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Annual Silent Auction: Tickets on Sale!

The PS 9 Silent Auction, our school's largest fundraising event, is coming up on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 6:30 – 10:30pm at Union Temple on 17 Eastern Parkway. Right now, Silent Auction tickets are only \$65 each (a \$10 discount). If you plan on attending, now is the time to buy your tickets at this special rate. You should've received a lavender flier with the details and an envelope in your child's backpack last week.

We promise a supremely fun, festive night. Come together with fellow PS 9 families, teachers, staff, friends and members of the community to mingle, chat and bid on a wide collection of gift items and services including donations from parents, gift certificates from local merchants, museum memberships, and much more!

This year's auction will feature an open bar, delicious eats from local restaurants, lively bidding and great music. This highly anticipated event is our school's largest fundraiser and proceeds from this event help raise the critical funds that our school needs to maintain arts and academic enrichment programs going for the 2018-2019 academic year.

This offer is good for purchases made by Friday, October 12th or online before midnight on the 12th. After the promotion, all tickets will be \$75 each.

Cash and Check & Credit CARD Ticket Sales

For cash or check sales (made payable to P.S. 9), please complete the order form that was backpacked and bring payment sealed in the attached envelope to your classroom teacher. We will return the ticket(s) to you in your child's backpack. You can purchase your advance tickets online with an additional service fee per ticket. Tickets bought online can be picked up at Union Temple the night of the event. You can buy your tickets online at www.ps9brooklyn.org and click on the Silent Auction 2018 tab.

For any questions, please contact Charmaine Derrell-Jacob at 718.638.3260 X1090 or cderrell@schools.nyc.gov or ps9silentauction@gmail.com. For event updates or to donate an item for auction, please visit ps9brooklyn.org and click on the Silent Auction 2018 tab.

Thank you, Faye, mom to Nicky (PS 9 grad) and Xandy, 5th grade

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Clara's Unity Garden Mural Dedication Rescheduled

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

Community Education Council 13 October Meeting

Real Talk: School Integration in New York City with Nikole Hannah-Jones

Tue, October 16, 2018

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM ED

Featured speaker: Nikole Hannah-Jones, New York Times Magazine

Did you know that NYC has one of the nation's most racially and economically segregated school systems in the US?

While Mayor de Blasio's plan to change admissions policies for the city's specialized high schools grabbed headlines over the summer, the reality is that school segregation goes far behind these eight elite high schools. School segregation exists at every level and in every corner of NYC's vast public school system.

That's the bad news. The good news is there is a lot we can do to change that. At this event you'll learn more about the problem we face, the possible solutions, and how to get involved.

Please note the location change for this event on October 16!

We are thrilled to announce that we will be at Boys and Girls High School, 1700 Fulton St., Brooklyn, NY 11213 (just feet from the A train at Utica Ave.).

We can't wait to see you.

RSVP for the event at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/real-talk-school-integration-in-new-york-city-tickets-50101982378?aff=eivtefrnd>

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Dance Afterschool Program

Afterschool rehearsal for the Nutcracker will begin next Tuesday, October 9, 2:40-4:30p.m. Please read your child's letter from Ms. Wilson carefully for their rehearsal day. Also, be sure to sign up for Remind text message service for the Nutcracker; follow the instructions that were included with the notice from Ms. Wilson.

Early Morning Drop-Off

All students arriving before 8:15a.m. MUST be dropped off on St. Marks Avenue side.

Family Reading Buddy Mornings Begins on Friday!

Our first reading/math buddy event will begin this Friday, October 5, 8:20-8:45a.m. This is a schoolwide event so all classrooms will participate as long as a reading buddy is there! Advance sign up is not necessary, but you may inform your teacher in advance if you wish.

Very Important: All family members in grades 1 to 5 must enter through the school's main entrance, sign in, and get a pass before proceeding to the classroom.

Gifted & Talented Request for Testing 2018

All students who will be entering kindergarten through third grade for the 2019-2020 school year can sign up to test for G&T programs.

Learn about G&T Admissions, find programs that interest you, and prepare for the G&T test with practice problems by visiting: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/gifted-and-talented>

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Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

On October 18th and 19th we will be coming together as a school community to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Our two-day celebration will include Student Presentations and a Food Festival (on Friday, October 19th). Since we have added a food tasting element to this year's annual celebration, we are asking each family at PS9 to bring a customary Hispanic/Latino dish or send a donation of \$5.00. The dish could represent a country of your choice, and should be enough to feed 15 to 20 students. Please reach out to your child's teacher to see if they are in need of volunteers for the Food Festival. Performance and Food Festival information is listed below.

Dual Language Classes Performance Schedule:

Pre-K: October 18 @ 9:00a.m.

Kindergarten: October 18 @ 9:35a.m.

Grades 1&2: October 18 @ 10:15a.m.

Grades 3/4/5: October 19 @ 9:00a.m.

Schoolwide Food Festival Schedule for October 19th:

Pre-K: 12:00 p.m.

Kindergarten: 12:10 p.m.

Grade 1: 12:10 p.m.

Grade 2: 1:30 p.m.

Grade 3: 1:30 p.m.

Grade 4: 11:30 a.m.

Grade 5: 11:30 a.m.

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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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Movie Night for ALL

Join our PTO on Friday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m. for the first in their series of monthly movie night fundraisers!

Movie; Hotel Transylvania 3

Price: Suggested \$5 with free popcorn

Raffle Ticket for Prize \$2

NYC Schools Account for Families

NYC Schools Account (NYCSA) is a web-based application that lets you to see your child's academic and biographic information on any computer, phone, or tablet. The application is translated into nine languages other than English. In the account, you can see a child's attendance, grades, test scores, Fitnessgram results, enrollment history, and schedule. Login to the NYC Schools Account page at:

<https://mystudent.nyc/>

Please Note:

- A letter with student-specific account login information was backpacked with EACH student, unless the student is brand new or families have already accessed the account.
- If you have set up a student account and need to reset your password, you must come in to school in person to see our Parent Coordinator.
- Parents MUST have their child's student ID (OSIS) number to activate the account. Student ID numbers can be found on report cards.
- If you do not have your child's student ID number, you must COME IN TO THE SCHOOL'S MAIN OFFICE with a valid ID to get it. We cannot provide student ID numbers via phone or email, or backpacked with students.
- Contact Charmaine Derrell-Jacob at 718.638.3260 X 1090 or cderrell@schools.nyc.gov with questions.

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NYS Test Results for Spring 2018

Last week we backpacked NYC School Account login letters to all grade 4 and grade 5 families who have never accessed their child's account. If a parent has already set up an account and does not remember their login info, the DOE's rule is that parents must come in to school to reset the account. We cannot provide the information, or take requests for the information, by phone or email.

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. You may even schedule a phone conference. Contact Charmaine Derrell-Jacob at cderrell@schools.nyc.gov for help.

Pre-K & Kindergarten Late Pickup

Adults picking up pre-k and kindergarten students after 3:00p.m. MUST sign in at our School Safety desk then proceed to room B8 where students are gathered for late pickup. After 3:15p.m. students will be brought to the school's main office.

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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!

Volunteers please sign up to help with pictures days at:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2496035/false#/invitation>

Pumpkin Patch Garden Party

Please join us for the PS9's annual Pumpkin Patch event on Saturday, October 20th!

Support the garden, decorate a pumpkin, eat some yummy food and celebrate fall with our PS9 community. See you in the garden!

Volunteers Needed! If you'd like to volunteer, sign up to help with the Pumpkin Patch Garden Party at: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2198848/false#/invitation>

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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.

School Lunch for Free – Help PS9 Get Funding!

VERY IMPORTANT! We need to get enough funding for our school meals! EACH family MUST complete a form today! Paper forms are available in our school's main office Apply online @ <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>

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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 October 4th & 18th @5:30pm-7:00pm at the PS9 Library

ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME! ¡Hasta el jueves!

More information at marahmad@gmail.com

Wellness Policy – Healthy Snack Guide – Healthy Birthday Celebrations

P.S. 9 is committed to having each student enter school healthy and to providing a school environment that supports and promotes students' health, well-being and ability to learn. P.S. 9 is committed to encouraging students, students' families, and staff to adopt healthy lifestyle habits, including regular physical activity and a nutritious diet. As one of 10 schools chosen by ASCD for their "Whole Child Network" three-year comprehensive school improvement process, P.S. 9 subscribes to the goals of Tenet 1 of the Whole Child Initiative — Healthy:

Each student enters school healthy and learns about and practices a healthy lifestyle.

To learn more about wellness at P.S. 9 and to view our policy and guides, visit:

<http://www.ps9brooklyn.org/our-families/parent-information-wellness/>

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A PS9 Parent welcomes you to CrossFit Kingsboro: a Fitness & Kids Obstacle Course after-school program.

CrossFit is conveniently located at 1000 Atlantic Avenue

Get in touch at INFO@Crossfitkingsboro or visit www.crossfitkingsboro.com

NYU SLOPE PEDIATRICS IS HOSTING ANOTHER TALK IN OUR ADOLESCENT PARENTING SERIES:

UNDERSTANDING GENDER FLUIDITY IN OUR KIDS

Dr Aron Janssen, founder and director of the Gender and Sexuality Service at NYU, will be talking about gender identity and diversity in this new era of gender fluidity. How do parents, teachers, and clinicians understand where the line is between exploration and distress, and how do we create opportunities for children to achieve a true and nuanced sense of self?

The talk will be followed by a Q and A session.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17, 7PM

BERKELEY CARROLL PERFORMANCE SPACE

152 Sterling Pl.

FREE

We are hosting 13 free soccer classes every Monday , at the Dean Street Play Ground , this Fall and we'd like to invite kids that may be interested in playing the sport or learning more about the sport to participate . Interested families should visit website and submit online form. Our website is <https://www.sweatfc.com/> Best contact email is coaching@sweatfc.com

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Below find information about the following upcoming programs and events from Brooklyn Public Library's Inclusive Services department

For more information, interpretation into another language or to RSVP call 718.253.4948 or go to bklynlibrary.org

Navigating Your Child's Disability: One-to-One Expert Assistance Is Here!

October 3, 10am-1pm

Information Commons, Room 2

Central Library

10 Grand Army Plaza

We can provide one-to-one help for you and your child with Individualized Education Program (IEP) process, early childhood services and programs, transition planning, transportation issues, camps, afterschool, and other community resources.

Se habla Español

Parenting a Child with a Disability: What to Do When There Is No Instruction Book

October 5, 10am-12pm

Trustees Room

Central Library

10 Grand Army Plaza

Our children don't come with instruction books! Inclusive Services can help. One of INCLUDEnyc's family educators will share their personal and professional experiences parenting and advocating for their child with disabilities. Get tips on: navigating the NYC school system, dealing with family and other communities, recreation and your pressing issues.

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Join New Parent Trainings on Race and Equity in Schools!

Hello ASID Community!

Join an amazing new workshop series for parents led by expert trainers from New York University. We will learn about racism, bias, privilege, and identity in the education system, and how we can fight for racial equity for our children and our schools.

The workshops will be held one Monday night a month from October through May, from 5-8pm, at New York University in Manhattan. Food, childcare and translation will be provided. If you are interested in participating in these workshops please email nz11@nyu.edu or nyccej@gmail.com. Participants must be able to commit to seven monthly workshops.

More information can be found on the NYU Metro Center's website here. Questions can also be directed to Natalie Zwerger, Center for Strategic Solutions at nz11@nyu.edu
New York City Alliance for School Integration and Desegregation ~ nycASID
www.nycasid.com

Want to add your event? Please fill out the form here: <http://bit.ly/schoolintcaladd>

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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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