



FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS BEGIN THE COLOR RUN RACE ON 112TH STREET.

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# The Color Run

I walked out onto the road with the blue paint in my hand. I was wearing the white, color run t-shirt, cool, blue-green-yellow sunglasses, sweatpants, and sneakers. I was feeling fast and ready to run. I felt excited about holding the colors and seeing everyone holding colors.

"Five, four, three, two.." The countdown made me feel as excited as a monkey when he sees his owner. I just couldn't wait to throw my blue colors all around.

"One, GO!" I suddenly could no longer see the sky at all. The sky was replaced by all the colors of the rainbow. I threw my blue colors and

changed the sky to dark blue for a moment. Then I took more of my color and threw it right at my friend Steven. The blue colors I threw exploded all right into Steven's chest. He looked at me like the race was on, and he was ready to chase me down and throw his colors at me! I took off running like a cheetah. I was zig zagging around the other first graders, Kindergarten, and teachers.

Steven's mom, Priscilla, slowed me down when she hit me with a bunch of yellow color. Steven tried to catch up, and he hit my ear with green color before I ran off again. I was motivated to run my fastest.

The Color Run was a fun and a new experience that I will always remember. I can't wait for the next one!



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Friday, May 24, 2024 was the 4th annual PS143Q Color Run. It was simultaneously both one of the most fun and most messy days in our school's history. There was blasting music, powder, balloons, and fun galore.

### **The Origins of the Color Run**

The origins of the Color Run started at Principal Lucas's old school where she was an assistant principal. So when she took over PS143Q, she wanted to continue the Color Run here in 2018 and 2019. Then the Covid-19 pandemic put a pause to the Color Run. Our school community was so excited when I was in third grade in 2023 and the Color Run resumed.

### **How did the 2024 Color Run Happen?**

We sat down with Principal Lucas who explained to us the process of planning the 2024 Color Run. Ms. Lucas explained, "We worked with admin, the PTA president, parent volunteers, and even the New York Police Department to file a permit to use Hyde Park. Shoutout to everyone who helped plan it. It takes a village of the teachers who went outside and parents who came to support." Principal Lucas also had to book a DJ and order all of the supplies. Principal Lucas and her team bought five big boxes of color and never ran out of powder.

### **How was the Color Run Organized?**

The Color Run lasted all day long. Our school is organized into three houses: House One is Kindergarten and First grade, House Two is second and third grade and House Three is fourth and fifth grade. There was a scheduled time for each House to have an equal time to run two laps around Hyde park. I remember looking out of the window all morning at the colors while waiting for House Three's turn! It was a well organized event so that we could all be safe because our school is too big to all run at once.



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HOUSE 1 STUDENTS ENJOY THE COLOR RUN.

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### **Conclusion**

Overall, the Color Run was lots of fun for me any my friends. I ran two laps and got a bit tired. I saw my mom when she passed by and I was so happy to see her. I really enjoyed the experience of running the two laps, even though when I was in the park after, I saw that my hair had powder in it!



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