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Annual NYC School Survey: Support Student Success!

The 2019 NYC School Survey is Now Open! To take the survey online, you will need your survey access code that is printed on the survey materials that we have backpacked with students.

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 call the hotline at 1-877-819-2363, or visit <https://survey.avii.com/Survey/CodeLookup> to lookup your survey access code.

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>

How is the Survey information used?

School leaders use feedback from the survey to reflect and make improvements to schools and programs. Also, results from the survey used to help measure school quality.

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Book Fair – A Family Event!

An amazing selection of books is available at our Book Fair! 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 runs until Friday, March 15, and will be open tomorrow during Parent-Teacher conferences. The class visit schedule is posted on our school's website.

EDI WhatsApp Chat Room

The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee has created a forum that allows a more continuous, broader, deeper discussion about the urgent issues discussed during their meetings. This chat room also allows more people to participate and/or follow the conversation without having to participate real-time.

If you would like to be included, please send an email to (omarslowe [at] gmail.com) with your name, phone number (that you use for WhatsApp), and your child's grade and/or class. Once you are verified as a current/eligible member of the community with the PTO, you will be added.

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Family Day at the Guggenheim Museum

Learning Through Art Family Open House is coming up 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 for more information

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.

Jazz Night on Saturday, March 30th!

Thanks to the amazingly talented musicians who also parent some pretty awesome PS 9 kids, Jazz Night is returning for a third year to support our school. We are working to make this year's show an even more memorable parents-only night out.

When: Saturday, March 30; doors open at 6:30 pm

Where: Littlefield, 635 Sackett Street, Gowanus

Cost: \$45 early bird special, \$50 thereafter and at the door

Learn more about the event and purchase tickets at:

<http://www.ps9brooklyn.org/news/2019/02/jazz-night-on-saturday-march-30th/>

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Meatless Mondays Coming to NYC Public Schools

MAYOR DE BLASIO, CHANCELLOR CARRANZA, AND BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT ADAMS ANNOUNCE CITYWIDE MEATLESS MONDAYS

Beginning in the 2019-20 school year, all schools will serve vegetarian menus on Mondays

NEW YORK — Mayor Bill de Blasio, Schools Chancellor Richard A. Carranza, and Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams today announced all New York City public schools will have “Meatless Mondays” beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. The program, which was first piloted in 15 schools in Brooklyn in Spring 2018, will provide students with healthy, all-vegetarian breakfast and lunch menus every Monday.

“Cutting back on meat a little will improve New Yorkers’ health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” said Mayor Bill de Blasio. “We’re expanding Meatless Mondays to all public schools to keep our lunch and planet green for generations to come.”

“Meatless Mondays are good for our students, communities, and the environment,” said Schools Chancellor Richard A. Carranza. “Our 1.1 million students are taking the next step towards healthier, more sustainable lives. Our students and educators are truly leaders in this movement, and I salute them!”

Read more at: <https://twitter.com/NYCSchools/status/1105542032930586625>

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Movie Night with Our PTO: Wreck it Ralph 2!

Join our PTO for their movie night fundraiser this Friday, March 15, at 6:00 pm in the auditorium.

Come see how Ralph breaks the internet!

Admission \$5 per person, with refreshments for sale.

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! Questions? Email Carolyn Cryer at ccryer@wesleyan.edu

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

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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.

-To find PS9's online page: Go to: <https://events.lls.org/pages/nyc/Ps9TeunisGBergen-2019>

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 or 718.638.3260 X1090, or visit LLS.org.

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Pre-K Application 2019 Ends on Friday

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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Science Fair Project Due Date Correction

Student science fair projects are due on Monday, April 29, 2019. The packets that students received have an incorrect due date.

Please see the grade-specific documents attached to this week's news.

Wellness Committee Meeting

The Wellness Committee will meet next Tuesday morning March 19th at 8:30 a.m. in the teachers' lounge. All teachers, parents and administrators are encouraged and welcome to join. Come share your thoughts on PS 9's policies on food, physical activity, and more at our meeting.

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Parenting and the Art of War at P.S. 321

Wednesday, March 20, 7-8:30 pm

In this workshop for parents, Neil Weintraub LSCW applies strategic and tactical principles from Sun Tsu's The Art of War to parent-child interactions and offers a new way of thinking about the nature and ultimate goal of conflict. You will learn strategies for keeping control—not of your child, but of yourself—resulting in shorter, less intense arguments and fewer power struggles.

Open to the community, with free child care for school age children. \$5 suggested donation.

To reserve: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parenting-and-the-art-of-war-tickets-58002569246>.

Questions: miladrumke@gmail.com.

Neil Weintraub works with children to help them develop an age-appropriate understanding of their challenges and utilize their strengths to make a plan. He specializes in children and adolescents struggling with anxiety, depression, learning disabilities, ADHD, autism spectrum disorders, and general social difficulties. Neil sees clients individually and in social skills groups designed to help children with real-world social interactions. He is also the social worker for the ASD Nest Program at PS 32 in Brooklyn.

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Themba Tutors LLC is excited to offer a unique summer Literacy Lab opportunity at the Sterling School for students who need hands-on, multisensory practice with their executive functioning, reading, writing, and math skills. The student to teacher ratio is about 3:1, and our teachers all work full time during the school year for the DOE (I can personally vouch for the quality of care for each teacher!). Each classroom will have one Special Educator trained in Orton Gillingham.

Visit <https://thembatutors.com/summer-2019/>

Craig Selinger M.S. CCC-SLP

Licensed Speech Language Therapist & Learning Specialist

CEO & Founder, Themba Tutors LLC

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Libraries are doing more than ever to serve the people of New York City. We've circulated millions of books. We've significantly increased early literacy programs, English and citizenship classes, and technology training. And we're expanding our footprint by building bigger, better, more modern branches to better serve the people of this city.

For their part, Mayor de Blasio, Speaker Johnson, and the City Council have recognized the importance of public libraries in the lives of New Yorkers, especially at a time when the fight against misinformation is so crucial and opportunities for all can be limited. It is the City's investment and vision over the last five years that have allowed libraries to achieve these important gains, and have opened the door to partnerships—with the Departments of Corrections, Homeless Services, and more—that help us reach the most vulnerable New Yorkers.

But we are still not where we need to be. As we do more—because we are asked to do more and because we must do more—the foundation we are building on is cracking, especially in the face of rising costs. We know times are tough and budgets are tight. But libraries are uniquely positioned to strengthen New York City by providing vital support to the city's broader efforts. They cannot be replaced, and they are not a luxury.

Now is not the time to put libraries on the back burner. Now is the time to make our libraries stronger so they can continue to help everyone who walks through our doors find the tools and resources they need to succeed. Take one minute to sign an online letter and tell our representatives to invest in libraries and keep our city strong
[https://www.nypl.org/speakout?
utm_source=eNewsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Advocacy2019_20190311_TonyMarx&utm_campaign=2019BudgetAdvocacy](https://www.nypl.org/speakout?utm_source=eNewsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Advocacy2019_20190311_TonyMarx&utm_campaign=2019BudgetAdvocacy)

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Learn to Swim at the International H.S. at Prospect Heights: 883 Classon Ave, BK 11225

Kids & Adult Lessons

Onsite registration dates: Sunday, March 10 & Saturday, March 23. Register at 718.776.5566

Gateway Sports & Pools Inc. is a company that strives for excellence in both academics and sports. Our program, which started with only seventeen students, has grown to over two thousand students; and has been providing quality instruction for over a decade. Our sports school prides itself on exceptional athletic programs designed to teach our students how to swim, play basketball, tennis, soccer, volleyball, USS swim team, private swim lesson, baby & me classes, water aerobics, water polo and lifeguard training course and more. We are working on adding non-conventional programs and sports to our already extensive list of activities. Such programs are martial arts, yoga, triathlon training, hydrotherapy & aquatic therapy, scuba diving and more.

We are committed to creating classes where children and adults feel welcomed and at ease, where fear turns into accomplishment, and parents and peers have an opportunity to observe the progress of their children and members with pride. When parents ask us, "What makes Gateway Sports & Pools Inc. different from other sports schools/Company?" we retort- It's our teaching style and techniques along with our well-trained instructors, and the comfortable yet familial ambiance we provide!

Visit: <https://www.gatewaysportsclub.com/classes/7/0/0/Swimming>

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At Atlantic, our aim is singular—to empower simple and honest storytelling that fosters greater understanding of our shared world. We are a family of artists dedicated to exploring essential truths onstage, be it a show at Atlantic Theater Company or a class at Atlantic Acting School. As a producer, presenter, and educator of theater, we are driven by the belief that theater can challenge and transform our ways of thinking and urge us to reflect on our role in society. From our Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning productions to our community-based education programs, we are committed to uncovering and celebrating the stories of our varied human existence.

Atlantic Acting School

At Atlantic Acting School, we equip our students with the physical, emotional, and tactical tools of acting to discover their truths, and prepare them for success beyond our doors. From our full-time and evening conservatories to our NYU Tisch studio, and our after-school and summer programs for kids and teens, our immersive, learn-by-doing approach is central to an Atlantic Acting education. We have mentored and trained outstanding artists for more than 30 years. No matter their age or background, our students learn to break through their creative comfort zones in service to bringing essential human stories to life.

REGISTER: <https://atlanticactingschool.org/kids-and-teens/summer/>

FALL CLASSES | HOLIDAY CAMPS | SPRING CLASSES

Actors spend their summer days forming a theater ensemble, rehearsing a performance, exploring techniques, and developing the courage to act for an audience. All classes culminate in a final performance at the end of the week for family and friends.

Costume Play, Theater Games, Play Creation, Art, Music, and More! This is a half-day program that includes workshops in acting, storytelling, styles of theater, music, and art.

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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>