

# PS9 - News at 9

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2018

## Annual Silent Auction Wrap Up

During this holiday season, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who supported this year's Silent Auction. Your participation — whether as a guest at the party, an online bidder, a volunteer or sponsor — helped make this year's event one of the most fun and festive!

We also broke a few records, too. Thanks to your generosity, we broke yet another fundraising record: more than \$61,000 was raised, all of which will go towards arts enrichment programs at PS 9!

I would like to express my thanks to everyone who helped make the Silent Auction a fantastic success and to the hundreds of donors that made this possible.

A very special thank you goes to Arts Advocate Sponsor and local business, Brennan Realty.

Even with this amazing, record-breaking year, we still have much more money to raise to fund all the enrichment programs at PS 9. Our fundraising team has many more fun events and activities planned to help raise money over the year, including the Direct Appeal, which is going on now!

Many of our donors represent local Prospect Heights businesses. See the list on our Silent Auction page at [<http://www.ps9brooklyn.org/news/2018/11/silent-auction-2018-donors/>]. The next time you're in one of the shops, if you can, let them know you're a PS 9 parent. Our community of local business owners love knowing that their donation supports their customers!

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## Equity Diversity & Integration Committee Meeting

Friday, November 30

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

When: Friday, November 30th 7:30am

Where: P.S. 9 Staff Lounge (Room B34)

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 discussing our upcoming Potluck and Discussion with ASID and continuing the planning of our Inclusive Library Project.

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

## Games 4 Gear (G4G) & LIU Basketball 2018-19

The LIU Brooklyn women's basketball team is BACK for a match-up tomorrow, November 29 @ 7pm; doors open at 6:30pm. To view Games 4 Gear game schedule visit: <http://www.ps9brooklyn.org/news/2018/11/liu-basketball-games-4-gear-program/>

Please note: All games, with the exception of Friday December 21, 12:00noon, will be played at the Steinberg Wellness Center located at 161 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201. December 21 will be played at Barclay's center.

Contact Charmaine Derrell-Jacob, our Parent Coordinator at 718.638.3260 X1090 or [cderrell@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:cderrell@schools.nyc.gov) to get free game tickets!

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## Middle School Application Dealine Next Monday!

Apply to middle school online with MySchools; apply by December 3, 2018.

Need help? Contact our Guidance Counselor, Ms. Shaw-Taylor at  
KShaw@schools.nyc.gov or 718.638.3260 X 2022

In your child's personalized online application, you will be able to see and explore every middle school program that they are eligible to apply for and, if they get an offer, to attend. From these options, you can add up to 12 middle school programs to your child's application. Add the programs that interest you and your child the most and rank them in your true order of preference in the application.

- Consider adding the programs where your child has an admissions priority or guarantee, such as their zoned school(s) or continuing school. You do not have to place any of these programs as your first choice to keep your priority.
- Make an appointment to talk to your child's school counselor. Discuss your child's middle school application choices and how you plan to rank them.

You will be able to apply in English, Spanish, Chinese, Bengali, Russian, Arabic, Urdu, Haitian Creole, Korean, or French.

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

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## Noel Pointer Violin Program

The Noel Pointer string program is gearing up to start for this school year. All students, grades 3-5 (new and returning violinists) were given interest letters which has to be returned to school ASAP. Students and parents who are interested in signing up and committing to this program and have not done so yet must see Principal D'Avilar in the main office. .

## Safety Town Hall Tonight!

PS9 will host a very important safety town hall meeting for our community on Wednesday, November 28, 6-7:30p.m. Hear from: Principal D'Avilar, PS9's Transportation Committee, NYPD School Safety, the 77 Precinct's Community Affairs Officer and Laurie Cumbo's Office. We will share how all of these important departments in our community work in collaboration to keep our school and streets safe! We hope you will join us!

## School Lunch Forms - 270 Still Not Sumbitted!

EACH family MUST complete a school meals form. We have over 270 forms still undone! Paper forms are available in our school's main office. Apply online at: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>

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## Toy Drive

As in years past, the PS 9 community is once again participating in two holiday toy drives to collect new and unwrapped toys for homeless NYC school children and for NYC school children living in low-income circumstances.

Please consider contributing a new unwrapped toy or two to these drives by mid-December, and/or please consider making a monetary donation (link below).

Our parent coordinator, Charmaine Derrell-Jacob, is setting up one collection box for both toy drives in the PS 9 lobby. The deadline for both drives is coming up soon, on Wednesday, December 12. (Last-minute toy donations can be accepted until Monday, December 17, but 12/12 is the very-much-preferred deadline.)

More info on these toy drives:

1. The Gift of Giving holiday toy drive includes a student-powered toy wrapping session at PS 9 on December 13 and a gift-giving event at the Dyker Heights Golf Course a few days later. Please drop off a new unwrapped toy in the collection box in the PS 9 lobby.
2. The Coalition for the Homeless holiday toy drive offers a few different ways to contribute:

\*You can drop off a new unwrapped toy in the collection box in the PS 9 lobby or you can make a monetary donation or drop off at the Coalition. Read more at: [www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/donate-toy-drive](http://www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/donate-toy-drive)

Thank you very much for your support of these holiday toy drives!

Best,

Claudia (Helen's mom).

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## In Our Community

FUN FRIDAY FAMILY GAME NIGHT A Fundraiser to keep Duryea warm this winter

On Friday, November 30th

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Bring a Friend, Bring a Game, Have FUN

(Ping-pong, connect four, checkers, Monopoly )

❖ No Electronic/Video Games! We are connecting with people again ❖

Food and Refreshment on Sale

Start your Holiday Shopping Early

Vendors on Site with handcrafted gifts for sale

Duryea Presbyterian Church

362 Sterling Place @ Underhill Avenue

(Undercroft)

We are so pleased to introduce you to Brooklyn Acting Lab and our Ensembleship program!

Entering our 11th year, BAL is a labor of love, and our mission continues to be to create innovative theatrical works that reflect our diverse global community and to nurture new talent by providing a comprehensive arts training for children and adults.

To learn more about our programming, please visit [www.brooklynactinglab.org](http://www.brooklynactinglab.org). Our updated classes for Spring-Winter will go live on Saturday, December 1. Please feel free to email Kristen Lynch directly at [kristen@brooklynactinglab.org](mailto:kristen@brooklynactinglab.org).

When you are ready to apply for an Ensembleship, please visit our application form [here](#). Please note that as part of the Ensembleship, no more than three classes are to be missed per program, more than two late arrivals will be considered an absence, and all ensemble members must be at every technical rehearsal and every performance, when applicable.

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On Monday, January 28, 2019, the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) will conduct its Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE), an annual point-in-time estimate of New Yorkers sleeping unsheltered on the streets that is required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The HOPE estimate helps us provide resources to this vulnerable population.

We are calling on all New Yorkers to help us canvass parks, subways, and other public spaces to estimate the number of people who are living on the street on one of the coldest nights of the year. HOPE can only be a success with the assistance of our NYC agency colleagues, like you.

Volunteers are needed from approximately 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. on the night of the 28th. Just one night of your time will help us collect critical information to help people move from the streets and into a safe, stable environment. During the past two years, through our HOME-STAT street outreach program, we have helped more than 2,000 people come off the streets and remain off the streets in transitional programs or permanent housing. As we work to address street homelessness across the city, one person at a time, this is a unique opportunity to participate in an extraordinary citywide effort. If you have volunteered before, I encourage you to sign up again. If you have yet to experience how truly rewarding a night of HOPE can be, I invite you to join us for the first time.

Please visit [nyc.gov/hope](http://nyc.gov/hope) or CityShare to learn more and to register. Your help is essential to help us address the problem of homelessness that had built up over many years.

Sincerely,

Steven Banks, Commissioner | Department of Social Services

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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/>

Community School District 13: 718.634.3284

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

NYCDOE: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/home>

NYCDOE Enrollment Division Contact: 718.935.2009 or [ES\\_enrollment@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ES_enrollment@schools.nyc.gov)

NYC Government: Call 311 or website: <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/>

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