

### Educator Spotlights:



Shout out to Chef Gilbert and her extraordinary culinary team for making the tenth annual Turkey Bowl feast an incredible success!

Shout out to Mr. Bell and Ms. Enrenfeld for the fantastic live entertainment from the Eagle Band and Eagle Chorus during the feast!

### Upcoming Events

11/29- Mr. Bunch's field trip to The Met

11/30- End of Marking Period 2; Parent phone logs are due

11/30- MS Pillar Band Awards

12/1- Louis Vuitton Museum Trip

Pick up order forms from Ms. Erica for 10<sup>th</sup> year Celebration Jackets (see Ms. Thomas for info)

If you have pictures from The Thanksgiving feast, please tag the culinary arts IG @EagleCulinaryBklyn.

## Hot Topics in Education

### Excerpt from *Arguing Is a Good Thing – As Long As It's Civil*

In this New York Times article, Adam Grant (University of Pennsylvania) says that if children aren't exposed to disagreement and arguments, it will end up limiting their creativity as adults. "The skill to get hot without getting mad – to have a good argument that doesn't become personal – is critical to life," says Grant. "But it's one that few parents teach to their children. We want to give kids a stable home, so we stop siblings from quarreling and we have our own arguments behind closed doors... Witnessing arguments – and participating in them – helps us grow a thicker skin. We develop the will to fight uphill battles and the skill to win those battles, and the resilience to lose a battle today without losing our resolve tomorrow."

It turns out that many highly creative people grew up in families in which robust debates took place all the time – friction about values, politics, interests, how to raise children. Wilbur and Orville Wright came from such a family, and as they worked on building their airplane, they squabbled incessantly (one of their longest debates was about the shape of the propeller). "I don't think they really got mad," observed their mechanic, "but they sure got awfully hot." Other examples of adult conflict producing results: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony disagreed about how to win women's suffrage; Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak butted heads about how to design the first Apple computer; the Beatles fought over instruments, lyrics, and melodies.

"Disagreement is the antidote to groupthink," says Grant. "We're at our most imaginative when we're out of synch." He contends that it's a mistake to conduct brainstorming with a no-judgments rule; instead, people should be encouraged to generate as many ideas as possible and argue about them during the process.

One study showed that brainstorming groups generate 16 percent more ideas when members are encouraged to criticize one another. The same has been shown to be true in American hospital teams, Chinese technology companies, and microbiology labs.

What are the implications for parents and teachers? "Children need to learn the value of thoughtful disagreement," says Grant. They should see adults arguing in a mutually respectful, emotionally safe manner. Kids might be taught that to remain silent when they disagree with someone is actually disrespectful of the other person's ability to have a civil argument – and dismissive of one's own viewpoint and voice. "It's a sign of respect to care enough about someone's opinion that you're willing to challenge it," Grant says. He suggests the following ground rules for arguments:

- Frame them as debates, not conflicts.
- Argue as if you're right, but listen as if you're wrong.
- Make the most respectful interpretation of the other person's perspective.
- Acknowledge where you agree with your critics and what you've learned from them.

"Good arguments are wobbly," Grant concludes: "A team or family might rock back and forth but it never tips over. If kids don't learn to wobble, they never learn to walk; they end up standing still."

"Kids, Would You Please Start Fighting?" by Adam Grant in The New York Times, November 5, 2017, <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/04/opinion/sunday/kids-would-you-please-start-fighting.html>

# Scholar Spotlights



Congratulations to the Winners of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling Bee:

Aidan Peterson- Ashe  
Shayne Nicholas- Ashe

On Nov 17th, the Anime club and a few more (Ericson Louis, Neo Fleurimond, Tusan Descartes, Brent Daniels, Amir Vaughns, JoCarl Joseph, Jharell Lafontant, Jordan Mathurin, Naseer Ansari, Malik Kingsberry, Matthias Nixon, Lahray Rivera, Elson King, Naheem Francis, Terrel Verneil, Shaye James, Ja-Kai Taylor and Ms. Vidal) attended the first ever Anime NYC convention! There were panels, costumes, and even Japanese food. Tons of fun and weirdness was had by all. Can't wait to do it again next year!



Mr. Payton took Jordan Pierre, Anthonie Mc Burnie, Calen Headley, Juan DeJesus, and Jalir Grinnage to Drexel University's Open House where scholars could learn about the school, majors, admission process and financial aid. Drexel is known for their extensive CO-OP education which requires internships for one or two semesters for all students who attend.

Thank you to the 2017 Eagle Varsity Football Team and Coaching staff. After showing Eagle Queens who runs the Jackie Robinson Parkway, their playoff run was cut short on Saturday. They finished the season 9-3.



**Congratulations to the 2017 Turkey Bowl Champions: Thurgood Marshall House. Every grade won against McNair during the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Turkey Bowl! Shout out to the Thurgood House Leaders: Mr. McCoy, Ms. Wilson, Ms. McCollin, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Foehr, Mr. Tillery, and Ms. Harris! It's All Good in Thurgood!!**

