

# PS9-News at 9

WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2018

## Annual Silent Auction!

Hi there! The biggest PS9 party of the year is less than two weeks away! Here's how you can contribute to its success:

### DONATE!

We need your donations! Examine your resources and contacts for possible donations. Ask your favorite restaurant or shop, show, museum, class, spa, etc. to donate a gift certificate. Or did your kid love his/her camp this summer? Many camps will donate a week for auction, all you need to do is ask! Popular items donated in the past include: Vacation Homes; Tickets to Sports Events, Plays, Concerts; TV Show Tapings; Gift Certificates for Professional Services, Restaurants, Clothing Stores; Memberships to Museums, Gyms, Indoor Sports Centers; Camp sessions; Classes; Special Experiences; Art/Home Décor items; Wine; and more. Attached is the "ask" letter and donation form!

And if you have a donation in the works, please bring to the main office! Or email us at [ps9silentauction@gmail.com](mailto:ps9silentauction@gmail.com) with any questions.

### BUY TICKETS!

\$75 per ticket, includes an open bar, delicious eats, lively bidding, great music and maybe even some dancing!

#### Cash and Check Ticket Sales

To pay by cash or check (made payable to P.S. 9), please complete the order form below and bring payment sealed in an envelope to your classroom teacher or to Carol in the main office. We will return the ticket(s) to you in your child's backpack.

#### Credit Card Ticket Sales

Purchase tickets online with an additional service fee per ticket. Tickets bought online can be picked up at Union Temple on the evening of the event. Buy your tickets at:

<https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?>

[url=www.ps9brooklyn.org&data=02%7C01%7CCDerrell%40schools.nyc.gov%7Ce4476f3b67e041a91d5308d6390ce83f%7C18492cb7ef45456185710c42e5f7ac07%7C0%7C0%7C636759124939999807&sdata=mgWLVDAyqYx7%2FIHZsv5FM7n9nxb3XyFJ6%2B0ue7qjJ9U%3D&reserved=0](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=www.ps9brooklyn.org&data=02%7C01%7CCDerrell%40schools.nyc.gov%7Ce4476f3b67e041a91d5308d6390ce83f%7C18492cb7ef45456185710c42e5f7ac07%7C0%7C0%7C636759124939999807&sdata=mgWLVDAyqYx7%2FIHZsv5FM7n9nxb3XyFJ6%2B0ue7qjJ9U%3D&reserved=0)

and click on the Silent Auction 2018 tab.

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## Annual Silent Auction: Volunteer

No task is too small! Helping hands are needed now leading up to the event, during and after! Please write us at [ps9silentauction@gmail.com](mailto:ps9silentauction@gmail.com) if you'd like to help. We will also have a SignUp link going live in the next few days.

## 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.

## Book Hive Quiet Space -Donor's Choose Drive

Please support our school library by donating to this drive to support quiet reading nooks!

<https://www.donorschoose.org/project/book-hive-quiet-space/3476877/>

## Class Parent Meeting Tomorrow

Class parents and others may join us for our monthly class parent meeting tomorrow, October 25 at 8:45a.m. in the school's staff lounge. This is not a mandatory meeting!

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## Early Childhood Tour & Gifted & Talented Open House

Friday, October 26, at 9:00a.m. marks the first of this year's monthly early childhood classroom tours, which will run until April 2019. Due to the DOE's G&T program application schedule, we have also dedicated this tour for G&T classroom visits. Anyone wishing to join us monthly may view the schedule and sign up at: <http://www.ps9brooklyn.org/our-families/open-house/>

## Emergency Preparedness

### In-School Drills

Participating in Emergency Preparedness Drills empowers our children to feel more in control of situations that might otherwise be frightening and disorienting. For more information, you may visit the Department of Education's Parent Guide to School Safety and Emergency Preparedness at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/policies-for-all/safety/parent-guide-to-school-safety-and-emergency-preparedness>

### Get Ready New York: New York York City Emergency Management

Ready New York is NYC Emergency Management's public education campaign. Through the program, you can learn about the hazards you may face in New York City and prepare for all types of emergencies by writing an emergency plan, choosing a meeting place, gathering supplies for your home, and preparing a Go Bag in case you need to leave your home in a hurry. Read more at: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/ready/ready-new-york.page>

### November's Safety Town Hall Meeting at PS9

On Wednesday, November 28th at 6:00pm, we will host our annual Safety Town Hall where we invite our community and public safety personnel who

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## Gifted & Talented Request for Testing 2018

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>

## Grade 5 Guidance Social Middle School Night

Please join us tonight 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!

- 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

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## Grant Team Wins Again!

Slow Food NYC has dedicated an Urban Harvest grant to support to PS 9 Teunis Bergen kindergarten classes. The grant includes a Greenmarket Tour for students, along with Professional Development Workshops for staff!

Slow Food NYC believes in food that is good, clean, and fair, where everyone, every day, has access to ample, culturally meaningful, sustainably and humanely produced, delicious food that is good for their health and well-being, good for the planet, and good for those who bring food to our tables. We bring these values to Urban Harvest, our program of good food education for New York City kids.

Go Grant team!

## 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 & Storybook Character Parade

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.

Also 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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## Parent Workshops Hosted by District 13 & PS9 on Election Day

November 6th is Election Day! After voting please join us for two informative parent workshops!

Workshop #3: Parent Workshop: The Benefits of an ICT Setting & an Overview of the IEP Process | Facilitated by Zoe Lence-Calix, Family Support, Brooklyn North Field Support Center

How can a diverse classroom with two adults teaching be beneficial? Does it always work? Why?

Workshop #7: A Stronger, Calmer More Balanced You!

Facilitated by Mecca Nelson (former D13 Parent Leader)

THE YOMA METHOD was created by, and continues to be taught by Martial Artist and Yoga Instructor, Mecca Nelson.

The system allows you to deepen your connection with the self while simultaneously rejuvenating your Qi (Energy), mind, body, and spirit, as well.

Register at Eventbrite at: <https://d13parentworkshops.eventbrite.com>

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## 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 at: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>

## Service Drives

### UNICEF

Students attended an assembly program today to kick off our annual Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF fundraising drive. Since 1950, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF funds have helped save and improve children's lives around the world. UNICEF works in 190 countries and reaches millions of children with immunizations, education, health care, nutrition, safe water and sanitation, emergency relief, and more—with the help of our support! Read more at: <https://www.unicefusa.org/mission/usa/trick-or-treat/learn-more>

### Food Drive

PS 9 is conducting our Annual Food Drive in an effort to share what we have with those in our Community who need our help. Please drop off your non-perishable food items beginning Thursday, November 1st until Tuesday, November 20th in the collection box that will be in our school's lobby. The little that you are able to give will mean a whole lot! All donations will be delivered to CHIPS soup kitchen on 4th Avenue in Park Slope

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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

Self-Defense for Teens at the Brooklyn Public Library Central Youth Wing  
Friday, October 26th 2018 at 4:00pm

Peer Educators from the Center for Anti-Violence Education will lead an introductory self-defense workshop. This workshop is appropriate for pre-teens and teens of all genders and skill levels. Participants will practice both verbal and physical self-defense techniques to embody their own power and build personal and community safety. For more information please call 718-230-2116.

<https://www.bklynlibrary.org/calendar/self-defense-workshop-central-library-youth-20181026>  
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Central Branch  
10 Grand Army Plaza

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### Colgate Women's Games

<https://www.colgategames.com/registration>

REGISTRATION DAY IS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

from 9AM to 1PM

Pratt Institute, 200 Willoughby Ave.

Brooklyn, NY 11205

This is a great way to become familiar with the venue, and take home free gifts from Colgate-Palmolive Company!

(Participants can also register at the first three preliminary meets; during the first two hours of their own division's competition only)

DURING ALL MEETS AT PRATT:

All running shoes, sneakers and flats must have RUBBER SOLES!

SPIKES or shoes with hard plastic bottoms may NOT be worn at Pratt.

Large Coolers and Strollers are NOT allowed in stands or infield.

Spectator Chairs may NOT be brought onto infield

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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](http://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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## 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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