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### **Theatrical & Dance Performances Featuring the Students of P.S. 38**

Please join the students of Staten Island's PS 38 as they participate in a school-wide performance showcasing the skills and knowledge they acquired while participating in the Cultural After School Adventures (CASA) program, developed and administered by the Staten Island Children's Museum, through the generosity of New York City Councilmember, Steven Matteo.

The kindergarten through second-grade students will present "Where the Wild Things Are," and the third through fifth-graders will take the audience on a hip-hop dance journey. The dance program was led by professional dancer/choreographer/teacher Walter Rutledge, previous principal dancer at Alvin Ailey Dance, Philadelphia Dance Theatre as well as current dance instructor at the College of Staten Island. The theatre program was taught by Mary McConnell, an actor and teacher with several regional theatre credits, as well as a member of Sun Dog Theatre and Sea View Players on Staten Island.

As experts in providing cultural introductions to children, the Staten Island Children's Museum was selected to develop this unique and innovative program. The students have worked *very* hard practicing their craft and are proud to showcase their talents to the community. Please join us!

Who: PS 38, the George Cromwell School

What: Theatrical & Dance Performances

When: Thursday, February 12 at 3 p.m.

Where: The auditorium of PS 38, 421 Lincoln Avenue, Staten Island

Why: To celebrate the culmination of a dance & theatrical program supported in part by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council. Presented by the Staten Island Children's Museum through a CASA grant awarded by Councilmember Steven Matteo.

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