

P596X January 2026 Highlight

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January began with the first weekly Principal Parent Partnership of the New Year on Thursday January 8, 2026. The Thursday weekly forum created by Principal Siracuse keeps families informed about events and initiatives and creates opportunities for parents to speak Principal Siracuse and elected parent leaders.

Our first in classroom parent engagement event of the year was held on Friday January 9, 2026. Families were invited you to come and engage with their children's class as they read the book of the month for January/February "The Rabbit Listened" by Cori Doerrfeld and decorate a listening rabbit. The book is based around the importance of listening and being present for someone who is grieving or upset.

The School Leadership Team (SLT) met in person on Tuesday January 13, 2026, at 9:30am at our 178 site. The School Leadership Team plays a significant role in creating a structure for school-based decision making and shaping the path to a collaborative school culture. The School Leadership Team functions as the management team of the school, representing the educational community.

Social Worker Toni Rodriguez, School Psychologists Kanetha Brown Sampson and Erica Wilson and Parent Coordinator Dawn Harney hosted Our Family Learning League Parent workshop held virtually on Wednesday January 14, 2026. The workshop on Elopement and Wandering workshop included an understanding of autism and elopement, strategies to prevent elopement, teaching safety skills to children and establishing an emergency response plan. Interpretation was available in Spanish, Arabic and Bengali.

We held a virtual workshop Friday January 16, 2026, on Safe Touches: A child sexual abuse prevention program for Parents and Caregivers. Through discussion and videos, this interactive workshop helped dispel myths about sexual abuse and equip parents and caregivers with the information they needed to keep their children safe. Help their children learn about body safety and the tools to recognize and respond to child sexual abuse themselves.

The P.S. 596X and P.S. 176X Father's Club monthly meeting held on Wednesday evenings met on Wednesday January 21, 2026. The club members come together to socialize, support each other, unwind and meet some new friends.

Our Care Corner parent support group met in person on Friday January 23, 2026, for its Day session. The topic was the Vison Board Dream without limits. The evening session was held virtually on Tuesday January 27, 2026,

The Health Families Nutrition workshop scheduled for Tuesday January 27, 2026 was rescheduled due to the aftermath of the snowstorm.

The interactive LEGO Parent Workshop hosted by our Storytelling Through LEGO teachers, Mary Andrews and Ashley Schutte-Bell was still held. Participants were able to build a LEGO model and take it home with them.

The January Cultural Assembly scheduled for Wednesday January 28, 2026 has been postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Check Parent Square for February Highlights. Keeping you connected.