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Annual Silent Auction: Thank You!

There are so many to thank for PS9's wonderful auction last Saturday; gift donors and solicitors, picture-frame stuffers, delivery persons, on-site set up people, bartenders, clean-up crew, food station managers, bidders, dancers and all around great PS9 friends and family members! The most amazing part of the evening was to see so many people getting to know each other, or getting reacquainted, as they took time out of busy lives to come out and support our school.

An extra special thanks to Carol for her time and continued dedication to this event; to Sakura, Krystal, Raul and the PTO for full support of this event; to PS9 staff for their donations and attendance; to alumnus parent Ian for keeping the bar hopping all night long!

The big ticket item on auction night was honoring Faye Rimalovski and celebrating her last hurrah with us as auction Chair. What an amazing run we've had with Faye taking the helm for so many years, and now leaving us after leading us into a smooth new era of online bidding! Faye will be sorely missed!

Please note: Pick up your auction items with Carol (718.638.3260 X 1302) in the school's main office. Don't forget to checkout and pay for the item(s) before pickup. Check your text message for instructions!

We will publish the fundraising total in next week's news.

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Book Fair – A Family Event!

The whole school is excited about our Book Fair! At the Book Fair you will find the latest and finest titles for kids, as well as books of interest to parents. You can even contribute books to your child's classroom library. The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading.

The book fair dates are 11/5/18 to 11/16/18. Book selection flyers and the class visit schedule will be backpacked this week.

The book fair will remain open during Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 15th.

To view books visit: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/ps009teunisgbergenschool>

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/>

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Daly Pie: Thanksgiving Holiday Fundraiser

The PS 9 PTO and Daly Pie are teaming up to bring the most delicious homemade holiday desserts to your Thanksgiving celebration. All proceeds will go directly to PS 9's PTO, which raises funds for arts and science enrichment programs — and you will be supporting one of our favorite local businesses, too!

Choose from three of Daly Pie's best-sellers: Chocolate Bourbon Pecan, Apple Crumb and Pumpkin. All pies are \$35.

Please use the order form and be sure to include the number of pies you want to purchase. Return the form with a check to your child's teacher, place it in the PTO mailbox in the front office, OR, use our easy online form at <http://bit.ly/2RTU0Jp>. Pie order forms and payments must be received by Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 5:00 PM. For payments via PayPal there will be a 3% processing fee.

Pies will be available for pick-up Tuesday, Nov. 20 at the PS 9 school lobby during after-school pick-up (2:00 – 6:00 PM).

- Pies are baked on the premises, using locally-sourced ingredients.
- The Apple Crumb, Pumpkin and Chocolate Pecan pies can sit at room temperature for two days before serving.
- Please note: Only 50 Pumpkin Pie are available; the first 50 orders for Pumpkin Pie will be fulfilled (we apologize for the inconvenience).

Daly Pie's owner and head chef Meghan Daly opened her first shop in Park Slope six years ago, after leaving a corporate job to pursue her passion for baking. Daly Pie's Vanderbilt Ave. location opened in 2016, serving pies and hand pies, beer, wine, coffee and teas – and has become a favorite café among PS 9 families.

Please contact Jessica Flores at [ophelia1020 \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:ophelia1020@gmail.com) with any questions.

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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 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.

Gifted & Talented Request for Testing 2018 Deadline to Apply - This Friday!

Contact Carol Hernandez in the main office for help with the application.

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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Guggenheim Museum Family Day

On Sunday, November 18th we hope that families will join us to sample our normal Sunday programming during our Learning Through Art Open House. On these days we will have an art making project in our studio space geared towards families with children ages 3-14. Staff will be on hand to welcome LTA families who will be admitted free of charge with a family pass.

Family passes, good for a family of four (4), are available from our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Jacob. The family pass will allow you to visit the museum for free at other times if you cannot make the scheduled LTA Family Day.

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LIU Games 4 Gear (G4G) Basketball 2018-19

Hey LIU Blackbirds basketball fans, it's time for Games for Gear (G4G) which provides free tickets to PS9 families for each of 21 Blackbirds men's & women's games. Not only will you/your family get to watch GREAT college basketball, we will award \$500 for athletic equipment to the top six programs by attendance. By participating in G4G your families get a unique opportunity to watch some of the best college basketball in New York City.

The Blackbirds were the ONLY men's basketball team from New York City to qualify for the 2018 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament—and with a host of young talent and some experienced returning players, LIU should be in the mix for another Northeast Conference (NEC) men's title—and an NCAA berth.

The LIU women will join the men in an early season doubleheader at the Steinberg Center, when they face Army on Friday, November 9 at 5pm followed by the LIU men's vs. Brown at 7:30pm. Our women expect to build off a successful 2017-18 season where the Blackbirds ousted St. Francis Brooklyn in the 2018 NEC Women's Basketball Tournament.

These plus 18 other LIU men's & women's dates are now available to you and your families through our Games 4 Gear program. We want our fans in the community to be there when our Blackbirds fly high against the best in the East and the NEC.

All games (with a few exceptions) will be played at the Steinberg Wellness Center located at 161 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201. Please contact Charmaine Derrell-Jacob, our Parent Coordinator at 718.638.3260 X1090 or cderrell@schools.nyc.gov to get free game tickets!

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Middle School Applications Now Available!

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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Multicultural Luncheon

On Tuesday, November 20th, PS9 will celebrate our annual Multicultural Day with a school-wide luncheon, where students share their family's culture with each other. As part of PS9's tradition students will be encouraged to bring an authentic dish, drink, or dessert item from their family's cultural background. Please sign up with your teacher or Class Parent if you plan to donate.

Open School Week

PS9's Fall Open School Week will be celebrated Tuesday, November 13th until Friday, November 16th.

- ◆ Parents/Guardians may visit classes to observe what is taking place; you may visit all classrooms in the school
- ◆ You do NOT have to contact the school in advance
- ◆ Keep in mind that you may want to inquire about class lunch times, prep periods or trips before visiting. Our Parent Coordinator can help (see below).
- ◆ You MUST come in through the main entrance, sign in at the school safety station, proceed to the main office to have the classroom contacted and get a visitor's pass.
- ◆ Questions? Contact Charmaine Derrell-Jacob, our Parent Coordinator at 718.638.3260 X1090 or Carol Hernandez X1302, or cderrell@schools.nyc.gov or csheldrakeherna@schools.nyc.gov.

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Parent Engagement Tuesdays

This is a reminder that every Tuesday, 2:40-3:20p.m. parents and guardians are allotted 40 Minutes for Parent Engagement. Teachers have 40 minutes of weekly time to connect with families on Tuesdays after school from 2:40-3:20 p.m. This school year we will also schedule the 40 minutes of Parent Engagement on Tuesdays with specific workshops on timely topics that can include: middle school admissions, coping with stress and family reading. Check the monthly school activity calendar for event times.

Parent-Teacher Conference & Half-Day Dismissal

ALL Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2018. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held that day [12:30-2:30pm] & [4:30-7:30pm]. Appointment forms were backpacked with all students. You may also contact your teacher or Class Parent to find out how to schedule your appointment time. Parents may also schedule conferences with teachers on Tuesdays 2:40-3:20p.m.

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>

UNICEF DRIVE

There's still time to fill your boxes and donate to UNICEF! 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>

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Please join us on Saturday, November 10, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm, at Brooklyn Historical Society DUMBO for the first in a series of free family programs!

Our gallery educator will guide you and your young historians (aged 2-6) on an exhibition scavenger hunt.

Then stay to enjoy the many family-friendly parts of Waterfront with children as young as one-year old to...

- Dress up like the women welders of the Brooklyn Navy Yard in WWII.
- Touch and smell goods, like cochineal bugs and coffee beans, which passed through Empire Stores when it was a busy warehouse.
- Use our Brooklyn waterfront magnet board to design your own city.
- Film videos of yourself traveling back in time.
- Color a Brooklyn waterfront themed postcard to mail to family & friends.

RSVP for Family Time at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-time-at-bhs-dumbo-eye-spy-tickets-51480151519?mc_eid=7679182c33&mc_cid=3400b9dd5a

Bridge to Greatness Presents: Super Smurf Basketball Training and Fundamentals!!

Pratt Institute: 200 Willoughby Ave (The Arc Gym)

Hosted by former Brooklyn Nets Scout and Bishop Loughlin HS Varsity Coach Khalid Green

\$300 for 10 sessions, January 12-March 23.

5-7 year old Boys & Girls

For more information contact Khalid Green at (718) 541-0371n or

khasbklynbridge@aol.com

Free parking on campus

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PARENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Saturday, November 10, 2018

Boys & Girls High School, Library

1700 Fulton Street, Brooklyn

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Agenda

Science Workshops

Elementary

Middle

High School

Presentation: Understanding Mental Health

Ayanna McNeill, Implementation and Support

Specialist, Office of School Health, School Mental Health, DOHMH

Parent Ambassadors will meet immediately following the general meeting.

Please RSVP to 347-834-2934 or ryoung4@ix.netcom.com

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Intro to the Custom Cake Business- 11/10/18

Are you ready to leave your 9-5 and pursue the full time Cake life?

Learn the essentials of starting your own cake business with a personal Q&A session with the founder of BCakeNY & Director of Finances, on Saturday, November 10th from 6pm-8:30pm.

. Learn about marketing, branding, pricing, & more! We encourage you to bring your own business concepts to get firsthand professional feedback. Students will receive an Avare Cakeboard! TELL someone who should join our Intro to the Custom Cake Business Class! Class is non-refundable.

Feel free to give us a call if you have any questions about our classes!

347.787.7199

Email: info@bcakeny.com

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07efnf5919af1dd643&oseq=&c=&ch=>

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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/>

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

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

Prospect Heights Patch <http://prospectheights.patch.com/>

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