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Afterschool Academy

Grades 3/4/5 are invited to attend Afterschool ENRICHMENT/INTERVENTION Academy in ELA and Mathematics. During this Academy children will engage in activities both in ELA and Math which will help them synthesize information as they build their stamina. We ask parents to read the information letter that was backpacked with students, sign and return the parent portion to your child's teacher ASAP! Afterschool Academy begins Wednesday, February 13.

Chinese New Year – Year of the Pig

Happy New Year, “Year of the Pig,” to all PS9 families who will celebrate this most important Chinese holiday on Tuesday, February 5th!

Dinner with the Principal:

Rescheduled for Wednesday February 6

Due to the severity of the weather forecast for tomorrow, we are rescheduling Dinner with the Principal for next Wednesday, February 6, 6:00-7:30p.m.

Join Principal D'Avilar and PS9 teachers, for a Reading workshop that will provide parents with first-hand information about the New York State ELA test. Students are scheduled to take the test April 2-4. The workshop is geared towards 3rd, 4th and 5th grade families, and will be held in the school library. Childcare will be provided for a donation.

Please RSVP at: <http://www.ps9brooklyn.org/news/2019/01/dinner-with-the-principal-january-31-2019/>

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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 to get free game tickets!

Grade 2 Marquis Studios Performance

On Friday, February 1, at 9:00 a.m. families of grade 2 students are invited to attend a presentation culminating grade 2's winter art residency with Marquis Studios. Contact Class Parents or classroom teachers for more information about the program.

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NY International Children's Film Festival Fundraiser

The NY International Children's Film Festival is coming up February 22-March 17, and the PS9 PTO is partnering with the festival to raise money for our school.

The festival offers stunning and unique films created by international artists for children ages 3-18. PS9's PTO will earn \$3 for every ticket sold. It's a great opportunity to coordinate with classmates for a community day out!

To buy tickets and raise money for our school:

1. Go to <http://nyicff.org/tickets/>
2. Select our school ("PS9 Teunis Bergen") from the "Select My School" Menu (IMPORTANT!!!!)
3. Purchase tickets

Questions? Email Carolyn Cryer at ccryer@wesleyan.edu

Film Festival flyers have been backpacked with students today.

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Pre-Kindergarten Application Opens February 4th

The pre-K application for children born in 2015 opens on February 4, and the deadline to apply is March 15, 2019.

A limited number of hardcopy pre-k 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 Nominating Committee Needed for 2019-20 Elections

Our PTO has announced the beginning of the Nominations process for 2019-20 elections. If you would like to be a part of the election committee (not running for PTO office) then please contact Raul Rothblatt at rrothblatt@gmail.com, or Krystal Linton at ms.linton24@yahoo.com.

Remind Text Message Service: No Interruption!

Update from Remind: Friday, January 25

We're thrilled to share the news: Verizon has informed us that they don't have plans to change the fee structure applicable to Remind for text messaging. Thanks to you, we can continue to offer text notifications as part of the Remind service, and there will be no service disruption for Verizon Wireless customers.

We're grateful to Verizon for making a commitment to support accessible communication for all Remind users.

You can read more here: <https://www.remind.com/blog/verizon-update>

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Renaming PS9

Join us for a Town Hall forum on Wednesday, February 13, 6:00-7:30p.m., as we work as a community to rename our school!

Last year PS9 voted to remove the name “Teunis G. Bergen” from our school. Since we can change a name once every 10 years, we want to discuss new names for PS9. The top proposition on the table is for Sarah Smith Garnet, the first African-American woman Principal in New York and the founder of the first African-American suffrage club. We welcome input from all PS9 parents, r other Brooklyn leaders who represent the values of our school.

Valentine’s Day Dance

"Spread Love, it's the Brooklyn Way" at our PTO's Valentine's Day Dance. Party with peace and love next Friday, February 8, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. There will be music, food, raffles on sale, and fun for all! Entry \$5 per person; raffle \$2 per ticket.

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China Institute's New Year Day Camp: Tuesday, February 5, 9:00AM-3:00PM

No school? No problem! New York City public schools are closed for Chinese New Year and China Institute offers a fun day of cultural programming!

On February 5 from 9 AM to 3 PM China Institute will be running a Day Care Camp - an immersive and interactive program for children aged 2-14. Campers will have an opportunity to learn and enjoy various traditional activities and customs including calligraphy, Chinese Go and games, arts and crafts, storytelling and cooking.

Learn More & Register at: <https://www.chinainstitute.org/school/kids-teens/chinese-new-year-day-camp/>

Chinese GO with Battery Park City Authority: Tuesday, February 5, 1:00PM-2:00PM

All ages are invited to celebrate the Lunar New Year learning the fun and challenging game of Go which originated in China over 4,000 years ago with the Battery Park City Authority in Lower Manhattan. Led by champion Go players from China Institute, this talk and hands-on workshop will guide participants through the history and general play of the game. Register for free online to participate.

Learn More & Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/game-of-go-tickets-53105263272>

Summer Program Resource Fair 2019

Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 6-8p.m.

Brooklyn Borough Hall, Community Room

209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

For more information, contact Elena Romero at 917-554-3765 or elena12673@yahoo.com

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Our borough's diversity is our enduring strength, powered by the many immigrant communities that call Brooklyn home. In partnership with the Sino America New York Brooklyn Archway Association, I am proud to present two wonderful events in the coming weeks to celebrate the Lunar New Year and Brooklyn's vibrant Chinese-American community.

Firstly, we are jointly hosting a Chinese New Year Cultural Temple Festival on Saturday, February 2nd from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Brooklyn Borough Hall Plaza and Columbus Park. The event will feature celebratory giveaways, children's activities, and live cultural performances.

Additionally, on Friday, February 15th, we will be hosting a Year of the Pig celebration with celebratory giveaways, cultural performances, and a delicious taste of Chinese cuisine. The event will take place from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Brooklyn Borough Hall. To RSVP, please visit brooklyn-usa.org/chinesenewyear2019 or call (718) 802-2356.

Gong Xi Fa Cai!

-Eric Adams

Dear New Yorker:

In my dual role as Acting Public Advocate and New York City Council Speaker, my staff and I are conducting a five-day, five-borough transit tour to get feedback on the state of the City's mass transit system from the perspective of New York City bus riders. We will be stationed around the City with volunteers from transportation advocacy groups from today, Monday, January 28th, through Friday, February 1st. The survey will also be available online through Sunday, February 3, 2019. Share your thoughts on NYC bus service now!

Take the survey at: <https://council.nyc.gov/public-advocate/bus-survey/>

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Act Now to Help K-12 Schools Serve More New York Grown Food to New York Kids!
Today, we're in Albany with members of the New York Grown Food for New York Kids coalition, urging lawmakers to help put more schools on the path to serving fresh, healthy, local food to our children while supporting New York farms. Help amplify our voices by letting lawmakers know this is also important to you!

Please click here today to send a letter to your state representatives today telling them you want more fresh, healthy New York grown food served to New York kids in school!
You can also take a moment to call your representatives in the Senate and Assembly directly to urge their support:

Sample Script: "Hello, my name is [your name]. I'm a constituent in your district, and I'm calling to urge you to include \$10 million in funding for the Farm to School Incentive and \$3 million for the Farm to School Grants program to help all schools purchase fresh, healthy, local food from New York farmers. Farm to School is good for our children's health, good for farmers, and good for the state's economy. Thank you for your time, attention, and support!"

Join us on social media to spread the word by sharing this action alert and using the hashtag #NYFood4NYKids!

With your help we can improve the health of our children while supporting our local farmers. Thank you for taking the time to raise your voice alongside us!

Write your state reps today: <https://farmland.salsalabs.org/nyfood4nykids/index.html>

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It is critical that New York City residents are informed about the services and opportunities offered by City agencies and not-for-profit organizations.

This year Council Member Helen Rosenthal and I are excited to co-host a community resource fair on Wednesday, February 13.

There will be free blood pressure tests offered by Lenox Hill HealthPlex, free flu shots offered by Duane Reade/Walgreens, free vision exams offered by the SUNY College of Optometry, and much more!

Click here to RSVP:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCMBwPWmqX144WEhOpK2jr-o4SBrWDnuraB3wDX3Vu0E0sFg/viewform>

The details are:

Wednesday, February 13

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

First Floor Commons

524 West 59th Street (between 10th and 11th Avenues)

6:30 - 8:30 PM

We hope to see you there!

In service,

Corey Johnson

New York City Council Speaker and Acting Public Advocate

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The Brooklyn Adult Learning Center within the Department of Education serve adults 21 years of age and older and all classes are taught by NYS Certified Teachers.

We are currently registering students for the following classes:

Tuition-Free Class Offerings:

Adult Basic Education – (Pre-TASC formerly known as GED)

English for Speakers of other Languages (ESL)

Nursing Assistant (NA)

EKG and Phlebotomy

A+ Certification

Network +

Digital Technology

Microsoft Office Suite

High School Equivalency (TASC)

Computer Literacy

Brooklyn Adult Learning Center - School 8

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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>