

# PS9-News at 9

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## **Ballet Tech Auditions for Grade 2**

Ballet Tech will visit our school on Wednesday, March 6th to audition 2nd grade students for their fall 2019 8-week program. Parents will receive information letters this week. Auditions will last 5-10 minutes and it is conducted in whole-group, not individually.

## **Book Fair – A Family Event!**

The whole school is excited about our upcoming Book Fair! An amazing selection of books is headed our way! At the Book Fair you will find the latest and finest titles for kids, as well as books of interest to parents. Mark your calendar for our Family Event where the whole family can join in the fun and, you can 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 3/5/19 to 3/15/19. The class visit schedule will be posted on our school's website. The book fair will remain open during Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, March 14th.

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## Community and Citywide Education Councils 2019 Elections: Consider Applying!

Community and Citywide Education Councils are elected every two years. February 14, 2019 will mark the start of the next election to fill all 325 elected seats for the two-year term that begins on July 1, 2019. The application is available until March 6 at [www.NYCParentLeaders.org](http://www.NYCParentLeaders.org).

The Community and Citywide Education Councils give parents a powerful voice in shaping the policies and priorities for New York City schools. From advising the Chancellor to working directly with the district Superintendent and reviewing district educational programs and needs, the 32 Community Education Councils and 4 Citywide Education Councils play a major role in education policy and help make our public schools the best they can be.

PS9 is fortunate to have one of our very own parents who is currently serving a two-year term on District 13's council. If you have questions or need advice contact [Cderrell@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Cderrell@schools.nyc.gov) and you will be given her contact information.

## Family Day at the Guggenheim Museum

Learning Through Art Family Open House is coming up this Sunday, March 24th from 1pm to 4pm. PS 9 families are invited to sample the normal Sunday programming for free. On this day there will be an art making project in the studio space and gallery activities geared towards families with children ages 3-14. LTA staff and teaching artists will be on hand to welcome LTA families who will be admitted free of charge. Contact Charmaine Derrell-Jacob at [Cderrell@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Cderrell@schools.nyc.gov) for more information.

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

Just a few games left!

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!

## Half-Day Dismissal & Parent-Teacher Conference – March 14

ALL Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held that day [12:30-2:30pm] & [4:30-7:30pm].

Please contact your teacher or Class Parent to find out how to schedule your appointment time. Parents may also schedule conferences with teachers on Tuesdays in from 2:40-3:20p.m.

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## New York City School Survey: Very Important to PS9!

The 2019 NYC School Survey is Now Open!

To take the survey online, you will need your survey access code printed on the survey materials that we will backpack on Monday, March 4th.

Each individual survey is available in Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, English, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Urdu.

What is the NYC School Survey?

Each year, all parents, teachers, and students in grades 6-12 take the NYC School Survey. The survey is aligned to the DOE's Framework for Great Schools. It is designed to collect important information about each school's ability to support student success.

If you cannot find your survey materials, you can visit (<https://survey.avii.com/Survey/CodeLookup>) to lookup your survey access code or call the hotline at 1-877-819-2363.

Please note: this survey is anonymous. No one at the DOE will ever see your individual responses.

Read more about the survey at:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/reports/school-quality/nyc-school-survey>

Where can I find current Survey results? The 2018 NYC School Survey results are available in the School Quality Guide under the School Conditions and Practices Tab.

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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](mailto:ccryer@wesleyan.edu)

Film Festival flyers have been backpacked with students today.

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## Pennies for Patients – PS9 Hero Squad 2019!

Heroes like Kennedy never take on cancer alone. Heroes need educators, parents, and students in their squad to overcome cancer and live healthier lives.

Through the Student Series campaign, children, teachers, parents and school administrators are able to directly support the mission of LLS by participating in one of their philanthropy programs. During the Month of March your child will participate in this exciting event at PS9! Coin collection boxes will be backpacked with students.

### Several Ways to Participate

--Student Individual online fundraising page: students can create their own online page and share the link with family and friends, and even with parents' co-workers. Students will receive a thank you gift for collecting \$50 or more in online donations.

--Classroom Online fundraising: The school that raises the most funds online for Pennies for Patients will receive 40 tickets to a New York Mets day game this spring!!!! PS9 will keep track of online donations by class and if our school wins, the class with the largest online donation wins! We have created classroom pages so that online donations can be tracked by classrooms.

To find PS9's online page: Go to: <https://events.lls.org/pages/nyc/Ps9TeunisGBergen-2019>. To find your Class page: Type your teacher's Last Name only in the "class" search field on the left side of the page.

Working together on our Pennies for Patients campaign, we can turn our spare change into real help for real people! If you have questions about Pennies for Patients, contact Charmaine Derrell-Jacob at [CDderrell@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:CDderrell@schools.nyc.gov) or 718.638.3260 X1090, or visit [LLS.org](http://LLS.org). SOUTHWOODS EXIT, NEW YORK NY // 3810 487 187

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## Pre-K Application Sibling Verification

Sibling Verification for the Pre-K application requires a MYSCHOOLS Account Creation Code. You must visit Carol Sheldrake Hernandez in our main office and she will be able to provide the code or contact her and she will backpack the information. Account Creation Codes cannot be given by phone or email.

The pre-K application for children born in 2015 is now open, and the deadline to apply 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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## Playworks and WNBA Pros Join PS9!

The athletes' visit is one of many physical-education programs the do-good group stages at the local learning house, where Playworks staff regularly arrange recess programming and other athletics-based after-school initiatives, McCall said.

"PS 9 is a long-time partner of Playworks," she said. "We focus a lot on recess and after-school sports leagues."

Read the article at:

<https://www.brooklynpaper.com/stories/42/7/dtg-bb-wnba-plays-with-kids-2019-02-15-bk.html>

## 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](mailto:rrothblatt@gmail.com), or Krystal Linton at [ms.linton24@yahoo.com](mailto:ms.linton24@yahoo.com). The next PTO meeting dates is February 12,

## Read Across America – Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration

Join us on Friday, March 1st as we celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with reading and lots of other fun activities!

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## In Our Community

It's our 5 Year Summer Camp Anniversary. Thank You for being part of our Summer and Holiday Camps throughout the years. Please share with students, parents, and associates.

To celebrate we are offering 50% off Summer camp until 3/31. We also offer monthly payment plans as well.

**SPOTS ARE FILLING UP FAST!**

Also, if you have questions, do not hesitate to contact Breakaway Hoops. Our main number is 646-776-2021.

### CAMP SCHEDULE

WEEK 1-(6/17-6/21) SHOOTING CAMP @ CITY COLLEGE

WEEK 2- (6/24-6/28) CORE SKILLS CAMP @ CITY COLLEGE

WEEK 3- (7/1-7/3) (NO CAMP 7/4, 7/5) TRIPLE THREAT CAMP @ CITY COLLEGE

WEEK 4-(7/8-7/12) NBA PLAYER CAMP @ CITY COLLEGE

WEEK 5-(7/15-7/19) NBA PLAYER CAMP @ CITY COLLEGE

WEEK 6-(7/22-7/26) SHOOTING CAMP @ CITY COLLEGE

WEEK 7-(7/29-8/2) NBA PLAYER CAMP @CITY COLLEGE

WEEK 8-(8/5-8/9) NBA PLAYER CAMP @CITY COLLEGE

WEEK 9-(8/12-8/16) SHOOTING CAMP @ DEMPSEY CENTER

WEEK 10-(8/19-8/23) CORE SKILLS CAMP @ DEMPSEY CENTER

Register Here for Summer Camp and Savings: [www.breakawayhoops.com](http://www.breakawayhoops.com)

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## In Our Community

Cumbe Summer Camp 2019 Info Session: Sunday, March 10 from 12:30-1:30pm

Cumbe is holding it's 7th annual DANCE, DRUM & IMAGINATION summer camp July 8th through August 2nd, 2019.. And SPACE IS LIMITED.

Our Summer Camp happens in Restoration Art, 1368 Fulton St. Brooklyn in Bed-Stuy.

Check out the camp details:

July 8 – August 2, 2019

9:00am – 3:00pm | Extended Day: 3:00 – 6:00pm

(July 8 – 19)

**\*\*Sabor: The Many Flavors of Latin America:**

Hop on Cumbe Air as we take an imaginary journey to discover the pulse of Africa in Latin America. Join us as we taste the azucar! (sugar) of Cuban rhythms, feel the breeze of the Garifuna's dancing skirts in Belize, and experience the candela (fire) of the festive movement of Honduras.

(July 22 – August 2)

**\*\*Finding Freedom:**

Inspired by the musical 'Sarafina,' the tale of a young South African teen ignited by Nelson Mandela's fight for freedom – we will inspire campers to imagine a world where they are free. Campers will learn dances of joy and resistance from South Africa, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, and wield the power of dance, music and art to change the world.

Camp is for ages 3-9. Sign up for our free summer camp info session here:

---> <http://bit.ly/campinfo310>

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Registration is open for Voice of the Children summer camps!

<http://voiceofthechildren.nyc/#contact>

### CALENDAR

- July 8 - 12 Food Justice Cooking Camp
- July 15 - 19 Beach Camping Trip
- July 22 - 26 - Dungeons & Dragons Summer Camp
- July 29 - Aug 2 Filmmaking Summer Camp
- August 5 - 9 Game Design Summer Camp
- August 12 - 16 Woods Camping Trip

### Beach Camping Trip

We'll be camping right on the beach at the Sandy Hook campgrounds, about an hour away by car in the Gateway National Recreation Area. This trip gives your child the opportunity to bond with a nice group of other young people their age in a relaxed environment where they set the schedule for the day. We have three sites reserved in the shaded tree area a short walk from the beach (lifeguards on duty all day, every day!) At night we'll have camp fires, board games and stories. We will also make excursions to a nearby boardwalk and water park (20-25 minutes away) and have the town movie theater 15 minutes down the road as well. Space is extremely limited, and so, sign up for this one now!

Voice of the Children promotes and facilitates activities that advocate young people's civil rights and autonomy. We believe that children should have significant decision-making power over all aspects of their own lives to improve their growth into competent and empathetic individuals who are agents of constructive change.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions at [contact@voiceofthechildren.nyc](mailto:contact@voiceofthechildren.nyc) | 908-962-7529

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The Children's Academy @LIUbrooklyn: School of Continuing Studies

Pratt Building, 4th Floor / Brooklyn, NY 11201 | Ph: 718-780-6025 Fax: 718-488-3322

<http://www.liu.edu/childrensacademy>

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DAY CAMP (ages 3 – 6):

July 8 – July 12 - \$275

July 15 – July 19 - \$275

July 22 – July 26 - \$275

July 29 – August 2 - \$275

August 5 – August 9 - \$275

August 12 – August 16 - \$275

DAY CAMP (ages 6 – 12):

July 8 – July 12 - \$550

July 15 – July 19 - \$550

July 22 – July 26 - \$550

July 29 – August 2 - \$550

August 5 – August 9 - \$550

August 12 – August 16 - \$550

SPORTS:

Derek Kellogg Basketball School: July 29 – August 2 - \$425

Strength + Conditioning Camp: August 12 – 16 - \$350

Swim Camp: August 19 – 23 - \$600

Water Polo Camp: August 26 – 30 - \$600

## FIVE TO EIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPS

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### Advocates for Children Workshops

#### Partners in Policymaking

New York State Partners in Policymaking is a free leadership and advocacy training program for people with developmental disabilities and their family members. Program participants complete an online course and take on a personal advocacy project to influence important issues that affect their lives. They are accepting applications for their spring class through February 15.

#### Free SAT Prep Classes

Harlem Center for Education is offering free SAT prep classes on Saturdays from February 23 to May 11. Interested students should apply online or contact Genesis Pantosin at [gpantosin@harlemctred.org](mailto:gpantosin@harlemctred.org).

#### Looking Ahead:

This summer, the NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC), in partnership with the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), will offer paid, full-time internships for 40 NYC high school students. The internship program is designed for youth interested in pursuing careers in architecture, engineering, building trades, public administration, business administration, or information technology. Applications are due Monday, March 4.

#### Upcoming Events:

Brooklyn Family Support Services Advisory Council Outreach Fair

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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>