



We hope that all the members of our E.A.T.S. family had a healthy and happy Thanksgiving. This issue is dedicated to showing what or whom we are thankful for and why. Thank you to all those who took time out of their busy schedules to share their thoughts.

Elizabeth Cesar in class 1-101 says she is thankful for the world, cats since we got a new kitten, flowers and the grass.

Natalie Greaves (mom): I'm grateful for my family and a chance to spend another holiday together, making new memories. I'm also grateful for this wonderful supportive community in which we raise our kids.

Leland in 3rd grade is grateful for his toys. Why toys? "Because I get to play and spend time with the people I love the most, which are... my sister, my 3 big cousins, grandma, grandpa, mom and dad." He LOVES our small family, which consists of 10 people.

Melanie in 1st grade is grateful for her house. Her house is "where my family gets together and we make wonderful memories together." We have family get together for holidays, occasions, and "just because." She's also grateful for having food and clothes. She's seen people selling food on the subway.

Jaiyah Freeman in the 3rd grade & **Jayden Freeman** in the 4th grade, are most thankful for their family.

Elyssa F. in the 1st grade & **Keira F.** in the 3rd grade are grateful for their family, their siblings, their parents, and for having clothes and shelter.

Leacroft Taylor 3rd grade is thankful for his life and god.

Zoë Watson in the 3rd grade is most thankful for her family.

Chamia Graham in the second grade is most thankful for her Mommy & Daddy and her brand-new room. Chamia says that her Mom and Dad gave her a new Unicorn Themed room for her 7th Birthday on Nov 24th and she loves her parents and room with all her heart!!

Sanaa Raffington in class 403 is thankful for many reasons. First, She is thankful for Mrs. Quiles because she helps her to understand math strategies. Second, She is thankful for her family because they take care of her all year.

Alana H. in the 6th grade is most thankful and grateful for being surrounded by people who genuinely care.

Lauren Saunders in the 4th grade states she is most thankful for her family, being alive and healthy and that they have the opportunity to go to school.

Qadir Thomas in the 2nd grade, Ms. Wilkinson and Ms. Jeffrey's class is most thankful for the twins that work for E.A.T.S. because they help people with their homework. The twins are Ms.Kali and Ms. Kenda. He is also thankful for all of his classmates. They all have a really good time when they are together. He also likes the EATS after school program because it really makes him happy and smart. He also likes helping others. He is happy that his mom and dad made him go to the EATS afterschool program. He wishes the EATS after school program could teach everyone in the school. He has one wish, He would like to join the Boy Scouts, which is affiliated with the EATS afterschool program.

Ayvah Joy in the 3rd grade is most thankful for her family and her dog.

Celina Leonard in Pre-K & **Jonah Leonard** in the 2nd grade are thankful For family, toys and friends from school.

Celine Davis in Kindergarten is most grateful for having food and her Barbie doll.

Taj Hinds in the 4th grade is grateful for her parents and her sister. They help and guide her through all that she does. She is also grateful for all that she has including her phone and I-Pad.

Amani Armour in the 4th grade is most grateful that she got to spend time with her family and cousins that live far away for Thanksgiving. She also was happy that she had a chance to meet a new uncle for the first time and eat all of that delicious food that her grandmother cooked.

Jewyl in the 5th grade is most thankful for God, her friends and her family.

Jaylah Romilus in the 5th grade is most thankful for my parents.

Nia Hammond is thankful for her sister and her parents. She says she is thankful she can play

Nia Humphrey in the 6th grade is most thankful and grateful for her life because Jesus died on the cross for her sins. She wouldn't be here or have a family otherwise. She is thankful and grateful for her life and the people who care about her. In school, everyone starting from the principal, to her afterschool teachers who want her to do well so she can be great leader. Girl Power! Most importantly she is thankful for her family who loves her.

Aiyana P. in the 5th grade is most thankful and grateful for her mom, Candace Sharpe, who is a very loving, friendly, caring, kindhearted, supportive, hardworking and dedicated person.

Nathaniel Caldwell in the 1st grade is thankful for his family.

Keniyah Walker in the 3rd grade is thankful and grateful for her wonderful teacher this year and the new friends she made.

Cheyenne Thorpe in 3rd Grade is most thankful and grateful for her parents because they take very good care of her by providing the things she needs in order to live.

Jolie Rowe, currently in 2nd grade says she's most thankful for her education and family.

Kayden Andall in the 5th grade is most thankful for life, his family and all that he has.

Jeremy Andall in the 2nd grade is thankful for the love he receives from his family, for life and for doing well in school.

Chari Grant in class 302 is most thankful for family; his mom, dad and two sisters. He is thankful for life and that he is able to get up and see his family and teachers everyday.

Mr. Frank Griffith is thankful for his family & friends. He is also extremely thankful for all the EATS parents and their children. He truly believes it takes a village to raise a child and he is happy to be part of this village. He wants to thank the entire EATS family.

Mrs. Hammond is humbled that after 5 years we are still excited daily for the children. Each session and every summer is different. This is "*heartwork*" as her father would say. We are supposed to be in the service of others. She looks forward to the 2019 New Year and wishes you all abundant blessings.



Ms. Draghi's first grade EATS students were asked what they were thankful for as we get ready to enter the holiday season.

Amber- I am thankful for the TV because I like to watch it.

Naomi- I am thankful for food because it's good to eat at lunch.

Melanie- I am thankful for having food because other children around the world.

Noelle- I am thankful for my mom because she does all the chores. She cleans, cooks and just does lots.

Nathaniel- I am thankful for my family because they love me.

Elizabeth- I am thankful for my cat and the world. Since the world keeps us healthy and my cat makes me happy because we play together.

Cameron- I am thankful for movies because they are fun to watch.

Adrian-Jair- I am thankful for God because he makes me happy.





“I am one of the inaugural EATS parents as my oldest started when the program began and I now have 2 kids who attend. I chose the EATS program because of the location, emphasis on academics, and nurturing environment. In addition, after watching the end of year show last year it was clear that the kids have a lot of fun too!”

Kiesha Andall

“I chose the E.A.T.S Afterschool program for my child based on the recommendation of various parents. Jolie being in one location for the entire day, and the school staff assisting with homework were added benefits. I haven’t been disappointed thus far and am very happy with my decision.”

Ayanna Aisien

“I chose the E.A.T.S. program because there’s a level of comfort knowing that my son is being watched after and is in a place where he’s being taught and nurtured. I can choose from many Afterschool’s but E.A.T.S. provides a safe and professional environment for the children to learn and grow. Outside of the academics, they also offer the Arts, in dancing, art, music and drama which is performed at the end of each school year.”

Roseanne Rock

“I love the EATS program. They take care of my child as if she were one of their own.”

Sabrina Jenkins

“I chose E.A.T.S as the only alternative I had for afterschool care for my children, but after 3 years of participating in this program the kids love it!!! They enjoy all the activities and benefit from the extra homework help. I am very appreciative of the care and attention my children receive at E.AT.S. Everyone is so warm and welcoming. It is a great program.”

Marie Legros

“I chose the E.A.T.S. Program for my child because I wanted a safe and learning environment for my daughter to go to until her father comes to pick her up.”

Mrs. Davis

"I chose EATS because the location and hours are very convenient. I don't have to worry about the safety of our child while she is transitioning from school to EATS. It's all in the same building. The hours are convenient for working adults. In addition, I love that it's not all "play" and that learning and homework is done. Positive reinforcement on all levels."

Mr & Mrs. Armour

"EATS (ENRICHING ACADEMICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS) that name speaks volumes. I'm a parent that wants structure for my daughter because that's how she thrives academically and I needed organization and staff that would be able to implement that in so many ways. Ignite Nia's passion to learn more and explore other ways to infuse her talents. Through the EATS program, Nia have been blooming into a wonderful young lady and her academic levels keep elevating. This is Nia's second year at PS/IS 270 and EATS program. EATS really cares about the childrens' wellbeing and want the best. Also, it's a family environment. As our ancestors, say "It takes a village to build a village." Join us and see your little angels soar!"

Theresa Darling

"Initially, I chose EATS because it was convenient. I continued to place my child with EATS, because they provide an environment that I feel is safe and nurturing for my child."

Felicia Williams

"I chose the EATS Program for my child because I am happy with the academic services as well as the care and love that Aiyana is receiving from the staff. Aiyana is an outstanding individual and the program is continually helping her to be a high achiever. Aiyana is a well rounded individual and the program has tremendously assisted her in becoming a more confident student. I especially like the fact that the strong dedicated teachers within the program are also the daytime teachers who can assist her in revising a specific topic that was taught in class that she may not have fully comprehended. For her, it is a big help. I am grateful that the program is also within the school building, which has assisted me due to my work schedule."

Candace Sharpe

"My wife and I chose the E.A.T.S program because we like the activities that it offers for our active son and we appreciate the educational help and encouragement it provides in his development."

Mr. & Mrs. Caldwell

"I choose E.A.T.S program for my child because the coordinators and teachers are supportive and work hard with the children to make sure that they are successful in their school work. And they also give the children balance with school work and the extra curriculum activities."

Anika Delsol

"This is the first year my child is in this program. I chose the E.A.T.S. program for my child because it has a lot to offer. I'm looking forward to experiencing things such as, field trip and test prep for the students taking the New York State exams.

LatoyaThorpe

I initially chose EATS because it was convenient. We stayed with EATS because the staff is attentive and the program offers a nice mix of enrichment activities."

Mrs. Raffington

"I chose this Afterschool and Summer program after receiving a personal referral and feedback from another Gordon Parks parent. When Chamia attended her first week, she came home happy, energetic and most importantly wanting to return the next week. It is truly a blessing to know that my child enjoys the program and wants to attend every day. This is what makes me feel comfortable with her safety and well-being while she is in the hands of E.A.T.S. program staff.

Shameca Smalls

"EATS is a "nice safe haven located in the school building. Staff works well with kids"

Mrs. Frances

"I chose E.A.T.S. due to the convenience of having a program that is at my child's school as well as having great hours that are convenient for a working parent. After seeing how the staff interacts with the children, it also put my mind at ease that I made the right decision. The number one thing a parent wants is to know is that they can leave their child in a safe environment and have peace of mind when their child is in another person's care, so thank you for that!!"

Yemisie Akintomide

"I chose EATS because it's convenient and safe for my child."

Mrs. Saunders

"I chose EATS because we'd had a family emergency and I couldn't be in two places at once. I wasn't sure how Liz would feel about it but when I told her she was starting the program, she was overjoyed. She had a lot of friends already in the program and she was excited about spending more time with them."

Natalie Greaves

“EATS cannot get more convenient; it's inside the school where my children attend. My husband and I don't worry about our children crossing any streets in good nor inclement weather. The EATS staff I met, have all been respectful and courteous to my children and myself.”

Mr. & Mrs. Pellot

“I chose EATS because of the village. They literally watched my daughter grow into who she is today and always there to intervene when needed. They are my eyes and ears until I can pick her up. EATS provides homework assistance and have the students engaged in activities that enhances their academic and personal development. I would choose EATS over and over again.”

Ms. Tanis

“I chose EATS for my children because they provide a caring and safe environment for the students. The staff genuinely cares about our kids. I've seen the program grow and progress over the years and I'm appreciative of the homework help, state exam prep, and the extra curricular activities.”

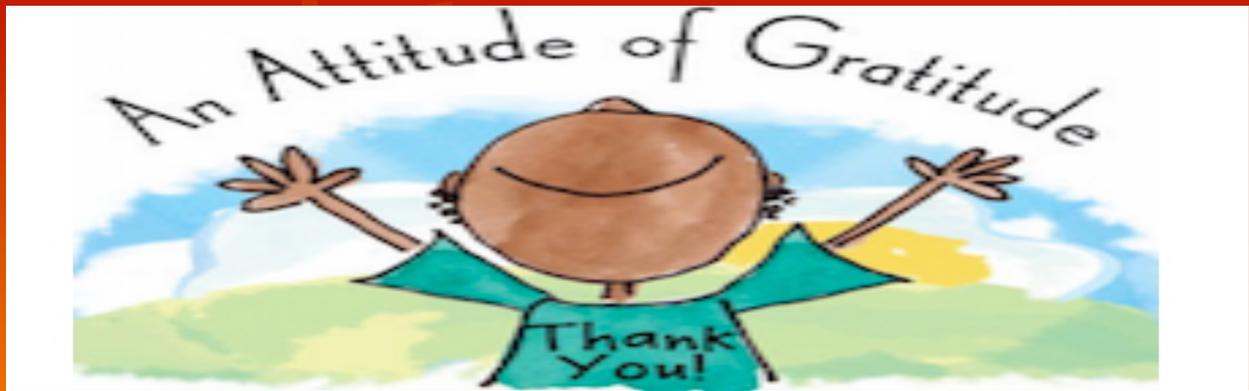
Mrs. Fullerton

“We chose the EATS afterschool program for our child initially because my wife and I have been very involved parents in our children's' school life. In our "travels" within the New York City school system, we have had numerous occasions to meet with and interact with Ms. Nicole Hammond and Mr. Frank Griffith in various school venues. They have always struck us as really concerned parents, but more specifically, and even more importantly, we have always been deeply impressed by their commitment to children in our community.”

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas

“We must find time to
STOP & THANK
the *people who make*
a difference
in our lives”

—John F. Kennedy



November Birthdays Celebration



Chamia Graham is missing from the November Birthday Photo.



Leacroft Taylor is playing D.J.