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Afterschool Programs

Information about Kids Orbit, New York Junior Tennis Learning and PACC can be accessed by visiting: <http://www.ps9brooklyn.org/our-families/after-school/>

AM Exercise with Playworks

Students in Kindergarten to grade 5 can start each morning with 30 minutes of exercise-fun with Coach Clarke. The Coach will be in the schoolyard or gym (rain or cold) from 7:40 a.m. until 8:10 a.m.

Annual Silent Auction: Fall for the Arts at PS 9

Save the date for the PS 9 Silent Auction coming up on Saturday, November 3rd at the Union Temple ballroom. This fun and festive adult-night-out is a great opportunity to connect with parents outside of the school setting, bid on amazing items and raise money to support important programs for our kids. This year's auction will feature an open bar, delicious eats, great music and some dancing.

Last year, we had more 250 parents, staff members, friends and relatives and this year we are hoping to attract many more as planning gets underway. But in order to throw a great party, we need you! Please see the attached letter from Faye and the Silent Auction committee with details about the auction.

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Arrival and Dismissal Procedure

Our Arrival & Dismissal procedure is available for viewing on our website. We will need parent support and cooperation in order to ensure smooth and orderly lineup and dismissal daily. To view a copy, go to: <http://www.ps9brooklyn.org/our-families/back-to-school/>. We ask that parents and caregivers with multi-pickups allow for the few minutes extra time that it will take to do so. Thank you for cooperating with us to keep our school safe.

Back to School 2018 @ PS9

For back to school information, programs and event flyers, including arrival and dismissal, you may visit: <http://www.ps9brooklyn.org/our-families/back-to-school/>.

Clara's Garden Dedication & S.T.E.A.M. Mural Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

After many dedicated months with the work of various talented local, national and international artists curated by Jeff Beler, PS9 is ready to celebrate!

Join us on Saturday, September 22nd, 5-8p.m. directly following our Bounce Carnival as we dedicate Clara's Garden and all of the other beautiful murals that have made our school such a joy for children and adults to behold!

Read more at: <http://streetartnyc.org/blog/2018/09/04/jeff-beler-on-curating-the-steam-mural-project-at-ps-9-in-prospect-heights-brooklyn/>

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Blue Emergency Contact Cards

Please be sure that you complete a NEW copy of the “Blue Emergency Card.” These cards should be updated during the school year with current phone numbers and clear directions of what is desired by parents in case of an emergency. If you change jobs or phone number, or if your backup emergency contact changes, please stop by the office and change your card. It is also a good idea to keep in mind that the school may need to reach you, so let your office or your backup person know how you can be contacted when there are changes in your regular schedule. **YOU MUST HAVE EVERYONE WHO MAY PICK UP YOUR CHILD LISTED ON THIS CARD!**

Bounce Back to School Carnival – This Saturday!

Bounce Back to School Carnival - Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 22, 11a.m.-5p.m. when PS9 will once again hold its annual Back-to-School carnival with bounce houses, face painting, games, and food! Bring your family for a day of fun. The carnival builds community and raises money for the PTO. It is staffed entirely by volunteers, so if you can spend two hours running a bounce house, selling tickets, cooking, or painting faces, please sign up on the link below:

<http://signup.com/go/ftnAofU>

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Class Parent & Family Reading/Math Buddy Opening Meeting

The Opening Meeting will be held on Friday, September 28th at 8:45a.m., in the Staff Lounge, room B34.

A Class Parent serves as the primary interface between the classroom parent body, the classroom teacher and the administrative staff. Classrooms may have one, or a team of class parents. If you cannot attend this meeting you may email Charmaine Derrell-Jacob at cderrell@schools.nyc.gov to get information and sign up.

Family Reading and Math buddies may be a parent/guardian or adult family member. Reading and Math buddies may participate bi-weekly on Friday mornings (scheduled on the monthly calendar.) If you cannot attend this meeting you may email Charmaine Derrell-Jacob at cderrell@schools.nyc.gov or ask your teacher to get more information.

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Family Lunch Volunteer Committee

ABOUT THE COMMITTEE:

Lunch Volunteers assist the PS9 staff and help our younger students learn to navigate the busy lunchroom and play safely on the playground. Kindergarten and 1st grade students especially benefit from family involvement during this part of their school day. To get the year off to a great start, we're seeking at least one volunteer from each Kindergarten class daily!

If you have a daytime hour to spare once a week, once a month or even a couple of times during the year - the small, but amazing group of school assistants who oversee our children during lunchtime can use your help. A great opportunity to get to know the school staff and your child's classmates, this committee is fun, fast-paced and hands-on!

Our next group training session will be held on Friday, September 21 at 8:45a.m. in the school's library.

One-on-one training opportunities can be scheduled by contacting:

- Miles Champion, Committee Chair at mileschampion@verizon.net
- Charmaine Derrell-Jacob, Parent Coordinator at: CDerrell@schools.nyc.gov or 347.563.5324 or 718.638.3260 X1090

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Grant Committee Wins Again!

Congratulations! PS 9 Teunis G. Bergen Elementary School has been selected to receive a Neighborhood School Grant in the amount of \$7,500 to support the Garden Program.

Neighborhood School Grants | Walentas Family Foundation | Two Trees Management

Happy Holiday

Happy Holiday to our Jewish families as you celebrate Yom Kippur this week! We hope you enjoy your time of celebration.

Lost and Found

The school's ONLY Lost and Found area is located in the cafeteria!

Please help us keep the Lost and Found under control this year by labeling your child's belongings (check out Mabel's Labels and other products that have stick-on labels for everything including lunch boxes, water bottles, jackets, sweaters and boots.) It's a good idea to put your child's class on their lunchbox too.

NYC Schools Calendar 2018-19

To view the detailed official 2018-19 school year calendar visit:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/Calendar/default.htm>

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Parent Engagement Tuesdays

The 40 minutes set aside for parents on Tuesdays provides a valuable opportunity for teachers and principals across the city to connect and engage with families in new and innovative ways—and make a lasting impact on our students and schools. Parents may contact their teacher or any cluster teacher to make an appointment on Tuesdays from 2:40-3:20 p.m. Contact Charmaine Derrell-Jacob at cderrell@schools.nyc.gov for help.

Project Back to School Thank You!

A quick note to say thank you to all who were able to donate to this important service drive at PS9! We were able to collect and will deliver over a dozen backpacks full of school supplies. The children who receive these gifts will never know your name, but be sure that they will forever be grateful. Check out Coalition for the Homeless if you'd like to learn more about what they do for the poor and hungry in New York City. Special thanks to Claudia Case for once again taking on this mission this year, and spreading the word to our school community.

PTO Meeting Tonight!

Join our team of dedicated parent leaders, headed by Krystal Linton & Raul Rothblatt, as they plan and get ready for the new school year. The PTO's Opening Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18th, at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

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Remind: Text-Message Communication Service

To join the school's messaging list: Text this Message: "@PS9P" to phone number: 81010 or (718) 404-9043

Remind is a free, safe and simple way for educators to instantly text-message parents. Educators can send the Remind messages from their computer or free smartphone app, and parents can receive them on ANY device, including "flip" phones.

Teachers, Administrative staff, and our Parent Coordinator will use Remind to keep in contact with families. Signing up is completely voluntary. This means that you may be asked to sign up more than once, with different "classes" (which is the lingo they use on Remind) or group lists.

Please NOTE: Our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Jacob will use a computer for messaging. This means that there will be individual communication, but not INSTANT communication. The fastest way to reach her is still by phone 718.638.3260 X 1090, 347.563.5324 and email cderrell@schools.nyc.gov. Thank you!

School Lunch Menu

Monthly breakfast and lunch menus may be found at
<http://www.schoolfoodnyc.org/schoolfood/MenusDailyDisplay.aspx>

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School Lunch for Free – Applications Still Needed!

All NYC public school students can enjoy free breakfast and lunch at school. You do not need to apply for your child to receive those meals.

However, we do ask families to complete a School Meals form so that schools can receive the right amount of funding for the program. Please complete the online form(Open external link). We will also send a copy of the form home with your child, or you can get it from our school's main office. We need your help to make this program a success!

All parents, regardless of income, must still complete a School Meals Form so that our schools get access to federal funding for this program and others. Please complete the form online at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict> (PS9's district is 13.) A hardcopy of the form was sent home and is available in our school's main office.

School Supply Packs Delivered!

All supply kits were delivered to classrooms on September 4th. If you have not done so already, please contact your teacher to confirm shipment. MANY thanks again this year to Marlene Capron and Liz Sieczka for the amazing job they've done with this!

Visiting School

If you'd like to visit your child's classroom, please arrange a time with the classroom teacher. If there is a class event or you're volunteering in any way, you must stop at the School Safety desk at the main entrance on Underhill Avenue for a visitor's pass at the time of your visit. YOU MUST HAVE A VALID NEW YORK CITY/STATE PHOTO ID SIGN IN! Please do not "drop in" on teachers without an appointment. They will be unable to meet with you without prior notice.

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Links:

Fan the PS 9 PTO on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/PS-9-PTA-Brooklyn-NY/152557378100856>

Community Education Council for District 13: <http://cec13.org/>

Notify NYC: <https://a858-nycnotify.nyc.gov/notifynyc/>

NYC Department for the Aging: 212.442.1094

NYCDOE Parents & Families Web Page:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/ParentsFamilies/default.htm>

NYCDOE School Year Calendar 2017-18: <http://schools.nyc.gov/Calendar/default.htm>

NYC Government: Call 311

NYC.Gov: <http://www.nyc.gov>

NYC Office of Emergency Management:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/home/home.shtml>

PS 9 Family Yahoo! Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ps9family>

PS 9 Website: www.ps9brooklyn.org

Prospect Heights Patch <http://prospectheights.patch.com/>

PTO blog: <http://ps9pta.blogspot.com>

School Meals Breakfast & Lunch Menus: <http://www.opt-osfns.org/osfns/default.aspx>

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