

PS9-News at 9

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Annual Silent Auction: Attend

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. Silent Auction tickets are now \$75 each.

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.

Cash and Check 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.

Credit Card Ticket Sales

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](http://www.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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Annual Silent Auction: Donate / Volunteer

Donate

Donations are needed! Reach out to family, friends, coworkers, and contacts for possible donations. Ask your favorite restaurant, salon, or shop to donate a gift certificate.

Popular auction items donated in the past include:

Vacation Homes

Tickets to Sporting Events

Plays

Concerts

TV Show Taping

Restaurants

Clothing Stores

Gift Certificates for Professional Services

Art/Home Décor Items

Wine

Membership to: Museums, Gyms, Indoor Sports Centers, Camp Sessions, Classes, Special Experiences and much more!

Volunteer

No task is too small! Helping hands are needed now, leading up to the auction event, at the auction and after.

Please write us at PS9SilentAuction@gmail.com to sign up!

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Big Apple Crunch Day: October 25

PS9 will participate in the Big Apple Crunch on Thursday, October 25 at 12:00noon. Children may bring an apple, and one to share if they can! Class Parents and teachers will reach out to families for apple donations.

Clara's Garden Dedication

Join us on Saturday, October 20th at 11:00 a.m. (when the Pumpkin Patch Garden Party begins!) as we dedicate St. Marks Avenue Garden and Mural to our precious Clara! Bring your hands as we will also use that time to put the finishing touches on the mural.

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Class Parents

We are excited to welcome this year's team of Class Parents at PS9! These dedicated parents have volunteered to work with teachers (and each other) to support classrooms with activities, field trips, communication and much more. Below is the list of classrooms that do not have class parent volunteers. Please contact Charmaine Derrell-Jacob at CDerrell@schools.nyc.gov to inquire about the program and get involved!

Pre-K2 Ms. Field

Pre-K1 Ms. Silvestry

KB21 Ms. McCrea/Ms. Deverteiul

K/1/2 Ms. Laborde

101 Ms. Sabbagh/Ms. Basovitch

201 Ms. Cruz/Ms. Wu

202 Ms. Ouyang

205 Ms. Alexander

301 Ms. Hewett/Ms. Banyan-Shepherd

302 Ms. Soso

403 Ms. Suriel

405 Ms. Sierra-Robinson

501 Ms. Salem/Mr. Ashraf

Also introducing our PTO Grade Liaisons:

Lower Grade: Carla Rothberg carla.rothberg@gmail.com

Upper Grade: Warren Coleman wacomatic@gmail.com

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Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee

All members of the P.S. 9 community are invited to join us for the first meeting of the year of P.S. 9's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee.

When: Friday, October 19th 7:30am

Where: P.S. 9 (exact location TBD, will be posted in the lobby on 10/19)

What: Our committee seeks to develop activities that support our diverse community in creating more just and inclusive society for our children and for ourselves. At our meeting we'll be setting an agenda for the year and delegating responsibilities for tasks related to these projects.

Want to get involved, but can't make the meeting? Contact committee chair Kirsten Cole: kirsten@sweaterset.net.

Gifted & Talented Request for Testing 2018: New Information

Students testing for Gifted and Talented do not require a PIN to create an account or to submit a request. In the MySchools account, once you select that your child is in grades Pre-k through 2nd, then you will be able to bypass the pin question.

Sign up at: <https://www.myschools.nyc/>

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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Grade 5 Guidance Social Middle School Night

Please join us on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 for a "Meet and Greet" with PS9's School Counselor to talk about the middle school application & much more! This will be an excellent opportunity to network with alumni parents of PS9 and staff members of select Middle Schools. This event is for Adults only! Refreshments will be served! RSVP to KShaw@schools.nyc.gov by October 22nd

- Location: PS9 Library
- Time: 6:00-8:00 P.M.
- Contact Person: Karen Shaw-Taylor (School Counselor)
- Phone: 718-683-3260 Ext: 2022
- Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Growing PS9 Hand in Hand:

PTO Direct Appeal Fundraising Campaign

The PTO is kicking off its most important fundraiser of the school year, our Direct Appeal campaign, and we hope you will support our effort!

Your donations allow the PTO to directly fund schoolwide enrichment programs – beloved by our students and teachers alike. Over the next several weeks, you'll learn about programs such as Marquis Studios (musical theater/creative movement), Studio in a School (visual arts), Playworks (movement/cooperative play), and many others – all made possible through PTO funding. You will be seeing us at donation tables stationed outside the front entrance and on St. Marks during morning drop-off, over the next two weeks. Please stop by if you would like to chat with your PTO and learn about the ways in which our fundraising efforts support our school.

Read more at: <http://www.ps9brooklyn.org/news/2018/10/growing-ps-9-hand-in-hand/>

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Harvest Festival

The annual Harvest Festival will be sponsored by Grade 5 on Wednesday, October 31st. This year's theme is "Reading in the Barnyard." Put on your cowboy/girl or "Farmer Brown" gear and get ready to square dance, read and play in the Barnyard! Parent volunteers are needed to assist with arts & craft activities, i.e., face painting and story/poetry read alouds. The festival will run from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. All classrooms will be scheduled to attend. We will also celebrate our harvest with a dance story presentation of "Dance of the Rain Gods" directed by Ms. Wilson. This dance presentation will begin immediately following our parade in the school's auditorium. The two scheduled performances will be held in the school's auditorium.

Contact Charmaine Derrell-Jacob, or any grade 5 class parent to sign up to help.

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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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Pumpkin Patch Garden Party

Please join us for the PS9 PTO'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>

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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Special Needs Parent Meeting

- Are you interested in finding out what we do here at PS9?
- Would you like information about what services are available that supports the whole child?
- Do you need help understanding the Individual Education Program and its components?
- Do you know the next steps as your child transitions from one grade to another?

Join us to have these and other questions answered on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 8:45 a.m. in the school library. If you have questions, contact Charmaine Derrell-Jacob at cderrell@schools.nyc.gov.

Storybook Character Parade

On Wednesday, October 31, all classrooms will participate in our annual Storybook Character Parade beginning at 9:00 a.m. Students are asked to dress as their favorite storybook character, and also must have their character's book in hand during the parade!

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Wellness Guidelines for Storybook Parade & Harvest Festival Day

The upcoming Storybook Character Parade and Harvest Festival present a wonderful opportunity for the school community to celebrate the fall season.

In keeping with our school's Wellness Policy, which prohibits the distribution of candy and sugary drinks, we kindly ask staff and parents to consider offering non-candy, healthy treats for our children. These choices promote good nutrition, fun, creativity and sharing.

Some ideas for healthy treats you can make with the kids in the classroom or bring in include:

- spider sandwiches (sandwich rounds with thin pretzel sticks)
- cheese ghosts (string cheese with 'legs' on the bottom)
- stuffed roaches (dates with cream cheese)
- fruit sculpture (clementine pumpkins using a celery stalk)
- fruit platters designed to look like Jack-o-Lanterns
- a veggie skeleton (pepper ribs, celery spine, cucumber head)
- dried fruit eyeballs (apple rings, apricot, dried cherry)
- veggie eyeballs (carrot round, cream cheese, black olive)
- deviled eggs
- orange peppers cut as Jack-o-Lanterns
- breakfast ghost (1/2 banana and cheerios for eyes and mouth)

Some ideas for great non-food treats include:

- stickers ● small party-favor-type toys ● pencils ● temporary tattoos
- pumpkin decorating (mini-pumpkins or clementines and art supplies)
- special activities such as arts and crafts projects, physical activity games, or books

PS 9 is committed to providing a school environment that supports and promotes students' health, well-being and ability to learn. Thank you for doing your part to make this a reality. We're wishing you and yours a creative, fun and healthy October!

PS 9 Wellness Committee

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In Our Community

I.A.F.A. is an Education Conference, Hack-a-Thon, Community S.T.E.A.M. Presentations, and Maker Crawl. The dates are October 17 - October 19 and the location is the Brooklyn Army Terminal. Here is the link to the website: <https://sankofaglobaliafa.com/>

With an expected audience of 400 participants, our goal is to bring together the next generation of bright minds and present idea focused workshops on a wide range of subjects for students from the cradle to career, to foster their learning, inspiration and wonder – and provoke conversations that matter.

I.A.F.A. 2018 will serve as a catalyst for educators, students, families, and community leaders who are committed to connecting to and inspiring 21st Century Education for 22nd Century Leaders. The I.A.F.A. Education Conference, Hack-a-Thon, Community S.T.E.A.M. Presentations, and Maker Crawl is a learning environment where participants:

- Elevate community and culture - particularly in Brooklyn
- Examine the Intersections of Education, S.T.E.A.M, Design Thinking, Making, and Entrepreneurship
- Develop capacity and agency with proactive, interdisciplinary & project based workshops

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For struggling third grade readers, we offer FREE weekly after-school tutoring.

The Everyone Reading After-School Tutoring Program will take place once a week, on Tuesdays, from November 2018 through May 2019, following the New York City Department of Education calendar.

There will be two 45-minute sessions:

Group 1 from 3:30 to 4:15;

Group 2 from 4:30 to 5:15.

Students will receive 45 minutes of explicit instruction and correct practice in phonics and fluency. Vocabulary and comprehension skills will not be covered. **STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY IN THIRD GRADE AND BORN IN 2010.**

Enrolling in the Everyone Reading after-school program requires a major commitment on the part of the student and the student's parent or guardian. The program will take place at Everyone Reading, 11 Broadway, Suite 868, New York, NY 10004. No transportation or refreshments will be provided. Students **MUST** attend all sessions. Absence will be cause for dismissal. Students will be screened before the program begins to determine if they will benefit from the program and to place them in the appropriate group.

For more information and an application, contact Laura Guerrero, Lguerrero@everyonereading.org

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In Our Community

Breakaway Hoops: Weekend Developmental Clinic

Physical Fitness + Life Skills Mentorship + Co Ed Basketball Instruction

Program Days: Saturdays, Sundays

Location: Brooklyn Heights Montessori School: 185 Court Street

Saturdays: Ages 5-9: 9am-10:30am

Ages 10-15: 10:30am—12pm

Sundays: Ages 5-9: 9am-10:30am

Ages 10-15: 10:30am—12pm

Try a FREE trial class today!

Register Online: WWW.BREAKAWAYHOOPS.COM or call Sean or Keith @ 646.776.2021

Ext. 2 or 7

Hudson River Park Upcoming Fall Events:

- HRPK Fall Fest

o Pumpkin painting, composting education, Big City Fishing, carnival rides, magic and much, much more! See a full line-up here: <http://bit.ly/HRPKFallFest2018Schools1> ; FB

Event here: <http://bit.ly/HRPKFallFest2018FBSchools>

o Sunday, October 21st, 11AM- 4PM at Hudson River Park's Pier 25; free & open to the public (rides & pumpkins may charge nominal fees)

- HRPK Pumpkin Smash

o FREE family pumpkin smash! Dispose of your leftover pumpkins the fun and sustainable way. We provide the tools and you bring the pumpkins for a smashing good time.

o Saturday, November 3rd, 11AM – 2PM at Hudson River Park's Chelsea Waterside

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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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