPA and deejayed by "Beauty and the Beast".



“In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy.”

- William Blake

Ms. Terry McCarthy and her faithful garden crew.



First grader, Fedor Leonov, shows how to properly separate and plant a daffodil bulb.

The “Big Dig”:

This year PS16 was happy to participate in the “Big Dig” project, a part of Jersey City Parks Coalition’s mission to empower residents to develop, renovate, use and maintain their community parks and public spaces of Jersey City.

To make our neighborhood more beautiful for Spring, Ms. McCarthy’s student and parent garden team planted more than 200 daffodil bulbs in the NE corner of the Paulus Hook Park.

Pumpkin Adventures:

Customary autumn field trips for younger students always include a visit to a farm. Here are the 1st & 2nd grades pumpkin picking at “Wightman’s Farms”.



“No one has ever become poor by giving.”

- Anne Frank

Thanksgiving Food Drive:

Members of the Student Council organized and managed the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive of canned and non-perishable goods for charity. They students wrote and sent out letters, inviting everyone to donate to those in need, so that everyone could enjoy a good Thanksgiving meal. Here the kids are hard at work, together with Guidance Councilor Mr. Sigler, sorting and packing the food donations to be later delivered to the Old Bergen Church in Jersey City.

