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Annual NYC School Survey: PS9 at Only 27%!

Don't miss your opportunity to provide PS9 with valuable feedback!

27% participation will not allow New York City, the Department of Education, or the State Education Department, to get an accurate statement of what families have to say about PS9!

Complete the NYC School Survey online at NYCSchoolSurvey.org today.

Use the code lookup tool on the survey login screen (accessed via NYCSchoolSurvey.org) or call the survey hotline at 1-877-819-2363 to get your access code.

The deadline to complete the survey has been extended to Thursday, April 11.

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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Community Listening Circles

Join us for P.S. 9's Community Listening Circles

Issues of school integration and educational equity are complex and challenging. Discussion of these issues has elicited active debate across the city and nation. At P.S. 9 we have the opportunity to grapple with these issues in a supportive and respectful environment. We come together to share our commitment to supporting the growth and learning of each of P.S. 9's wonderful students.

All members of the P.S. 9 community are invited to attend one of our upcoming Community Listening Circles. These events will begin with a brief presentation on the racial and ethnic demographics of the P.S. community as well as an overview of how issues of equity and integration are being addressed city-wide. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity for small group Listening Circles, where participants will RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING PROMPTS:

- * WHAT MIGHT PS9 GAIN THROUGH PHASING OUT G&T?
- * WHAT MIGHT PS9 LOSE THROUGH PHASING OUT G&T?
- * WHAT STRUCTURES AND SUPPORTS COULD BE PUT IN PLACE TO ADDRESS THESE POTENTIAL LOSSES?

Feedback shared in the Listening Circles will be incorporated into the EDI committee's proposal to phase out the Gifted and Talented program. this proposal will simply be a recommendation to the school. The decision about whether or not to move forward with this change rests with school and district leaders

When: Friday April 12th at 8:30am | Monday April 15th at 6:30pm | Tuesday April 30th at 6:30pm

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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.

Library Mornings & Afternoons

The library is open from 7:30 until 8:15 every Friday morning, and students and caregivers are welcome to come in and browse, read to each other, return and check out books, and use the six computers for research or games. In addition, there is a Librarian available (Maria McGrath!) for reference interviews or readers' advisory, who is eager to show the resources in the collection as well as safe and reliable online sources.

On Tuesday afternoons 2:40 until 3:20, Ms. Jacob hosts Family Engagement time in the library for where students can get homework done along with all of the above!

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Kindergarten Offers & Pre-Registration

PS9 registration: Monday-Thursday 8:45am-12:45pm. Deadline May 3. No appointment necessary.

If you applied to kindergarten by the January 22 deadline, you can view your child's kindergarten offer letter now in MySchools. You will also receive a printed copy of your offer letter in the mail.

Don't have a MySchools account and don't want to wait? Get your offer now either of these ways:

- Visit a Family Welcome Center
- Email ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov

Read the offer letter to find out:

- The school where your child has a kindergarten offer for the 2019-2020 school year
- Any schools where your child is waitlisted—your child will be automatically added to the waitlist for any school you ranked higher on your application than the school where your child got an offer.

Your letter will also include information on pre-registering to accept your child's offer by Friday, May 3. We highly encourage you to pre-register to secure your child's seat, even if you're hoping for a G&T or waitlist offer, which will come separately. Pre-registering will **not** affect your chances of getting an offer to any G&T or waitlist program.

Questions? Call 718-935-2009 or email ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov.

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Mammogram Bus Coming to PS9 May 15!

Since 1991, the American-Italian Cancer Foundation's (AICF) Mobile, No-cost Breast Cancer Screening Program has provided mobile mammography services to over 90,000 women medically underserved women in New York City.

To schedule a no-cost breast cancer screening appointment, contact Charmaine Derrell-Jacob at 718.638.3260 X1090 or email, Cderrell@schools.nyc.gov.

By partnering with community-based organizations and institutions such as yourself, AICF brings compassionate and certified professionals to provide mammograms, clinical breast exams and breast health education directly to women in their communities.

In a single day, our mobile mammography team can screen up to 40 women. Screening results are mailed out to patients within 8-12 business days. Our Mammogram Bus is equipped with state of the art digital GE mammography equipment that is comparable to those found at most hospitals or radiology centers. AICF contracts with Multi Diagnostic Services, Inc., a licensed, accredited mammography provider, who performs the medical services and operates the mobile mammography equipment.

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Participatory Budget Vote for a Hydroponic Science Lab for PS9

VOTE NOW!

Voting stations will be set up by PS9 on St. Marks Avenue on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 8-9AM and 2:30-3:30pm

<https://pbnyc2019.d21.me>

Spread this link around to your friends and groups in your community. Anyone 11 or older who lives in district 35 is eligible to vote. It's a competitive race this year. We will need to get out the vote this week to win the award. Voting ends April 7th.

If we get enough votes, we will receive funding for A Hydroponic Science Lab to teach students science and sustainability through urban farming.

The funding supplied by Council Member Laurie Cumbo will cover:

- Room renovation (including painting and other needed upgrades)
- Electrical upgrades in classroom
- Hydroponic systems
- Technology
- Initial training and curriculum

For more information on the way these projects work visit: <https://nysunworks.org>

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SAPIS Counselor Retired

Mr. Williams, our school's SAPIS Counselor of 34 years, retired last Friday! Some of you had advance notice and were able to say goodbye. For the rest please note that you will no longer see him at the early childhood doors in the morning and afternoons anymore. He really enjoyed greeting families daily, especially our children!

Sight for Students

Vision Service Play will provide free coupons/gift certificates to be redeemed at selected locations where qualifying students can receive free eye exams and eyeglasses.

Sight for Students 888-290-4964

sightforstudents.org will bring you to this page <https://vspglobal.com/cms/vspglobal-outreach/gift-certificates.html>

Parent can determine if they meet eligibility and can apply for a gift certificate which will provide all the information they need regarding location and process.

Spring Fling Dance Fundraiser

Celebrate Spring at PS9 with our PTO's annual dance fundraiser! All PS9 families are invited to join us on Friday, April 5 at 6:00p.m. for a fun evening filled with music, food, crafts, raffles and much more! This fundraiser will support grade 5's year-end activities. Admission \$5 per person, raffle \$2 each.

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Summer in the City 2019

Summer in the City offers a variety of free Summer Academy programs for students of different ages. Summer Academy programs include hands-on STEM projects and field trips to museums, parks, and other cultural sites. Summer in the City provides transportation and students enrolled in programming will receive a free, healthy breakfast, and lunch. Summer Academy programs are for students we did not recommend for Summer School.

Apply for "First and Second Grade" & "Multilingual Learners" Summer Academies by contacting Charmaine Derrell-Jacob at 718.638.3260 X1090, or email Cderrell@schools.nyc.gov.

The First and Second Grade Summer Academy is for students who want to explore and create this summer. Students will learn through play and engaging lessons, giving them a jumpstart on the next grade.

Student Eligibility: Students currently enrolled in first and second grade

The Multilingual Learners Summer Academy is a great way for students to strengthen their academic skills through fun and engaging lessons. Students will participate in hands-on activities designed to support their language skills and prepare them to excel in the next grade. Additional programs are available for students enrolled in Spanish and Mandarin bilingual classes during the school year.

Student Eligibility: Students currently enrolled in first – eighth grade

Dates and Times: July 2 – August 8, 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Location: PS 133

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In Our Community

Join the Prospect Heights CSA! Fresh, Organic, Locally Grown Veggies Delivered to P.S. 9 June through November

What is a CSA?

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) connects a farmer in Upstate NY to people like us in Brooklyn who want to buy fresh organic vegetables.

What kinds of vegetables get delivered?

Each pickup we get 6-10 different organic veggies, depending on what's in season. We get everything from lettuce, collard greens, and bokchoy in June to beets, corn, and tomatoes in August, with lots of potatoes and squash in the fall.

Is it expensive?

The cost is on a sliding scale based on your income, and we offer payment plans and financial aid for members who need it. You can get this year's prices on our website: prospectheightscsa.org.

Where and when is the the pickup?

The pick up is at P.S. 9 on Thursdays from 4:30pm to 7:30pm in the garden on the corner of Bergen and Underhill.

Who runs the CSA? The members! Every member works one or two work shifts during the season to help make the CSA work. The work shifts (2hrs 15 min each) are on Thursday afternoons and evenings, just like our pickups.

How do I become a member? You can sign up to become a member on our website at prospectheightscsa.org. Registration is open until the end of April. Spots are first come first served

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Please see the following Proposed Amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-780 that are to be considered at the April 17, 2019 Panel for Educational Policy meeting, which will take place at Murry Bergtraum High School (411 Pearl St. New York, NY 10038). To view the public notices and to link to the full text of the Chancellor's Regulation, connect via the links below or review the attached documents.

- Revised Proposed Amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-780

Sakura Matsuri, the Garden's annual cherry blossom festival, celebrates Japanese culture with a rich program of events.

Saturday, April 27–Sunday, April 28, 2019

https://www.bbg.org/visit/event/sakura_matsuri_2019

LIU Children's Academy Open House Saturday, 04/06

On Saturday, April 6th from 11am to 1pm we will hold our final open house of the season on the LIU Brooklyn campus. It's an opportunity to meet summer camp staff and tour our facilities. It also marks the close of our Early Bird Special discount, which expires on Sunday, April 7th. Instructors will be on hand to discuss our six-week summer day camp offerings that include architecture, capoeira, cartooning, chess, Chinese, hip-hop, karate, Spanish, theater arts, swimming and yoga as well as weeklong Sports Camps in basketball, fitness, swimming and water polo.

This summer, we'll also offer middle school camps in game design, movie-making, rock band, technology and theater arts.

Michael Randazzo | 917-605-5624 | Ph: 718-780-6025 Fax: 718-488-3322

www.liu.edu/childrensacademy;

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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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Breakaway Hoops Spring Break Camp

Spring Break Camp is coming up soon. April 22-26 @ Dempsey Center. Limited spots available. Please share with parents, students, and colleagues. Download FLIER below.

Register TODAY. <http://www.breakawayhoops.com/youth-holiday-camp.html>

SPOTS ARE FILLING UP FAST! **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE**

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

HOLIDAY CAMP SCHEDULE

8:45 am-9am- Participants Arrive & Check In (Early Drop Off Available)

9 am- Stretching/ Warm Up

9:30 am- Fundamental Skill Stations

10:15 am- Skill Competition

11:00 am- Full Court Games

12:00 pm- Lunch (must bring own lunch)

1:00 pm- Skill Competition

2:00 pm-Full Court Games

3:30 pm- Competitive Contests

4:00 pm-Dismissal (Late Pick Up Available)

Register Here: www.breakawayhoops.com

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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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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>