

# PS9 - News at 9

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## 2 Liter Bottles Needed!

PS9's S.T.E.A.M. team is requesting donations of 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.

## Annual School Calendar Updated

You can view a copy of our updated Annual School Events Calendar at:  
[http://www.ps9brooklyn.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/School-Calendar-2018-19\\_PS9-Revised-1.9.2019.pdf](http://www.ps9brooklyn.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/School-Calendar-2018-19_PS9-Revised-1.9.2019.pdf)

## Class Parent Meeting Tomorrow

Class parents and others may join us for our monthly class parent meeting tomorrow, January 10 at 8:30a.m. in the school's staff lounge. This is not a mandatory meeting!

## College Awareness Day - Grade 5

PS9's fifth graders will celebrate NYC Public Schools College Awareness Day Friday, January 11, and PS9 is asking our school community to "rep" their favorite college by wearing a T-shirt, sweat shirt, or some other favorite memorabilia!

## Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting

All members of the PS9 community are invited to join this month's meeting which will be held this Friday, January 11th at 7:30a.m in the school's Staff Lounge (room B34).

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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](mailto:cderrell@schools.nyc.gov) to get free game tickets!

## 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.

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## 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.

If you live in New York City and your child was born in 2014, apply to kindergarten by January 14, 2019.

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>

Kindergarten Directories were delivered to all pre-k classrooms in October. You may also view the directory online at:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Elementary/Resources/default.htm>

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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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## Spanish Class for Adults: Parents & Staff!

Bi-weekly Spanish for Adults continues tomorrow, Thursday, January 10, 5:30-7:00p.m. (School Library.) All are welcome!

## Urban Glass Afterschool Program

We are happy to announce that we are able to provide our students with Afterschool Enrichment with UrbanGlass, a nonprofit international center for glass art located in Fort Greene, Brooklyn. UrbanGlass has been awarded a CASA grant to work with PS9 on an after school Mosaic program with students. UrbanGlass at 9 will be able to host two (2) classes of 25 students each.

Interest forms were distributed to all grade 2-5 students who are NOT currently in an afterschool program at PS9. Tomorrow, Thursday, January 10, we will conduct a lottery to select 50 students. Parents of selected students only will be notified.

Please see the details of the program below:

Class Days: Mondays or Tuesdays

Class Run Time: 2:45 - 4:00 pm

Start dates: Monday, January 14 & Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Eligibility: This program is ONLY available for students who do NOT currently attend a PS9 school-based afterschool program

-Students selected will attend on Mondays or Tuesdays ONLY

-Students will be given a snack if they need one

-Students will be dismissed in the auditorium promptly at 4:00pm

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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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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

--Talent show is Sunday January 20, 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... " The competition details are as follows:

### II. Talent Show:

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. They will be asked to use uplifting, inspiring, and encouraging music, poems etc. in honor of Dr. King's life. For the performing arts segment: Children ages 3 to 6 years old will have up to one minute, ages 7 to 12 years old will have two to three minutes, ages 13 to 20 years old will have up to three minutes and 21 years old and above will have up to three minutes to showcase their talents.

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

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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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Bklyner is hosting a Summer Camp Expo and Activity Fair

Bring the family and meet camp reps from a range of camps - traditional to special interest and even some sleepaway. Many of these camps also offer after-school and holiday break camps. Lots of great door prizes from a free week of camp to private lessons. Pre-register and enter to win an exclusive door prize at: <https://bklyner.com/come-to-the-bklyner-camp-expo-and-activity-fair/>

Camp Expo and Activity Fair

Sunday, January 13, 12-3pm

Location: PS 139 330 Rugby Road, Brooklyn, NY 11226

Directions: Take the Q train to Cortelyou Road, Walk 1 block to Rugby Road

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## In Our Community

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.

**TURNING 5: TRANSITION FROM PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TO KINDERGARTEN**  
Thursday, January 10th, 2019 1770 Stillwell Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469- Room 2nd Fl

Time: 10am-12pm.

Children born in 2014 will start kindergarten in the fall of 2019. Moving from preschool to kindergarten marks an exciting new chapter in your child's life. In this workshop, we will address some questions you may have about the process and about New York City's public schools. Join us to learn about the transition to school-age special education services and the kindergarten application process. Presenter: Advocates for Children

### OPWDD SERVICES

Thursday, January 17th, 2019 160 Lawrence Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11230 – Room 205

Time: 10am-12pm.

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

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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**Voices of Power: A Monthly Get Together for Young Adults with Disabilities**

January 11, 2019 11am-1pm | Second Floor Meeting Room | Central Library Grand Army Plaza

ASL interpreters available upon request | For more information call 718.253.4948

Build a community and provide a voice for everyone to share the things that are meaningful in our lives. Join people with disabilities, parents, caregivers and educators as we discuss disability related subjects. Help improve access, inclusion, and independence in our communities.

**Understanding Your Student's Behavior: How Functional Behavioral Analysis (FBA) Can Help**

January 16, 2019 10am-12pm | Information Commons Lab | Central Library Grand Army Plaza

For more information call 718.253.4948

Presented by Beth Gueller, an active parent of a young adult with disabilities and retired special education teacher. Understanding and coping a student's behavioral issues in school can be confusing. Find out how FBA can break down these behaviors and make them easier to address. How can FBA help? Who should be involved? What is your role? What is the next step>?

¿Qué es el autismo?

25 enero 2019, 4pm-5pm | Information Commons Lab | Central Library | 10 Grand Army Plaza

Llama a 718.253.4948 si tiene preguntas

María Virginia Ortega, maestra de educación especial hablara del autismo. Contestara preguntas y se reunirá con padres y parientes para que:

- Reciban información concreta acerca del Trastorno del Espectro Autista
- Comprendan esta condición y la importancia del diagnóstico temprano
- Aprendan estrategias efectivas y
- Puedan planear un futuro satisfactorio para su hijo

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For questions about these programs or the services we offer, please contact Zadine Richardson at [zrichardson@bklynlibrary.org](mailto:zrichardson@bklynlibrary.org) or call 718.253.4948.

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## Links:

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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>