

Hello Families!

We hope you enjoyed the State Testing Workshop this week! Maggie's presentation will be posted on the website on Monday.

### **Important School News and Housekeeping Items/Reminders**

- **Did you know?** This weekly email gets uploaded to the Peck Slip website each week –it is located under the “For Families” Tab, under “Resources and Forms”. If it gets lost in your mailbox, or deleted before you could refer back to something, just got to Peck Slip.org and find it there. Also, many teachers have been posting their newsletters on the site. Look under the “Grades and Subjects” tab, then find your grade and teacher. This section is still a work in progress, but many teachers are already using it.
- What does it mean to look, feel and do things differently from each other? How can the Peck Slip School nurture a spirit of inclusiveness and curiosity in children and adults, and see that the stories we tell ourselves about each other are often not the whole story? Please join us for ***Me, You, Us. Beyond a Single Story*** on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm in the Peck Slip Cafeteria. If you have not already RSVPd and plan to come, please do that now so we know how many people to expect: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-meyou>
- Reminder: The parent workshop on Helping Your Child to Manage Themselves, is next Thursday, February 9 at 8:30am in Room 226. Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-helping1>

### **Upcoming Community Events – Save The Date:**

- Tomorrow, February 4th from 11am-4pm – **Winter Carnival at PS276!** See attached flyer for details.
- **Saturday, February 11, 11am** - Our very own **Bill Gordh will be telling Scandinavian Folktales** at Scandinavia House in midtown. This is a FREE event! **See attached flyer for details!**
- **The 4th Annual Peck Slip Variety Show** is coming February 11th ! Peck Slip Players presents: Small World/Big Stars. 3 important things to read about the event:
  - Here's where to purchase tickets: <http://peckslip.3dcartstores.com/2017--3rd-Annual-Variety-Show-Ticket- p 42.html>
  - Here's where to sign up to volunteer at the event : <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d48aca823abf49-small>
  - **QUESTIONS** about any of these things? Contact Emily Hellstrom at [emilyhellstrom@me.com](mailto:emilyhellstrom@me.com)
- **Peck Slip Annual Auction and Gala is on March 30!** Tickets are on sale NOW! Early Bird Pricing! Click here to order: <https://www.501auctions.com/peckslipauction/tickets?type=6347>

### **PTA News**

- **Message from the PTA:** Please join us at the next **PTA General Meeting, Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am**. We will be joined by Russ and Gabi from Manhattan Youth to discuss summer camps and scholarships. Our very own 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher Nicole Mulligan will also be giving a short recap of the “Me, You, Us” diversity workshop being held on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, we will be looking for volunteers to head up the Nominating Committee, who will help us search for next year’s PTA Executive Board. Please come and find out how YOU can get involved! Coffee and donuts will be provided.
- **Thank you** to all of the parents and friends that participated in the annual **Community Crawl**. Over 100 people attended and over \$1,100 was raised through our cash donations from Mark Joseph Steakhouse, Jeremy’s Ale House, the tips from our parent bartenders and our 50/50 raffle. Congratulations to our raffle winner, Colleen Mitchell, who also gave back a portion of her winnings, even though it was her birthday!
- Amazing Amazon Deals! Remember to use the Amazon Peck Slip link when you are shopping! [https://www.amazon.com/?&\\_encoding=UTF8&tag=peckslip-20&linkCode=ur2&linkId=17ca3645e42cf17554bf2e8dec7c141e&camp=1789&creative=9325](https://www.amazon.com/?&_encoding=UTF8&tag=peckslip-20&linkCode=ur2&linkId=17ca3645e42cf17554bf2e8dec7c141e&camp=1789&creative=9325)

### Excerpt from the Family Handbook

- **If your child is sick, s/he should stay home.** Anytime your child is running a fever of 100° or more, vomiting, or infected with a communicable illness, s/he must stay at home. Children with fevers can return **after they have been fever-free(without fever reducing medicine) for 24 hours**. Children with communicable illnesses should return when their doctor has indicated it is safe. Please contact our school nurse if you have any questions.

### Important Upcoming Dates

<i>w/o 2/6</i>		
Monday, 2/6	<b>1st Grade Reading Family Visit</b>	8:45am in your child’s classroom.
Monday, 2/6	<b>Test Prep for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	2:50pm- 3:55pm
Tuesday, 2/7	<b>Me. You. Us. Beyond a Single Story Parent Workshop</b>	5:45pm in the Cafeteria. Babysitting and pizza provided for school-aged children! <b>RSVP here:</b> <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-meyou">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-meyou</a>
Wednesday, 2/8	<b>Test Prep for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	2:50pm- 3:55pm

Wednesday, 2/8	<b>General PTA Meeting</b>	8:30am in the Cafeteria
Thursday, 2/9	<b>Parent Workshop: Helping Your Child to Manage Themselves – NEW DATE!</b>	8:30am in Room 226 with Rebecca Newfield and Nick Cataldi. Sign up here: <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-helping1">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-helping1</a>
Saturday, 2/11	<b>Peck Slip Players Presents: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Variety Show</b>	Small World, Big Stars! 2:30pm-4:30pm in the Peck Slip Gymnasium.
<b>w/o 2/13</b>		
Thursday, 2/16	<b>Safety Meeting</b>	<b>10:20am in the Library.</b> Learn about the School Safety Team and the General Response Protocol at this special monthly meeting, which this month is open to Peck Slip families.
Friday, 2/17	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Brooklyn Bridge Celebration</b>	9:00am in your child's classroom
Friday, 2/17	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade Family Friday</b>	8:30am in your child's classroom.
Friday, 2/17	<b>PreK Family Friday</b>	8:20am in your child's classroom
<b>w/o 2/20</b>		
Monday, 2/20 – Friday, 2/24	<b>No School</b>	Midwinter Recess

Have a great weekend!