

Dear PS261 Fifth Grade Families,

Our children's time at PS 261 has been so extraordinary! And as they come close to graduating and moving on to middle schools across New York City (and some beyond!), the parents who created the Construction Arts Project in 1st grade have come together again to allow the performing arts to commemorate the amazing experience our children have had together. This time, instead of a performance of drumming and dancing, we will have an original documentary of our children sharing their thoughts about their time at PS 261!

Parent Patricia Hoffbauer has been working with the 5th grade teachers and Zip to support filmmaker Molly Seitz in this project. The team of parents and our teachers will interview the classes to learn about our children's favorite memories from each year - beginning in kindergarten through 5th grade. These memories will be made into a script of collective memories and every child will be filmed speaking some part of the script! The documentary will also include footage of our children in class, at lunch, with their teachers learning and interacting. We will also record members of the fifth grade chorus and band singing for a soundtrack!

We think the film will be a wonderful memento of our children's experience -- as the first group of Construction Arts Performers and as the incredible young people they have grown into during their years at PS 261.

The PTA has generously provided funding for the initial costs of the film. But we would like to make a copy available for each family as well. If you would like to purchase a copy of the DVD, please fill out the **Class of 2010 Documentary DVD Order Form** (available in the Main Office or online at PS261.org), place the form and payment in an envelope marked "Class Of 2010 DVD", and place the envelope in the RED PTA Mailbox in the Main Office by 3:00 PM Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Warmly,

The Construction Arts Committee

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If you would prefer that your child NOT be filmed for the Class of 2010 Documentary DVD – please sign this form and place in the RED PTA Mailbox.

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Child's Class

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Guardian's Signature

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Today's Date