

# PS9-News at 9

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## 2 Liter (+) Bottles Needed!

PS9's S.T.E.A.M. team is requesting donations of 16oz-33oz and 2 Liter bottles to create terrariums for our upcoming STEAM Family Night. There is a collection bin in the lobby for donations, which are needed by January 22.

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

Hey LIU Blackbirds basketball fans, Games for Gear (G4G) 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.

LIU men's & women's dates are now available to you and your families through our Games 4 Gear program. To view Games 4 Gear game schedule visit:  
<http://www.ps9brooklyn.org/news/2018/11/liu-basketball-games-4-gear-program/>

Please note: All remaining games 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](mailto:cderrell@schools.nyc.gov) to get free game tickets!

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## Gifted & Talented Testing

Students in Kindergarten, grade 1 and grade 2 have been scheduled for in-house Gifted & Talented testing until January 18th. Parents will be notified in writing of their child's appointment day and time ahead of the test. The test will be administered during the school day. You may contact Charmaine Derrell-Jacob at [cderrell@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:cderrell@schools.nyc.gov), 718.638.3260 X1090 with questions.

## Kindergarten Application: Apply by Monday January 14!

Each pre-k student at PS9 must have an application completed in order to get a seat in PS9's, or any other, Kindergarten program!

Contact our Parent Coordinator, Charmaine Derrell-Jacob at 718.638.3260 X 1090 for help.

Submit your child's application one of three ways:

1. Online with MySchools(Open external link), <https://www.myschools.nyc/en/>
2. In person at a Family Welcome Center  
<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/family-welcome-centers>
3. By phone at 718-935-2009

Learn more on our Kindergarten page:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/kindergarten>

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## Pre-Kindergarten Admissions Guide 2019

A limited number of Pre-Kindergarten guides are available in our school's main office.

The pre-k application process will be open in early February and the deadline to submit an application is March 15, 2019.

### Who Can Apply to Pre-K?

Every family of a four-year-old in New York City can apply to pre-K. Children born in 2015 will begin pre-K in September 2019. Your child must be a current New York City resident to apply.

All of the following students are welcome to apply to pre-K:

- Current 3-K students at public district schools, Pre-K Centers, and NYC Early Education Centers (NYCEECs)
- Current students in three-year-old programs at charter schools, private schools, parochial schools, or other preschools
- Students with disabilities
- Students with accessibility needs
- Students learning English
- Students in temporary housing
- LGBTQ and gender nonconforming students
- Students who are new to NYC public schools—if you move to NYC during the school year, visit the New Students page to learn how to enroll.

Find out more at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/pre-k>

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## PTO Meeting – Enrichment Presentation

Join our PTO next Tuesday, January 22 at 6:30p.m. for their monthly team meeting. At this meeting Principal D'Avilar will present our current student Enrichment programs at PS9.

## S.T.E.A.M. Night

Join us for a night a night of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math at Family STEAM Night on Tuesday, January 29th, 5:30-7:30p.m. Come refresh your coding, building and formula-mixing skills as our Science, Technology, Art, Physical Education. Math teachers provide hands-on fun for the entire family! This event will be held in the school's cafeteria and gymnasium.

## Wellness Committee Meeting

The Wellness Committee invites parents/families/teachers to join our next meeting on Tuesday January 29th at 8:30 a.m. in the Teacher's Lounge to discuss all topics regarding our childrens' wellness: exercise, mental health, food. Bring ideas along!

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## In Our Community

The 33rd Annual Brooklyn Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, Jan 21, 2019

Time: 10:30am

LOCATION: Peter Jay Sharp Building

BAM Howard Gilman Opera House

LANGUAGE: This is a sign-language-interpreted event. For more information contact us at [info@BAM.org](mailto:info@BAM.org) or 718.636.4100.

<https://www.bam.org/talks/2019/brooklyn-tribute-to-dr-martin-luther-king-2019>

We are excited to announce our Brooklyn Center for the Arts 2019 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Monday January 21st from 9:00am – 3:00pm. We will celebrate the day with an Essay competition, Talent Show, Games, BCA student demonstrations and Free 20 minute dance and instrumental music classes.

Deadline for submitting a completed application:

--Essay and/or illustration is Friday January 18, 2019

I. Essay Competition: We invite everyone, of all ages, to actively join the celebration by joining the Brooklyn Center for the Arts (BCA) "I have a dream that one day..." Writing Essay Contest. For this competition, each entrant will be asked to write an essay on what they dream about for themselves, their family, their community and the world. Essentially finishing the sentence – "I have a dream that one day..."

II. Talent Show: --Talent show is Sunday January 20, 2019

The BCA Making My Dream Come True Talent Show will be for all ages. Participants will be able to showcase their talent of singing, spoken word, dance, playing a musical instrument and/or visual art.

28 Madison Street | | Brooklyn, NY 11238 | 718-398-ARTS(2787)

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### LIU Children's Academy

Looking for a fresh start in the new year for your child? There's still space available in our 2019 Spring Session beginning Saturday, January 19th. We are located conveniently in downtown Brooklyn—right across from DeKalb Market. Visit our website to register and for lots more information! [www.liu.edu/childrensacademy](http://www.liu.edu/childrensacademy)

\*\* 6 to 12 week sessions available

\*\* Swimming in Brooklyn's best pool

\*\* Our creative classes range from Ceramics to Video Games

\*\* Our fitness classes include Gymnastics, Strength + Conditioning and Yoga

### 2019 Spring Dates

Session I: January: 19; February: 2, 9, 23; March 2, 23

Session II: March 30; April 6, 13, 27; May 4, 11

### SELECT CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Video Game Design

Kids Make Movies

Ceramics

Collage and Mixed Media

Printmaking

Toy Making

3D Modeling

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Start the New Year with a Family Resource Day

Find Free Legal Services, Free Consular Services, Free Flu Shots  
& Other Social Services!

What is Key to the City?

Key to the City is a family resource fair, which provides valuable resources to our immigrant communities such as free legal immigration screenings, consular services, and other social services. Key to the City is sponsored by the New York City Council and is brought to you in partnership with the Mexican Consulate and the New York Legal Assistance Group.

Services Available

- Free immigration legal consultations offered by the New York Legal Assistance Group.
- We strongly encourage any community organizations to direct clients interested in free legal aid for January 19 to submit our online intake form in English or Spanish. The form can be submitted by service providers in consultation with or on behalf of clients.
- From January 16 - January 18, the Mexican Consulate provides help with passports, consular IDs, and more.
  - o For an appointment go to 1-877-639-4835 or visit <http://mexitel.sre.gob.mx>.
- Know Your Rights workshops that discuss what immigrants' rights are when confronted with ICE.
- Financial Literacy workshops.
- Resources and legal consultations discussing "public charge," the Trump administration proposal.
- Free vaccines provided by Walgreens.

Resources for healthcare, English classes, and more!

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The Adapt Community Network Family Connect Center has planned several events during the upcoming months that we would like to let you know about. These workshops are free and are available to professionals, family members, caregivers and all interested individuals. They are a great opportunity for family members to network and connect with others. Our services are open to the entire community and translation to Spanish is always available. We are also pleased to offer referral and support services as well.

**OPWDD SERVICES:** Thursday, January 17, 2019 10:0am-12pm | 160 Lawrence Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11230 – Room 205

If your child has a Developmental Disability they may be eligible for supports and services administered by the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). This training will educate families about service options that can help meet their child's needs including Community Habilitation, Respite, and Recreational Programs. Participants will gain an increased awareness and understanding of OPWDD eligibility criteria and the determination process necessary to obtain the Medicaid Waiver. Presenter: Julia Luppino, Parent to Parent of NYS

**UNDERSTANDING THE RANGE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**  
Thursday, January 31st, 2019 10am-12:00pm | 80 West End Avenue, New York, NY 10023 – Room 124

Discover how to take advantage of the full range of special education programs and services available to students with disabilities in the least restrictive setting. This workshop will cover specialized programs for students with disabilities such as ASD Nest, ASD Horizon, ACES, and Bilingual Special Education. We will discuss into what programs offer and why to consider a specialized program. We will also learn best time to apply and where to get we can get these additional information. Presenter: Colin Montgomery, Family Educator -Include NYC formerly RCSN

To register for a workshop please call 718-436-7979 Ext. 704 or

Email [familyconnect@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:familyconnect@adaptcommunitynetwork.org)

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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>