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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.

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!

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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Canticos is Coming May 8!

Author Susie Jaramillo brings bilingual nursery rhyme series Canticos to life at PS9! Susie Jaramillo, author and creator of Emmy-nominated bilingual series Canticos, will share her books and songs with Pre-K and Kindergarten students at the Book Hive. While she's here, Susie will sign and personalize your student's books after her presentation. Pre-Order information for books has been backpacked twice with all pre-k and kindergarten students. See the attached documents to this week's news.

Cap & Gown Picture Day

On Tuesday, May 7th pre-k and kindergarten students will be able to take pictures in cap & gown to mark the end of a milestone year at school! Two to three weeks after picture day, you will receive a unique login to view a private gallery on Stomping Ground's website. Place your order and receive it approximately two weeks after the Order Deadline. If you have questions, please contact Krystal at PTOPS9@gmail.com

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.

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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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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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Listening Circles Conclude

During the month of April we held three Listening Circles to gather feedback from the school community that will inform a proposal that the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee is developing to phase out the G&T Program at PS9. The three sessions were attended by approximately 180 participants, though many participants attended multiple sessions. Each session began with a brief presentation about issues of educational equity at the school and the context of this work relative to efforts at the city level. Special thanks to the many volunteers who supported these meetings by serving as small group discussion facilitators and notetakers and to PS9 parent Lazar Treschan who provided the introductory overview of the issues.

This work has been undertaken in an attempt to address issues of segregation and educational equity at the school and is consonant with efforts at the district and city-wide level. The EDI Committee has no power to adopt the proposal, which will be decided upon by school and district leadership. If the proposal is implemented the G&T program would not be eliminated immediately but would be phased out. Any child currently in G&T would be able to complete their years at PS9 in the G&T track. The proposal will likely recommend that the incoming Kindergarten class of 2020 would not include a G&T track.

The EDI Committee will be drafting the proposal during the month of May and present it to the School Leadership Team (SLT) at their June meeting. We will also schedule a public meeting for the whole community to hear the specifics of the proposal. Notice of all these dates will be shared shortly.

Great thanks to everyone who has shared their perspectives, concerns, and questions, either through the listening circles or in other forums. This feedback will be incorporated into the development of the proposal. Issues of educational equity are incredibly complicated. Our school community is working hard and thoughtfully to address critical challenges that we face as a society. The EDI Committee has been active for many years addressing a range of issues and will continue to do so in the coming years. We welcome the participation in this ongoing work by all members of the school community. (Upcoming EDI Committee Meeting date coming soon!)

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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.

Math Test Days & Yoga Mornings

Grades 3, 4 & 5 will take part 2 of the New York State Math test on Thursday, May 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.

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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>

PS 9 Plant Sale, Mother's Day Event with Mini Photo Sessions!

This Saturday May 4th from 11 AM - 3PM at PS9! All are welcome! Please come join in the festivities and get prepared for Mother's Day with a photo session, plant or craft OR all three!

The Plant Sale will also be held afterschool on Friday May 3rd from 3 - 5 PM.

Happy Spring!

Science Fair 2019

The Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math Expo at PS 9 will be held on Wednesday, May 8th from 5:30pm to 7:30 pm in the school's gymnasium. We have a wonderful evening planned with interactive activities and presentations. This year the STEAM Expo has expanded to a wider range of topics. Our young engineers have been invited to share their inventions using the Scientific Method. Our young researchers have been invited to share their findings on topics that sparked their interest.

All families are welcome to come and share in the STEAM driven work. We hope you are able to attend and speak with the children about the work they have done. We look forward to seeing you on May 8th!

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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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STAR Relief Project at PS9

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.

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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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

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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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>