

# PS9-News at 9

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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 last week, sign and return the parent portion to your child's teacher ASAP! There are some slots left.

Principal D'Avilar wants families to know that the exams are scheduled for April and May and we are encouraging 100% participation from students. Afterschool Academy will help prepare students for the two exams, as this program is structured for small group instruction. Afterschool Academy begins next Wednesday, February 13.

## Class Parent Meeting Tomorrow

Class parents and others may join us for our monthly class parent meeting tomorrow, February 7 at 8:30a.m. in the school's staff lounge. This is not a mandatory meeting!

## Dinner with the Principal: Tonight!

Join Principal D'Avilar and PS9 teachers tonight, Wednesday, February 6, 6:00-7:30p.m., 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](mailto:cderrell@schools.nyc.gov) to get free game tickets!

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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.

## Playworks Coach On Leave

PS9 welcomes Coach Jerrod as he substitutes for Coach Clarke for the next two weeks, while she goes through physical rehabilitation.

## Pre-K Non-Attendance Day January 13th

There will be no school for Pre-K students on Wednesday, February 13th. This is a professional attendance day for Pre-K staff.

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## Pre-K Application Now Open

The pre-K application for children born in 2015 is now open, 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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## Promotion in Doubt Letters to Parents

Beginning next Monday, parents whose children have been identified for promotion in doubt will receive a backpacked noticed, as well as notice by mail. Promotion in doubt is mid-year notification letting parents know that their child has not met adequate benchmarks for their current grade (below ELA and Math level 3). Students will receive intervention services during the day at school. Parents must contact classroom teachers for more information.

## 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,

## 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.

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## Valentine's Celebration Recommendations - Wellness

Next week is Valentine's Day, which presents a wonderful opportunity for the school community to celebrate love and sharing with each other.

The PTO Wellness Committee, in collaboration with Principal D'Avilar and the Whole Child Network, would like to continue the PS9 tradition of celebrating Valentine's Day with our children's health and well-being in mind.

If you, or parents in your class, are planning to provide treats for our children, or for teachers and staff, we kindly ask you to consider non-candy, healthy options that promote good nutrition, as well as fun, love and sharing.

Some ideas for healthy treats you can make with the kids in the classroom or bring in include:

- fruit salad
- fruit skewers
- fruit and low-fat yogurt sundaes
- red or heart-shaped vegetables or fruits (red peppers, watermelon, strawberries, pomegranate seeds)

Some ideas for great non-food treats include:

- stickers
- cards
- pencils
- temporary tattoos
- special activities such as arts and crafts projects, physical activity games, or books with Valentine's Day or love themes.

PS 9 is committed to providing a school environment that supports and promotes students' health, well-being and ability to learn. Thank you for doing your part to make a healthy Valentine's Day a reality. (Attached is the letter in its entirety)

PS 9 PTO Wellness Committee

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## 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.

## Water Testing

Update to Families and Staff:

I would like to provide an update on the ongoing measures at the NYC Department of Education (DOE) to ensure that the water in our schools is safe for students and staff. First and foremost, New York City water is safe. Families and staff should rest assured that our drinking water is of the highest quality in the world. New York City's water meets or exceeds all Federal and State standards. In addition, the DOE works with other City agencies to ensure there is safe drinking water in schools. The safety and well-being of students and staff is our highest priority.

In accordance with state law, all schools must test for lead in water every five years. Last fall, the DOE began a new testing cycle, which will conclude in December 2020. In the second phase of this round, a third of buildings will be tested.

Your school building has been selected to be a part of the 2019 cohort. Once the building has been tested and the lab results received, you will receive a notification of the results. In any building where test results show even one water outlet above the action level, the DOE will implement its standard response protocol.

Please visit <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/reports/water-safety> to learn more about the robust protocol we use to ensure the safety of drinking water in each and every school. (this letter was backpacked with all students)

Sincerely yours, Lauren Siciliano

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## In Our Community

Intrepid Sea, Air, & Space Museum is having a kid's week Feb 17-23.

Link: <https://m.intrepidmuseum.org/>

Programs and events from Brooklyn Public Library's Inclusive Services department:

February 7: Who Does What? The Department of Education vs. The Office of People with Developmental Disabilities

February 8: Voices of Power Goes to the Fair

February 8: Brooklyn Family Support Services Advisory Council Outreach

February 10: Sensory Friendly Movie Showing

February 24: Gaming For All! Adaptive Gaming Arcade

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.

NYCDOE STEM Spring Camps: Join us for fun new STEM adventures all week long! Have fun, new experiences this spring break! Download a flyer, learn more, and apply by Friday, February 15, 2019. For questions, contact [Camps@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Camps@schools.nyc.gov).

<https://spep.libguides.com/STEMprograms>

Home - STEM Matters NYC Programs - LibGuides at NYC Department of Education – Office of Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Learning – Student Pr

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Why are Camp Fairs special? In one convenient setting, parents and children can meet a big host of camp directors in person and discover a wide variety of DAY CAMPS (in and out of NYC) and SLEEPAWAY CAMPS from the tri-state, northeast, and abroad! Sponsored with the American Camp Association-NY & NJ, the fairs are free, child-friendly, and a helpful resource for families looking for the right kind of camp for your child. Children (ages three to teen) are welcome. Click here to [PRE-REGISTER](#) or visit [newyorkfamily.com](#). Walk-ins are always welcome too!

### DATES & LOCATIONS:

#### COBBLE HILL:

Saturday, February 9, 2019

12:00pm-3:00pm

Brooklyn Heights Montessori School

12 Dean Street, Brooklyn

#### PARK SLOPE:

Sunday, February 10, 2019

12:00pm-3:00pm

Berkeley Carroll School

181 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn

Visit [newyorkfamily.com](#) to [PRE-REGISTER](#)

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### PARENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Boys & Girls High School, Library

1700 Fulton Street, Brooklyn

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

### AGENDA

1. Culturally Responsive Education: What It Should Like in Our Schools  
Presentation: Allison Farrington, Principal, Research and Service High School  
Elementary, Middle, and High School Work Groups
2. Student Achievement in Central Brooklyn Presentation: Lester Young, Regent, New  
York State Board of Regents
3. African Diaspora: Presentations by Parent Leaders  
Panama: Donna Phillips  
Dominica: Cora and Barry Lelitte
4. Evaluations

Parent Ambassadors meet at 12 noon.

Please RSVP to Renee Young, Parent Facilitator, at 347-834-2934  
or [ryoung4@ix.netcom.com](mailto:ryoung4@ix.netcom.com)

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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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## 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>