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Annual NYC School Survey: One Week Left to Support Student Success!

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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April 14: Bike, Garden, Acquaint & Have Fun!

The PS 9 PTO Wellness and Fundraising Committees are proud to present free Bike New York Learn to Ride Classes for Kids for 2019!

If you have time on Sunday April 14, 10 am - 5 pm please think about helping in any way you can. Sign up to bring drinks, snacks and/or sign up to help out here <http://signup.com/go/VrSqqEa>

Many activities will be happening simultaneously at the school:

(1) Gardening will be from 10 am to 12 pm - All are welcome, no experience needed! Come help make the garden ready for spring planting! Your PTO dollars are at work and we must help get ready for the Spring garden classes being put on at school.

(2) PTO Recruitment Day - the Fundraising committee will be present to let people know how they and their talents can help the school thru the PTO. They'll be on hand to take on your questions to how funds are spent and what programs they pay for - as well as take donations and hopefully will have some PS 9 merchandise available for purchase too.

(3) Bike New York Learn to Ride Classes for Kids for 2019!

NOTE: There seem to be no more spots left for learning to ride, but that doesn't mean you and your child cannot come with bikes. Last year many kids biked around the students who were learning -- as extra encouragement of how good they will get.

Reach out to Susannah Kerwin, Gardening and Wellness Committees, and mom to a 2nd grader and an almost 4 year old! <susannah.lynn@gmail.com>

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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.

ELA Test Days

Grades 3, 4 & 5 will take the New York State ELA test Tuesday April 2, and Wednesday, April 3. We ask that students arrive on time for school those days; tests will begin on time at 8:45am. Our PTO will provide healthy snacks for children who wish to have them. There will be Yoga mornings at 7:30am (see below), and regular AM Exercise with Coach Clarke from 7:40-8:10a.m.

FiddleFest 2019!

Our violin students will attend the Noel Pointer Violin Program's annual FiddleFest on Saturday, April 13, 2-4p.m. Parent letters with permission slips, ticket order form and event day information was backpacked this week with students. Visit www.noelpointer.org for more information or to order your tickets online. The deadline to submit check payment for tickets to Ms. Rose in-house is Tuesday, April 9. Seating is limited and ALL tickets will be available for pick-up at the door.

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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/>

Marquis Studios Choral Presentations

We are excited to announce that grade 2 & grade 3 students will perform this Friday, March 29 as they close off their musical residency with Marquis Studios. Family members are invited to join us if the can; the presentation will be in our school's auditorium!

Grade 2: 9:15 a.m.

Grade 3: 10:30 a.m.

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Pennies for Patients 2019 – Final Days!

Our drive ends this Friday and there is still time to donate and be a part of our Hero Squad! Please let children bring in their box of coins. Every penny counts for children like our hero Kennedy who is a survivor!

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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Renaming PS9 Update

This is an update to the name change proposal for PS9.

The proposal was approved by District 13's Community Education Council in its March meeting. PTO co-president Raul Rothblatt presented on Sarah Garnet, a representative from Historic Weeksville, Ivi Lewis, also talked about Garnet's history and the school, while School Leadership Team member Andrew Case discussed the process. The proposal was forwarded to the NYCDOE Family and Community Empowerment Division, where they are gathering more information before making a final decision.

News coverage of our change may come as soon as next week.

We will continue to keep the PS9 community updated as we get additional information.

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SUMMER OPPORTUNITY FAIR: FREE EVENT!

You are invited to a SUMMER OPPORTUNITY FAIR to meet multiple vendors and explore options for Kindergarten through 8th Graders

MARCH 30, 2019 • 10:00AM - 1:00PM

PS 56/ UA Unison School Cafeteria

170 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11238

QUESTIONS: CALL (718) 399 - 1061

Advocates for Children: Action Alert

Take Action: Send an e-mail to Governor Cuomo and key members of the State Legislature asking them to ensure that preschool special education programs get at least a 5 percent increase in reimbursement rates this year to help address the shortage and ensure there is a preschool special education class seat for every child who needs one.

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/hundreds-of-preschoolers-with-disabilities-are-waiting-for-special-education-classes>

Hundreds of young children who have the legal right to a preschool special education class are going without the class they need due to a shortage of these programs in New York. Over the past few years, more than 60 preschool special education programs closed around the State, including 30 in New York City. Many of these programs have pointed to the insufficient reimbursement rate paid by the State, making it hard for programs to recruit and retain special education teachers and run high-quality programs. To stop additional programs from closing and address this shortage, the State must increase reimbursement rates for preschool special education programs.

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Apply Now for Exciting STEM Enrichment Programs for Summer!

Students entering kindergarten through grade 12 in September can apply now to attend exciting summer STEM enrichment and experiential learning programs. A wide range of programs are offered at the NYC Department of Education's Genovesi Environmental Study Center and NYC Center for Aerospace and Applied Mathematics; the Bronx Zoo; Central Park Zoo; Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum; Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum; MakerSpace NYC Futureworks; Museum of the City of New York; New York Aquarium; New-York Historical Society; Prospect Park Zoo; Queens Botanical Garden; Queens County Farm Museum; Queens Zoo; Staten Island Museum; Staten Island Zoo; and Wave Hill. Students will meet and work with field experts in programs that feature real life, hands-on learning experiences.

Discover almost any STEM topic under the sun! Don't miss out, spots are limited and the application deadline is Friday, April 5. Preference is given to students who attend Title I schools. Download our flyer, learn more, and apply now to investigate, design, and create with us this summer. For questions, contact Camps@schools.nyc.gov.

Spring 2019 SAFE Disposal Events

Events are held, rain or shine, from 10 am to 4 pm. Check our events calendar or follow @nyczerowaste on social media for updates. Our events are popular, be prepared for a line.

Brooklyn - Sunday, April 7, 2019

Prospect Park, Park Circle | Corner of Parkside Ave & Prospect Park SW | Cars enter along Parkside Ave from Ocean Ave & Lincoln Rd

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Are you looking for a summer day-camp or sleep-away camp for your child? New York Family CAMP FAIR is coming to your neighborhood next weekend: Sunday, April 7th!

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!

DATE & LOCATION:

FORT GREENE, BROOKLYN:

Sunday, April 7, 2019

12:00pm-3:00pm

Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School

357 Clermont Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11238

PRE-REGISTER at [newyorkfamily.com](#)

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The School of American Ballet (SAB) is the official training academy of the New York City Ballet, and is the premier ballet academy in the United States. For the twenty-second year of this special audition program, we will seek and select promising 6 to 10 year olds from communities around the city to begin ballet training at our Lincoln Center headquarters in the fall. Our goal each year is to build a student body that is truly representative of the City of New York.

Whether they go on to become professional dancers or not, all children who enroll at SAB greatly benefit from the discipline, focus, and perseverance instilled by classical ballet training. These characteristics naturally carry over to all areas of a child's life, especially in academic pursuits.

Upcoming free Community Auditions. On April 5–6 and April 13–14, we will hold auditions in Chinatown, Brooklyn, Harlem, Queens and the Bronx

Learn more

at: https://www.sab.org/winterterm/admission/auditions_for_6_to_10_year_olds.php

Contact 212-769-6655 or auditions@sab.org.

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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

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>