



Wildcat Weekly

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Muppet Mania

This week our 3rd through 5th graders had the opportunity to expand their learning beyond the walls of our school as they visited the Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria. The highlight of this trip was the Jim Henson exhibit. Jim Henson was a groundbreaking filmmaker and puppeteer who revolutionized children's programming with Sesame Street, the Muppets, etc. Sesame Street has had a tremendous impact on children and adults alike, not only did the show teach kids ABCs and 123s, but it also taught kindness and addressed social issues such as inclusion. They also never backed away from the big issues and were instrumental in assisting children in dealing with death, national tragedies such as 9/11, and more recently the Covid epidemic. No single children's television show has had more of an impact than Sesame Street. Not only did our students learn about puppetry and filmmaking, but I am sure the experience brought back fond memories of their own early childhood, which for them, were not quite so long ago.





Soccer Time!

Just like everything else in its wake, Covid took a toll on our CYO sports program. I am happy to report that while we had an inhouse soccer and basketball season for two years, CYO competitive soccer is back at St. Mel's. The Mites division started last week with a St. Mel's victory over Holy Child. The kids played hard and played well, but most importantly, they played with smiles on their faces. The Squirt division began their competitive season today against St. Luke's. Although they didn't get the win, they gave it their all and showed a tremendous amount of team spirit. Thank you to all of our coaches for their dedication to our children. Go Wildcats!

Looking Ahead

- Monday, 5/1— \$3/NUT dress down day
- Tuesday 5/2—Wednesday 5/3 NYS Math State Test (Grade 4)
- Thursday 5/4— Grade K-2 Trip to the Queens County
3:15 pm—First Holy Communion Practice (Grade 2)
- Friday 5/5—Half Day K-4@12 noon, 3K at 12:50 and PK at 1pm
- Saturday 5/6—First Holy Communion (Grade 2) at 12:30pm
- Sunday 5/7—Grade 2 Family Mass 10:30am
- Friday 5/12—Mother's Day Plant Sale
- Sunday 5/14—Happy Mother's Day!

