

# PS9 - News at 9

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## Annual NYC School Survey: 2 Days Left with PS9 at 35% Submission!

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

Response rate for parent surveys is at 35% which is BAD for PS9. The deadline is Thursday, April 11!. Call the Hotline for your access code 877-819-2363

35% 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](http://NYCSchoolSurvey.org) today.

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

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](mailto: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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## **Eyeglass Donation**

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.

## **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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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## Renaming PS9 Update

Welcome to "The Sarah Smith Garnet School!"

It is with great pleasure that we share that Chancellor Carranza has approved our request for our school's name to be changed to "Public School 9 The Sarah Smith Garnet School." The name change goes into effect July 1, 2019. Please read the letter in its entirety which is attached to this week's news email.

## STEAM Mural Project Photo Book Signing

Celebrate our STEAM Mural Project at PS9 on Friday, April 12 beginning at 6:00P.M. All ages are invited to join us for a sneak preview of PS9's New Documentary "Clara's Garden."

Following the viewing there will be a reception with:

-Live music/The Brooklyn Bonez

-Pics/Q & A with the Artists

-STEAM Mural Project Photo Books for sale!

(If you can't make it, order forms will be backpacked)

Photo Book Prices:

Hardcover -- \$50

Softcover -- \$40

Individual images -- \$12 per image

Proceeds benefit Artists & PTO

For more information contact [sakuraamend@gmail.com](mailto:sakuraamend@gmail.com)

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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](mailto: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

Register early for the Annual Joy of Parenting Conference and hear from Guest Speaker NYC Schools Chancellor Richard Carranza on

Saturday, April, 13 8AM-2PM

Boys and Girls High School

1700 Fulton Street

Brooklyn, NY 11213

PLEASE USE THIS LINK to register for free: <https://thejoyofparenting2019.eventbrite.com>

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](mailto: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](mailto:mvogel33@gmail.com) or visit [www.coachkellogg.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](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>