

# PS9-News at 9

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

## 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.

## Clara's Unity Garden Mural Dedication Rescheduled

We have tentatively rescheduled Clara's Garden (St. Marks Ave garden) dedication to Saturday, October 20th. Stay tuned for more information.

## Class Parent & Family Reading/Math Buddy Meeting

The meeting will be held on Friday, September 28, 8:45am., in the Staff Lounge. If you cannot attend this meeting email [cderrell@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:cderrell@schools.nyc.gov) for more information.

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](mailto:cderrell@schools.nyc.gov) to get information and sign up.

Family Reading & Math buddies may be a parent/guardian or adult family member. Reading and Math Buddies can participate bi-weekly on Friday mornings (scheduled on the monthly calendar).

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## Library Engagement for Families!

The PS 9 Book Hive (PS9's Library) has two opportunities weekly where we invite families for various activities. Kids and parents/adults can come in to read books together and research or play on the library's computers. Students with signed library checkout permission slips will be able to check out books (Book Hive policy is that students may check out one book at a time).

Our weekly library usage times are:

Tuesdays: 2:40-3:20 p.m. beginning October 2

Fridays: 7:30-8:15 a.m. beginning September 28

Join us!

## Middle School Fairs

Citywide Middle School Fairs will begin the week of October 1st. We encourage parents and students in grades 4 and 5 to attend these fairs to get information about middle schools and follow up with school tours and research.

All PS9 grade 5 students were given a middle school directory for District 13 by our school's Guidance Counselor. To view directories for other districts, and to find out more about the middle school process visit:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/middle-school>

Please note: the Middle School Fair for Community School District 13 will be held on Wednesday, October 3, at the Unison School located at 170 Gates Ave.

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## NYC Schools Calendar 2018-19

To view the detailed official 2018-19 school year calendar visit:  
<http://schools.nyc.gov/Calendar/default.htm>

## 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](mailto:cderrell@schools.nyc.gov) for help.

## PTO Picture Fundraiser

Schoolwide picture days will be held on October 9th & 10th. These picture days will include class group pictures. Look out for upcoming information from your PTO!

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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](mailto:cderrell@schools.nyc.gov). Thank you!

## School Leadership Team Meeting Rescheduled

This week's School Leadership Team (SLT) meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, October 2, 2018 in the school's Library. This monthly meeting is open to all parents and staff. Please contact your PTO or our Parent Coordinator for more information about our SLT.

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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 Safety Drills

Within the next few weeks we will begin our School Safety Drills. These drills will include, building evacuation, school bus drills and in-house lock downs. Prior to our first drill, early childhood families will be notified with a backpacked letter from Principal D'Avilar. To learn more about the Parent Guide to School Safety and Emergency Preparedness, visit: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/policies-for-all/safety/parent-guide-to-school-safety-and-emergency-preparedness>

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## Spanish Language Classes

FREE SPANISH CLASSES FOR PARENTS & STAFF WHERE KIDS ARE WELCOME!

- Are you a parent willing to support your kids learning?
- Are you a language lover thinking of improving your Spanish in an informal atmosphere?
- Or just want to learn a bit of Spanish?

Join our Free Spanish Class for Adults

Next Class: Thursday September 27th

5:30pm-7:00pm at the PS9 Library

ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME

¡Hasta el jueves!

More information at [marahmad@gmail.com](mailto:marahmad@gmail.com)

## 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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## In Our Community

Pumpkinis & Pies! A Fall tasting @BCakeNY

Stop by for our Fall Flavor Tasting next Thursday!

Thursday 9/27/18 from 6pm-9pm.

Complimentary Cake & Pie Tasting.

Pumpkin Martinis by @kaistudiobk ,Savory Treats by @bklynprime and

Moscato provided by BARTENURA!

702 Washington Avenue (St. Marks & Prospect Pl.) 347.787.7199

### SHSAT BOOTCAMP

Join Bee Tutored on Monday, October 8th for a 5-Hour ISEE Boot Camp

\*Monday, October 8th is a DOE holiday and school is not in session\*

Our 5 hour Boot Camp provides students the opportunity to take a 2hr, 40min ISEE UPPER LEVEL MOCK (for students testing into 9th grade) exam under true testing conditions. Following the mock exam, students will grade the test as a class, and will have a 2 hour open classroom to ask questions on any areas of difficulty.

Space is limited to 13 students. First come, first served. \$250 for 5 hour camp.

Location: Bee Tutored Park Slope Classroom 823 President Street 11215, BK

Register at [https://www.hisawyer.com/bee-tutored/schedules/activity/camp/558922?schedule\\_id=camps&tab=semesters](https://www.hisawyer.com/bee-tutored/schedules/activity/camp/558922?schedule_id=camps&tab=semesters)

\*Families interested in a Lower Level Boot Camp (for students applying to 6th grade) please email us to sign up for updates.

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The Early Childhood Direction Center will be offering Free Parent Workshops on October 11th and October 26th on Managing Challenging Behaviors and Toilet Training. Please feel free to share the attached flier to any parents you feel will benefit from these workshops.

\*\* Spanish translation will be available\*\*

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(formerly United Cerebral Palsy of New York City)

Pencil Sharp Tutoring Services, LLC is ready to work with those students who may have had a little trouble with their academics. We look forward to being an educational guide to help putting those students who may need the extra help with their studies back on the right track.

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Find Free Legal Services, Free Consular Services, & Other Social Services!

### What is Key to the City?

Key to the City is a family resource fair, which provides valuable resources to our immigrant communities such as free legal immigration screenings, consular services, and other social services. Key to the City is sponsored by the New York City Council and is brought to you in partnership with the Mexican Consulate and the New York Legal Assistance Group.

### Services Available

- Free immigration legal consultations offered by the New York Legal Assistance Group. No appointment necessary!
- The Mexican Consulate provides help with passports, consular IDs, and more. For an appointment go to 1-877-639-4835.
- Know Your Rights workshops that discuss what immigrants' rights are when confronted with ICE.
- Financial Literacy workshops.
- Resources and legal consultations discussing "public charge," the recent Trump administration proposal.
- Resources for healthcare, English classes, and more!

UPCOMING EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE! Help us spread the word and let your community know! View more upcoming events at: <https://www.nyic.org/>  
Questions? [www.nyic.org](http://www.nyic.org) | | 212-627-2227 ext. 265 | [orosado@nyic.org](mailto:orosado@nyic.org)

September 29

Public School 24

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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](http://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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