

Hello Families!

It was nice to see everyone at Parent/Teacher conferences! Please check our calendar below – it is chock full of new and upcoming important dates!

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

- **SCHOOL SURVEYS!** It's that time of year when the DOE asks all families and staff to fill out their school surveys. Many of you received your survey during your Parent/Teacher conference. If you didn't, it has been backpacked with your child. Look for the green envelope!



Please take a few moments to fill it out (either online, or physically on the provided form). Families with more than one child in school only need to fill out one survey. **The deadline is March 31.** It is important that your voice is heard. Thank you!

- To ensure all students have the supports they need to feel comfortable in school and succeed in the classroom and beyond, the DOE has updated the **Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Student Guidelines** to provide school communities with additional clarity and strengthen existing direction. These updates have been in process for over a year and incorporate feedback they have received from schools, students, families, partners, and other community members. The complete guidelines can be accessed [here](#).

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

- **Monday, 3/13 at 8:30am** in the Library. Join us for a **morning with our resident storyteller Bill Gordh**. Then, you are welcome to see Bill in action in your child's classroom later that day on the 13<sup>th</sup> or the 20<sup>th</sup>. See Bill's class visit schedule below in the calendar to see when he will be in your child's classroom.
- **Remember that the Dreambox Math Challenge begins on Monday, 3/13.** It runs through March 31. Every time your child uses Dreambox during this time period, they will have a chance to earn prizes, while they are sharpening their math skills. See attached flyer for details, and contact me in the office if you are having trouble logging on.
- **Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm- the Spruce Street PTA has arranged to host a **showing of the award winning movie Screenagers**, for parents and children of any grade to attend. Here is a description of the movie: *Award-winning SCREENAGERS probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director's own, and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through surprising insights from authors and brain scientists, solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world.* Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. *Click here to purchase tickets:* <http://www.sprucestreetpta.org/community1.html>

- **Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** –The Coalition for Healthy School Food is sponsoring a **dinner for Peck Slip families** right here in our Cafeteria at 5:30pm. Last year’s was a huge hit! Come taste some delicious vegetarian items featured on our school lunch menu. Featuring a guest speaker and kid-friendly activities! See attached flyer for more information, and sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-coalition1>
- **Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30am- Parent Workshop on Cyber Safety** – location TBD. Concerned about how your child may be using the internet and social media? Come hear experts speak on how to ensure their safety and raise good digital citizens. Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-cyber>
- **Peck Slip Annual Auction and Gala is on Thursday, March 30!** Tickets are on sale NOW! Early Bird Pricing! Click here to order: <https://www.501auctions.com/peckslipauction/tickets?type=6347>

## PTA News

- **Box Tops for Education!** – The PTA is now collecting Box Tops. There are 2 bins in the lobby – one at the bulletin board on the ramp behind the security desk, and one at the weekly update white board near the Cafeteria entrance. Every Box Top collected earns cash for our school!

## Excerpt from The Family Handbook

### Dismissal

- **Caregivers arriving late** must go to the office to sign out & pick up their children. **Please do not be late.** We are not staffed to provide supervision after school, and it is really, really stressful for children. Parents/caregivers who arrive late for dismissal must sign in, come to the office and sign their child out.
- **Changes to dismissal plans need to be made in writing by sending a note in your child’s backpack to their classroom teacher.**

## Important Upcoming Dates

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Wednesday, 3/15	<b>Maggie’s Math Club for Math Haters</b>	8:30am in Room 226. Sign up here: <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-maggies3">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-maggies3</a>																		
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Friday, 3/24	<b>Breakfast with Maggie – NEW DATE!</b>	8:30am in Room 226. This session will focus on discussing the Pledge of Allegiance. Sign up here: <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-breakfast5">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-breakfast5</a>
<b>w/o 3/27</b>		
Tuesday, 3/28 – Thursday, 3/30	<b>ELA State Tests</b>	8:20am-2:40pm
Thursday, 3/30	<b>Spring Auction Gala</b>	7:00pm at Jing Fong. Click here for more info: <a href="http://www.peckslip.org/for-families/pta/fundraising/">http://www.peckslip.org/for-families/pta/fundraising/</a>
Friday, 3/31	<b>Dreambox Math Challenge Ends</b>	
Friday, 3/31	<b>School Surveys DUE TODAY</b>	Thank you for completing your survey!
<b>w/o 4/3</b>		
Monday, 4/3	<b>Test Prep for State Tests</b>	2:50 – 3:55pm
Friday, 4/7	<b>Breakfast with Maggie</b>	8:30am in Room 226
Friday, 4/7	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Family Friday</b>	8:45am-9:15am in your child’s classroom
<b>w/o 4/10</b>		
Monday, 4/10 – Tuesday, 4/18	<b>School Closed</b>	Spring Break.
Wednesday, 4/19	<b>First Day back after break</b>	