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100 Years: PS9 Launches the Start of the Centennial Year of the Women's Suffrage Movement

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, Women's Right to Vote! Looking forward to the year of celebration, PS9's grade 5 students, our young suffragists, will launch the Women's Suffrage Centenary by presenting the family of Sarah Smith Garnet with a life-sized portrait brought to us by our STEAM Mural project curator, Jeff Beler. To add to the excitement, NYS Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul will join us in this important celebration. This event will be held on Monday, June 3 at 11:00a.m. in our school's auditorium.

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.

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Dance Program at Brooklyn's Borough Arts Festival

Dance teacher Ms. Wilson and PS9 dance students have done it again! This is our 3rd submission and selection in 4 years for the Annual Brooklyn Borough Arts Festival! Our dance program will present "Freedom," a dance excerpt from our May 10th student performance of the "The Greatest Me." The performance will be held at Kings Theater on Thursday, May 30 at 6:00pm. Buy tickets to this event at: <http://www.kingstheatre.com/calendar/brooklyn-borough-arts-festival/brooklyn-borough-arts-festival/>

Dance Video Request

Ms. Wilson is sending out a request for videos or video clips from last Friday's dance presentation of "The Greatest Me."

Here's a link where you can post videos and photos:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1y27V2ngwPCwuzQ1-Xy3rUPhSYtgJEOW_?usp=sharing

EDI Proposal to Phase-Out Gifted & Talented at PS9

The EDI committee's proposal to phase out the G&T program at PS9 will be shared with the PS9 school community this week. Remaining dates where the proposal will be addressed are as follows:

PS9 Community Meeting - Monday 6/10, 6:30pm - EDI Committee presents proposal to PS9 Community

PS9 SLT Meeting - Tuesday, 6/18 - SLT decision on EDI Committee proposal

Take a look at: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1756-5391.2009.01032.x>

All the best, Kirsten (EDI Committee Co-Chair)

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Family Day at the Guggenheim Museum Sunday June 2

LTA Family Day is this coming Sunday, June 2nd from 1pm to 4pm. All families at PS 9 are invited to come free of charge to the Guggenheim to participate in activities throughout the museum, see the A Year With Children exhibition of LTA student artwork and attend a live performance by LTA Teaching Artist Jeff Hopkins. PS9 families do not need a pass for this day, just let the staff know that you're visiting from PS9.

Guggenheim Museum "A Year with Children" May 30: By Invitation ONLY

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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 are:

3rd grade: Addis S.

4th grade: Kayin B.

5th grade: Avani V.

We are very proud of all of our student artists who participated in this program!

Happy Holiday

We would like to send well wishes for a happy and joyous Eid-al-Fitr to our Muslim families at PS9. Eid will be celebrated next week, beginning the evening of June 3.

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IIM Curriculum Showcase –Pre-K, Kindergarten, Grade 1 & Grade 2

Join our Early Childhood classrooms on Thursday, May 30 at 9:00a.m. for their Curriculum Showcases! Each classroom will present in their unique style, what they've learned this school year by relating their interdisciplinary subject areas using IIM (Independent Investigative Methods.)

Please note: Students must be dropped off as usual to their classroom/line-up point. Parents will be asked to sign in and wait in the auditorium until their grade's start time

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.

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Principal for a Day

Tomorrow May 30th, PS9 welcomes our very own Principal for a Day, Tess A., of Ms. Suriel's class 403! Listen as Tess reads the morning message and be sure to greet her as she visits classrooms. Principal Tess will also be a part of meetings with school support staff, and will email our Superintendent with school updates.

PTO/SLT Elections

PTO and SLT nominations were closed last night at the PTO meeting. Elections will occur at the final PTO meeting this school year, Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30pm. Information about candidates and voting will be available soon.

Shake Shack Donation Day – June 6

Our local Shake Shack will once again partner with PS9 to help raise funds for our school! On Thursday, June 6, 25% of your total meal purchase will be donated to PS9, but you must show the attached flyer. Our partner shake Shack is located at 170 Flatbush Avenue, 11217.

Wellness Committee Meeting & Survey

The Wellness Committee is meeting tomorrow, Thursday May 30th at 8:25 a.m. in the teacher's lounge. Please come!

The PS9 Wellness Committee is seeking your extremely valuable experiences, perspective, and opinions on several components of Wellness, as part of our school's commitment to being a Whole Child school. Please take just 5-7 minutes to answer these questions, and consider having your child join you, as many questions reference their experience.

Take the survey by June 10 at: <https://forms.gle/a7GjhUA23T7FNTwY8>

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STAR Refugee Relief Project at PS9: Ends May 30th!

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.

For information, contact Raul Rothblatt, PS9 PTO Co-President at rothblatt@gmail.com.

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In case you haven't heard, REGISTRATION for the Medgar Evers College Brooklyn - 2019 Summer Academic Enrichment Program has begun.

Below are highlights of the program:

- Curriculum Development is in collaboration with the MEC School of Education
- Curriculum is STEAM focused
- 2 Sessions will be offered (Still 5-week sessions):
 - o Session 1 will run July 8 – Aug 8, for 3rd, 4th, 5th graders,
 - o Session 2 will run July 22 – Aug 22, for 6th, 7th, 8th graders
- Classes will be broken down by grade level
- All Classes will be co-taught (two teachers per class)
- A minimum of 3 trips per group
- Lunch, Snack, T-Shirts, and trip Entrance Fees included in fees
- Base fee for a 5-week program is \$425./per child

To Register please go to:

- <https://form.jotform.com/BrooklynPipeline/1Summer2019>
- <https://form.jotform.com/BrooklynPipeline/2Summer2019>

If you have any questions not answered via the flyer or online Application, you may contact our office for clarification.

And lastly, a gentle reminder: Space Is limited. First come, first served. So complete your registration ASAP!

We look forward to your engagement this summer!

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WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL

AWAKEN YOUR INNER GENIUS AT THE WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL

The World Science Festival returns to New York City for a citywide celebration of science on May 22-June 2. For dates, times, ticket information, and the full list of programs, visit: worldsciencefestival.com.

If you're looking for great camp options for your child, there's still time to register at Long Island University, Brooklyn's best camp program.

Our signature six-week summer day camp includes architecture, capoeira, cartooning, chess, Chinese, hip-hop, karate, Spanish, theater arts, swimming and yoga. This year, we will also add fencing—a great way to keep our kids active and healthy.

We also offer week-long Sports Camps in basketball—with our first-ever camp with head men's coach Derek Kellogg—strength and conditioning as well as swimming and water polo in Brooklyn's best pool.

New this summer, are fantastic middle school camps in game design, movie-making, rock band, technology and theater arts.

For more information, call 917-605-5624, or email us at ChildrensAcademy@liu.edu; please ask about multi-session and sibling discounts.

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Creative Outlet Summer Arts Camp 2019

Two Locations - Fort Greene/Clinton Hill & Bed Stuy

07/08/2019 - 08/16/2019 M - F, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Fort Greene/ Clinton Hill

Ages 5-18

CO Summer Arts Camp (July 8 - Aug. 16) Fort Greene/ Clinton Hill

Dance, theatre, music, Trips, drumming, arts & Crafts, gymnastics, and sports

Monday thru Friday 9 am to 4 pm from July 8 - August 16, 2019

Early drop off available for a fee

Late pickup available for a fee

Two Locations –

1) Fort Greene/ Clinton Hill -300 Adelphi Street (JHS 113)

2) Bedford Stuyvesant - 265 Decatur Street

Register at: <https://www.creativeoutlet.org/copy-of-jamel-gaines>

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SUMMER STRINGS PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

The Noel Pointer Foundation would like to invite PS 9 Parents and Students to our Summer Music Intensive / Open House on Thursday, June 6th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

We will be sharing the details about our Summer Program, as well as, the music of our orchestra, NPF String Players. To reserve your place at this FREE event, e-mail us at info@noelpointer.org.

For more information about The Noel Pointer Foundation, visit our website at <https://www.noelpointer.org/>

For information about our Summer Music Intensive, including discounts available and financial aid, follow the link <https://www.noelpointer.org/summer>

To register for our Summer Program, follow the link

<https://noelpointer.asapconnected.com/Courses.aspx?CourseGroupID=30577>

Feel free to contact us with any questions, 718 230 4825.

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What is Key to the City?

Key to the City - Community Resource Event provides valuable resources to our immigrant communities such as FREE immigration legal screenings, financial services, and other social services. Key to the City is sponsored by the New York City Council and is brought to you in partnership with the New York Legal Assistance Group and Qualitas of Life Foundation.

Save the Date: June 19, 2019!

Help us spread the word and let your community know!

Flyer available to download below in English and Spanish.

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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>