

Hello Families!

We hope you enjoyed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Family Visit and the Phys. Ed. Family Workshops!!

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

- Next Tuesday morning we are hosting a Parent Workshop called ***Navigating the IEP Process***. The workshop will cover many things including: the first steps if you and/or the teacher feel something is wrong, who the helpers are, how the process works, what the help looks like, what an evaluation is, and parts of an IEP including ICT and related services. The Signup link is here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-navigating> - please let us know if you plan to join us!
- **Donation for Science Room-** Ashley needs a "3-way lamp" and 9 or 10 3-way light bulbs to go with it for an in-class demonstration for 4 different classes. If anyone has a lamp with a 3-way fixture she can borrow, or, has a lamp/bulbs to donate, she would be grateful! Just email Ashley at [alapierre@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:alapierre@schools.nyc.gov). Thank you in advance!
- Ashley's **Science Workshop for Parents** has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars, and look for signup links when we return from Winter Recess.
- Our school is one of 150 elementary schools chosen to be profiled in the new (4<sup>th</sup>) edition of ***New York City's Best Public PreK and Elementary Schools: A Parents' Guide***. This classic guide has helped NYC parents learn about great schools since the 1<sup>st</sup> edition was published in 1997. The latest version is currently available at Barnes and Noble.

### **PTA News**

- Reminder: The General PTA Meeting next **Wednesday, 12/14 from 6-8pm** is a **Holiday Potluck Dinner**. See attached flyer for details, and please sign up below to bring a dish!

Families with last names between A-L : <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-ptapotluck3>

Families with last names between M-Z: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-ptapotluck4>

- Save the Date! The **Peck Slip Annual Auction Gala** will take place on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at Jung Fong in Chinatown. Materials are being backpacked home, and are attached here as well.
- **Amazing Amazon Deals!** Looking for that special Xmas present? Or just in need of some online retail therapy? ...Why not use purchases you **already plan** to make **to support our school!** It's as easy as: **1.** Click on [LINK](#) (Bookmark it as "AMAZON" so you are reminded to always use it.) **2.** SHOP **3.** That's it! Looking for inspiration? Check out [12 days of deals](#) , [Top toys picked by kids](#) , [Most wished for items by adults](#) , maybe you are [secret santa this year](#) or [hosting a party](#) . And when all else fails, [Giftcards!](#) This is the easiest and hassle free way to give to our school and our kids, please use this link and encourage your family and friends to!

- **Peck Slip's Annual Toy Drive** to benefit PS.209 goes through **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you to everyone who has already donated gently used and new toys for the families of PS.209! As a reminder, they are requesting items for age 3-10 year olds.  
*They would also love any winter items (for kids only) including hats, scarves and gloves.* For any questions please email [carimgelber@gmail.com](mailto:carimgelber@gmail.com).

**This week's excerpt:**

In lieu of a Family Handbook Excerpt, this week we are sharing an excerpt from the DOE Principal's Weekly Newsletter regarding outdoor play:

- **DOE Guidance to Principals for Outdoor Play in Cold Weather**

Children benefit from vigorous exercise and should be given the opportunity to play outside whenever possible. Unless it is snowing, or there is ice on the playground, or the wind chill factor produces an effective temperature below zero degrees Fahrenheit (-18 degrees Celsius), temperature alone should not be a barrier to outdoor play. You are encouraged to work with your staff to maintain outdoor play periods, and you should take precautions to keep students warm and to ensure that they are appropriately dressed on very cold days. When outdoors, please ensure that your students and staff cover exposed skin, wear warm clothing, and use multiple layers to maintain warmth.

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

w/o 12/12		
Monday, 12/12	<b>Auction Sponsorship Subcommittee Meeting</b>	8:30am in the Library
Tuesday, 12/13	<b>Parent Workshop – Navigating the IEP Process</b>	8:30am in Room 226. Sign up here: <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-navigating">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-navigating</a>
Tuesday, 12/13	<b>School Photos Delivered</b>	Will be backpacked home with your child.
Wednesday, 12/14	<b>PTA General Meeting</b>	6:00pm- 7:30pm. <b>Holiday Party!</b> Pizza and Babysitting will be provided. See attached flyer. Sign up to bring a dish:  Families with last names between A-L : <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-ptapotluck3">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-ptapotluck3</a>  Families with last names between M-Z:

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Wednesday, 12/14	<b>Kindergarten Art Show</b>	<b>5:00PM</b> Peruse the gallery of lovely art our Kindergarten students have created before and during the Holiday PTA potluck dinner meeting!
Thursday, 12/15	<b>SLT Meeting</b>	<b>3:00pm in the Library</b>
Friday, 12/16	<b>Family Friday – PK, K and 1st</b>	<b>PK: 8:20am K: and 1<sup>st</sup>: 8:45am in your child’s classroom</b>
<b>w/o 12/19</b>		
Monday, 12/19	<b>Auction Committee Meeting</b>	<b>8:30am in the Library</b>
Wednesday, 12/21	<b>Maggie’s Math Club for Math Haters</b>	<b>8:30am in Room 226.</b> Signup will be posted soon.
Thursday, 12/22	<b>Family Visit – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>8:45am in your child’s classroom</b>
Friday, 12/23	<b>Family Friday - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>	<b>8:45am in your child’s classroom</b>
<b>w/o 12/26</b>		
Monday 12/26 – Monday, 1/2	<b>School Closed</b>	<b>Winter Recess</b>