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Book Drive

WHAT: New/Nearly new books for elementary school children for our \$1 Book Sale June 12-14. Hardcover or paperbacks, we especially need books for our older readers – 3rd, 4th, 5th graders.

WHERE: Drop off in PS9 Lobby any time before June 7th.

BOXES APPRECIATED! Please bring books in boxes. It helps us store them safely for the sale.

We cannot accept dictionaries, textbooks, manuals or magazines.

All Used Book Sale proceeds support literacy at PS9.

Bring Used Eyeglasses!

Donate old, unused eye glasses to the Global Impact Eyeglasses Initiative drive! 3rd grade teacher Ms. Banyan-Shephard is conducting this drive through her sorority to help children/adults in need of eyewear. The collection box is on the counter in our school's main office.

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Community Listening Circles

Join us for the final P.S. 9 Community Listening Circle on Tuesday, April 30!

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.

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Garden Permission Slips

The PTO is happy to once again sponsor our wonderful garden educator this spring. Her role is to get students outside exploring the garden, understand what plants grow in our area and how we grow our food. With that, students will have the opportunity to taste the food they grow.

P.S. 9 students participating in the garden program with our Garden Educator will eventually harvest produce from the garden on Bergen Street. Please complete and return the permission slip that we've backpacked today (or email your teacher directly) if you give permission for your child to taste food grown in the PS9 garden (or not).

Gifted & Talented Open House

Join PS9 on Tuesday, May 7th at 9am for our Gifted & Talented Open House. Visitors and PS9 families will be able to visit Kindergarten to 5th Grade G&T classes that morning.

If your child is eligible, submit the G&T Application online or in person at a Family Welcome Center by Friday, May 10.

For more information visit: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/gifted-and-talented>

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Happy Holidays

We wish our families happy and joyous Easter and Passover celebrations. Enjoy these high holy days with your families. Enjoy Earth Day as well!

Head Lice

A Pre-K classroom at PS9 has been identified with incidences of head lice. Letters were sent home to all families in the classrooms that have been identified. Please read the Department of Education's lice policy below.

NYC Schools have a "No Head Lice" policy. Students who have live head lice are not allowed to go to school until they are lice-free. Students with nits are still allowed to attend.

Students may return to school the day after treatment for head lice as long as there are no live lice upon re-inspection by designated school personnel.

Students will be re-inspected by a school worker 14 days after the treatment to make sure there are no live head lice.

For information, and for translated versions, visit:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/health-and-wellness/staying-healthy/head-lice>

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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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Library Mornings & Afternoons

The library is open from 7:30 until 8:15 every Friday morning and Tuesday afternoons 2:40 until 3:20, where 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.

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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Math Test Days & Yoga Mornings

Grades 3, 4 & 5 will take the New York State Math test on Wednesday and Thursday, May 1-2. We ask that students arrive on time for school those days; tests will begin on time.

Our PTO will again provide healthy snacks for children who wish to have them. There will be Yoga mornings with parent Edit Szabo and AM Exercise with Coach Clarke from 7:40-8:10a.m.

Middle School Offers

Middle School offer letters are now online in your MySchools account. If you wish to get a hard copy from our Guidance Counselor Ms. Shaw Taylor, please contact her at 718.638.3260 X2022.

If you wish to appeal your child's offer, the deadline to do so is Friday, May 10. If you need a hard copy of your child's appeal form, please contact Ms. Shaw-Taylor and she will backpack a printed copy.

Plant Sale

Our PTO Garden Committee is gearing up for their annual spring plant sale fundraiser on May 3rd and 4th! The sale will be held in the garden on Bergen Street. More information will follow soon.

Science Fair Projects Due April 29

Science Fair projects are due on Monday, April 29. In-class presentations will be held April 29- May 6. The schoolwide Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 5:30-7:30p.m.

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PTO & SLT Nomination of Officers Now Open

Parent involvement is important to the success of our school. The PTO does its part by improving communication between the school and parents, raising funds, and creating continuity from year-to-year for parent volunteers. If you are a parent who would like to do your part in supporting the PS 9 community, please consider becoming a PTO officer or a School Leadership Team (SLT) member for the 2019-2020 school year!

QUALIFICATIONS

The only qualification for all Executive Committee offices is that the candidate be a parent, guardian or caregiver of a child in the school. The term is one year, beginning July 1, 2019.

Nominations officially open at the April general PTO meeting - Tuesday April 16th @ 6:30pm.

Nominations will be accepted up to and during the PTO General Monthly meeting on May 14, 2019, 6:30pm. Please see the notice that is attached to this week's news and was backpacked with students for the open positions.

For more information and to obtain an official nomination form, please contact: Suyin So - suyin.so@gmail.com

David Lee - leenyc@gmail.com

Radhika Ramamurthy - radhika.ramamurthy@mac.com

2019-2020 Upcoming Nominating Timeline

- Tuesday, May 14: General PTO Meeting -- Close nominating
- Tuesday, June 18: General PTO Meeting -- Elections

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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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The Brooklyn Museum is excited to share our upcoming Summer Camp. We still have space available for campers ages 8-13, who will have the opportunity to explore art at the Museum and create their own artwork through painting, photography, drawing, sculpting, or animating. We are offering extended after-camp hours. Limited scholarships are available.

We would love to have your students join us this summer. As a thank you for sharing this information, families in your school should use the school coupon code to receive a 5% discount on camp tuition: sc19school.

Questions? Contact: camp@brooklynmuseum.org

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This summer LIU Brooklyn is excited to be hosting our first Derek Kellogg Basketball Camp!

The Blackbird's head men's coach—who has taken two schools to the NCAA Men's Tournament, including LIU in 2018—will offer his signature camp from July 29th-August 2nd.

Camp times are 9am-4pm. Camp dismissal on the last day will be at 3pm.

Our camp will include:

- Daily Instruction from LIU players and coaching staff
- Multiple Games Per Day
- Contests
- Lunch is provided

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Vogel at mvogel33@gmail.com or visit www.coachkellogg.com

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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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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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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>