

# PS9 - News at 9

WEEK OF MAY 6, 2019

## 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.

## Boys & Men Read

We are gearing up for our annual boys' event which will be held on Saturday, May 18, 8:30a.m.-3:00p.m. Our Playworks site director Coach K, will once again facilitate the day's events along with Mr. Shaw, Mr. Noel and other male staff at PS9. We've backpacked the permission slip with all grade 2-5 boys. Please complete the form and return to the main office as soon as possible. Principal D'Avilar is encouraging all boys and their adult males to attend!

## Clara's Garden Tree Planting

On Saturday, May 11, Clara's family along with our Mural Curator Jeff Beler will plant a Cottonwood tree in Clara's Garden on the St. Marks Avenue side of our school. All are welcome to join us!

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## Dance Program Spring Performance May 10 @ 7PM

Our spring dance program "The Greatest Me," will be held on Friday May 10, 2019 at 7:00pm at John Jay H.S. Campus located at 237 7th Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11215.

Doors open at 6:30pm, and admission is \$5.00 at the door (there is no advance ticket sale).

All students are to report to John Jay H.S dressed in their personally assigned attire (tights, leggings, pants, etc.) by 5:30pm that evening. Reminder, entry for adults will begin at 6:30p.m.

## Garden to Café Event on Friday

SchoolFood's Chef George Edwards and PS9's Wellness committee will host our Garden to Café Day tasting event on Friday, May 10 in the cafeteria during the regular lunch periods. The purpose of this event is to help students bridge the gap between understanding how food is grown and how they can eat what they grow to help sustain them. Students will assist with serving, as well as encouraging other students to try the food samples.

The sample items for tasting will be: mixed baby carrots, cortland, empire and gala apples.

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## Grade 4 Parent Middle School Information Meeting

This meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 6:30-7:30p.m. in the school's library.

We invite all grade 4 parents/guardians to join us as our Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Shaw-Taylor, shares information about next year's middle school application process.

Learn About: • The Application Process • Auditions • Magnet Schools • Middle Schools in District 13 • Performing Arts • Private & Independent Schools • Tours and Open Houses

• What to Do This Summer • Where to get further information...

Questions? Please contact: Ms. Shaw-Taylor 718.638.3260 X 2022 or email [KShaw@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:KShaw@schools.nyc.gov).

## Grade 5 Parent Town Hall with Principal D'Avilar

Principal D'Avilar will meet with grade 5 parents/guardians to discuss upcoming year-end activities and concerns with student social/emotional progress. This meeting will be held during our spring parent conference evening on Wednesday, May 15, 6:00-7:00p.m.

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## Guggenheim Museum “A Year with Children” May 30: By Invitation ONLY

A Year with Children invitation-only reception is happening on May 30. That evening we will celebrate the work of the students in our school community. Student docents who will represent PS9 will be announced soon. We are very proud of all of our student artists who participated in this program!

## 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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## NYC School Calendar 2019-20

Check out the 2019-20 NYC school Calendar at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/news/2019-2020-key-dates>

## Parent-Teacher Conference Evening May 15

PS9 will host our Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, May 15.

Parents who wish to meet with teachers about their child's progress, or possible promotion-in-doubt, should contact teachers directly for an appointment. Teachers will reach out to parents they wish to see as well.

See details below for the wonderful evening we have planned for our entire school family:

4:30-5:45: INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCES WITH TEACHER(S) BY APPOINTMENT

6:00-7:00: "LOOKING AHEAD AT NEXT YEAR" - There will be grade-specific presentations for families to get early information about what to expect next year.

6:30-7:30: GRADE 4 MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETING – Our Guidance Counselor, Ms. Shaw-Taylor will present information that parents may use this summer to get ready for the middle school application process next school year.

6:00-7:00pm – "GRADE 5 PARENT TOWN HALL WITH PRINCIPAL D'AVILAR" – Ms. D'Avilar will meet with grade 5 parents/guardians to discuss upcoming year-end events and concerns with student social/emotional progress.

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## Pre-K Pre-Registration

Pre-K offers for the 2019-2020 school year are now available to view in MySchools. If you applied to pre-K by the March 18 application deadline, you can view your offer letter now.

Your offer letter will include the following:

- Your child's pre-K offer
- Any programs where your child has been waitlisted—your child will automatically be added to the waitlist of any program that you placed higher on the application than the program where you received an offer
- Information about pre-registration

Your pre-K offer letter will also be mailed to you. If you have questions, call pre-k enrollment at 718-935-2009.

Pre-register by May 31 to accept your offer and secure your child's pre-K seat.

## PS9 Now!

PS9 is excited to announce and introduce our 4th grade news team to our school community! Our student writers, reporters, editors, artists and salespeople will launch and sell their very first publication on May 15, Parent Conference evening. Be the first to have a copy, and get it fast as there will be limited copies of this issue. All proceeds will benefit our PTO.

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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](mailto:suyin.so@gmail.com)

David Lee - [leenyc@gmail.com](mailto:leenyc@gmail.com)

Radhika Ramamurthy - [radhika.ramamurthy@mac.com](mailto: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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## Ramadan Iftar Gathering

Ramadan Mubarak! The PS9 family wants to wish our Muslim families and the whole world a joyful month of celebration. We want to invite the whole community as we break the daily Ramadan fast together at our 3rd Annual Iftar on Friday May 17, 7:30p.m. at Baitush Sharaf Jame Masjid, located at 769 Bergen Street. For more information contact Raul Rothblatt PTO Co-President @ [rrothblatt@gmail.com](mailto:rrothblatt@gmail.com), or Nzingah Diallo @ [zingoyo@gmail.com](mailto:zingoyo@gmail.com). Happy Ramadan!

## Stop & Swap – Sunday May 19 @ PS9

Bring clean, reusable, portable items such as clothing, housewares, games, books, & toys that you no longer need, and take home something new-to-you, free! You don't have to bring something to take something.

Please do NOT bring: furniture, large items, tube televisions, expired or open food, unsealed personal care products, medicine, dirty or ripped clothing, fabric scraps, incomplete toys and games, non-working electronics, magazines, or sharp objects.

Sunday, May 9 - Prospect Heights

11am-2pm, PS 9 Schoolyard

80 Underhill Ave, Brooklyn

\*Outdoor event, will be moved indoors in case of inclement weather

<https://www.grownyc.org/swap>



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## STAR Relief Project at PS9

PS9 IS A STAR (school) SUPPORTING REFUGEES!  
STUDENTS TAKING ACTION FOR RELIEF

We have the power to stand up for what is right. Refugees in Yemen, Somalia, Jordan and Bangladesh are part of our family. We will support our family.

HELP US GATHER SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

We will send them directly to kids just like us who need them. Drop off donations in the PS9 lobby at 80 Underhill Avenue, Brooklyn. We will put them on a container and send them directly to refugees, partnering with U.S.-Africa Children's Fellowship United Muslim Relief and other amazing partners.

PS9 is collaborating with elementary, middle and high school students in Brooklyn in an effort to collect donations for refugees and people in need in Yemen, Jordan, Bangladesh and Somalia. The STAR Project is not just about collecting for people in need. This project is also about our students! A major goal of the STAR Project is that in their efforts to help others, our children discover how powerful they really are. If they can learn the simple skill of organizing the people around them now, the sky is the limit for the rest of their lives. This project, in part, is about self-discovery. PTO co-president Raul Rothblatt will provide us with details on how to get started very shortly. Look for this information so that you're well aware of how to assist your child with this project.

Donations will be accepted until May 29, 2019.

For information, contact Raul Rothblatt, PS9 PTO Co-President at [rrothblatt@gmail.com](mailto:rrothblatt@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

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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## 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>