

Hello Families!

We hope you enjoyed the Kindergarten Family Visit, the Safety Meeting as well as our Getting Ready for Fifth Grade Workshop this week! Please see the calendar below for important upcoming dates.

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

- For those families who may have missed the **Getting Ready for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** presentation, I have attached Maggie's presentation and handouts. As Maggie mentioned in the workshop this morning, there will be much more detailed information about the middle school process in September when the 2017-2018 Middle School Directories are released. We will provide you with a hard copy then, and guide you through all the important dates and processes. For those parents who are interested to get an idea of how the middle schools evaluated children for admission this year, you may click on this link to see the rubrics for admissions for the various District 2 middle schools: <http://www.cecd2.net/middle-school-resources>. These may change for next year, but this will give you a good idea of how different schools weigh different aspects of a child's record. Feel free to reach out to us with any questions about any of these materials.
- **2017-2018 PreK registration** starts Monday! Families with a sibling starting PreK here at Peck Slip need to click here to set up a preregistration appointment: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-prekindergarten1>. Appointments are available starting Monday, and run through May 9<sup>th</sup>. Remember to choose a date when you can bring your child in, along with your residency paperwork.
- **Art To Remember Deadline April 27<sup>th</sup>!** If your child hasn't completed a piece of art for this wonderful project, have them do it this weekend. Also, if they would like to do an additional piece, or, use a piece of art that they created at another time, as long as it is 8" x 10", they may submit it! We will send another email next week with all of the ordering information. Questions? Email Katie at [kroumel212@gmail.com](mailto:kroumel212@gmail.com)

### **Save The Date!**

- **Maggie's Math Club for Math Haters is next Wednesday at 8:30!** Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-maggies4>
- Kate Greenberg will be back for another "**Discussing the Birds and The Bees with Your Child**" workshop on **Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am**. Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-discussing1>. See the attached Resource Guide from Kate, with recommendations of good books to share with your children!
- **Me. You. Us. Part Deux!** Our second Inclusion workshop will take place **Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm**. As last time, babysitting will be provided. More details to follow!
- **K-2 Parent Workshop on Reading, Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am**. Learning to read is a complex, developmental process. Join literacy consultant Jamie Margolies, along with a couple of our amazing Peck Slip teachers, as they explain how reading develops across first and second grade, and how parents can best support their children in this development. Signup link will be available next week.

- **Peck Slip Trivia Night Tuesday, May 9th** at Jeremy's Ale House. More details to follow...

### Upcoming Community Events/News:

- This **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 2:00pm-5:00pm, **Daniel Squadron is hosting his annual Community Convention** at Stuyvesant High School, where he discusses what's happening locally, and how that can address what's happening nationally. See the attached flyer for more details.
- Our **Spring Clothing Drive** to Benefit PS. 209 in the Bronx is coming next week! They are asking for Kids Spring/Summer Clothes in Sizes: Baby through 10/12. Drop off box will be in the lobby.
- Come to Citi Field on **Friday, May 19th at 7 pm to support Peck Slip & the New York Mets** as they take on AL MVP Mike Trout and the LA Angels. We will all be sitting together as a large group, so please invite friends and family. \$10 of every ticket sold will be donated back to Peck Slip. It's also Mets t-shirt giveaway night! Buy your tickets today at [http://peckslip.3dcartstores.com/Events\\_c\\_13.html](http://peckslip.3dcartstores.com/Events_c_13.html)

### Interesting Reading

*Sight Words Are SO 2016: New Study Finds the Real Key to Early Literacy*

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### Important Upcoming Dates

<b>w/o 4/24</b>		
Monday, 4/24	<b>Test Prep for State Tests</b>	2:50 – 3:55pm
Wednesday, 4/26	<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-maggies4">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-maggies4</a>
Thursday, 4/27	<b>SLT Meeting</b>	3:00pm in the Library
Friday, 4/28	<b>PreK Family Friday</b>	8:20am in your child's classroom

Friday, 4/28	<b>Parent Workshop: Discussing the Birds and the Bees with Your Children</b>	<b>8:30am in Room 226.</b> Join expert Kate Greenberg as she guides parents on when and how to discuss puberty and sexuality with their kids. <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-discussing1">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-discussing1</a>
<b>w/o 5/1</b>		
Tuesday, 5/2	<b>State Math Test</b>	<b>8:20am – 2:40pm</b>
Wednesday, 5/3	<b>PTA Executive Board Meeting</b>	<b>8:30am in the Library</b>
Wednesday, 5/3	<b>State Math Test</b>	<b>8:20am – 2:40pm</b>
Thursday, 5/4	<b>State Math Test</b>	<b>8:20am – 2:40pm</b>
Friday, 5/5	<b>Breakfast with Maggie</b>	<b>8:30am in Room 226.</b> <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-breakfast7">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-breakfast7</a>
<b>w/o 5/8</b>		
Wednesday, 5/10	<b>General PTA Meeting</b>	<b>8:30am in the Cafeteria.</b> PTA Board Nominations.
<b>w/o 5/15</b>		
Monday, 5/15	<b>Inclusion Workshop #2</b>	<b>5:45pm-8:00pm.</b> More details to follow!
Tuesday, 5/16	<b>Parent Workshop for K-2: How Reading Skills Develop</b>	<b>8:30am in Room 226.</b> Join Jaime Margolies, our literacy consultant, and a couple of our amazing Peck Slip teachers, as they explain how reading develops across first and second grade, and how parents can best support their children in this development. Signup will be posted next week.

Wednesday, 5/17	<b>Maggie's Math Club for Math Haters</b>	8:30am in Room 226. Signup will be posted next week.
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Have a great weekend!