

# PS9-News at 9

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2019

## Backpacks & Binoculars School Break Camp at PS 9

We have you covered for your school break on February 19th, 20th and 21st! We are excited to be able to offer our School Break Program to you directly in PS 9.

Backpacks and Binoculars' School Break Camp takes kids on exciting excursions throughout all five boroughs, experiencing NYC the best way possible - as a kid! Our goal is to provide an environment for your child to think outside the box and make the impossible possible by exploring the world around them. Campers will be challenged to problem solve and think critically about the world around them as they participate in art and science experiments, off-beat scavenger hunts, nature walks and wildlife explorations.

### Itinerary:

February 19th: NY Hall of Science

February 20th: Prospect Park Zoo

February 21st: The Apple Store Grand Central - Coding Workshop

### Cost:

\$150 per day

Tuition includes care from 8:00 am-6:00 pm, all excursions/admissions fees, and meals (breakfast, lunch, and 2 snacks)

Click Here to Register or visit [Backpacksandbinoculars.com](http://Backpacksandbinoculars.com) for more information.

Please e-mail [info@backpacksandbinoculars.com](mailto:info@backpacksandbinoculars.com) with any questions.

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## Black History Month Student Performance Schedule

Pre-Kindergarten	Tuesday, February 26 @ 10:00 a.m.
Kindergarten	Tuesday, February 26 @ 9:00 a.m.
Grade 1	Wednesday, February 27 @ 9:00 a.m.
Grade 2	Thursday, February 28 @ 8:45 a.m.
Grade 3	Wednesday, February 27 @ 10:00 a.m.
Grade 4	Thursday, February 28 @ 10:00 a.m.
Grade 5	Thursday, February 28 @ 11:30 a.m.

## 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.

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## Dance Afterschool Program

Dance afterschool with Ms. Wilson will begin on Monday, February 25, 2:45-4:30p.m. This rehearsal will prepare students for PS9's spring dance presentation on Friday, May 10 at John Jay High School campus. Students in grades 2-5 who will participate should have received information letters with students' schedules. If there are questions, please contact Ms. Jacob at [Cderrell@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Cderrell@schools.nyc.gov).

## 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.

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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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## 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 Town Hall & Letter From Our PTO Co-President

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.

Attached to this week's news is an Emergency Message from PTO Co-President Raul Rothblatt, titled, "How Long Must We Wait?"

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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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## In Our Community

BCake NY - Yes, you last minute shoppers- we are here to save you! Don't get caught without a #VDay gift!

Please give us a call to Pre-order your Valentine's Day treats!  
347.787.7188 | 702 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 11238

Available for in store pick up tomorrow from 10am-6:30pm.

#BlackLove Dozen ❖❖

Black History Month x Valentine's Day = #blacklove cupcakes! Pre-Order your customized dozen for pick up on Valentine's Day! Add a pic of you & your boo!

Bae Cupcakes ❖❖

For the boo, bestie, or any special millennial in your life!

BCakeNY Dozen of Roses ❖❖

Beautiful Buttercream roses, taste as good as they look!

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

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



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### Brooklyn Center for the Arts

This February Brooklyn Center for the Arts, along with our nation and local community will celebrate over 400 years of the progress and achievement of black men and women who distinguished themselves and rose to the heights of greatness.

Join our Celebration and Open House on Monday, February 18, 2019 from 11:00am – 4pm. We will be honoring our heroes and celebrating the day with a number of activities: Free Twenty Minute Classes - Music and Dance Demonstrations - Arts & Craft and Board Games - Talent Show - Raffles

Please register for the event and free 20 minutes dance and/or instrumental music classes by going to Eventbrite: <https://blackhistory19.eventbrite.com>

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  
[spep.libguides.com](http://spep.libguides.com)

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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.

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

Cumbe: Center for African and Diaspora Dance

1368 Fulton St. Brooklyn, NY 11216 | [www.cumbedance.org](http://www.cumbedance.org) | 718.935.9700

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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>