

Hello Families!

It's hard to believe the holidays are here! On behalf of the entire Peck Slip Staff, have a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Break and New Year! Thank you for all the delicious goodies you sent to the office – we truly appreciate it!

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

- If you haven't had a chance yet, please take a few moments over the break to **label your kids' clothing!** Our Lost and Found bin is overflowing with unidentified coats, and cold weather accessories. Everything unclaimed gets donated at the end of the month.
- **Calling all photographers!** We want to create a Peck Slip Virtual Tour for our website. Photographer parents interested in volunteering their services for this important project should contact me. Thank you!
- **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!

### **PTA News**

- The 4th Annual **Peck Slip Variety Show** is coming soon! **Peck Slip Players presents: Small World/Big Stars.** Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 11th (alternate date is Sunday the 12th) There are a limited number of slots this year, so please look for sign up when we get back in the New Year! Slots will be awarded on a first come first served basis. Pre-K is not eligible, and kindergarten slots will be limited and will only be group numbers. All types of acts welcome- dancing, singing, musical instruments, magic, poems, hula-hoops, original skits and more! Please have your child begin thinking about their act over break. Tickets go on sale in the new year and we will sell out! For more info or questions please contact Emily Hellstrom at [emilyhellstrom@mac.com](mailto:emilyhellstrom@mac.com)
- **Help us to Bridge the Gap!** As December rolls to a close - the final days to donate in 2016 also come to an end. If you are planning on donating this calendar year, please use the link to **Bridge The Gap** below. **CLICK HERE TO DONATE ON-LINE** [http://peckslip.3dcartstores.com/BRIDGE-THE-GAP-2016-17-DONATION\\_p\\_12.html](http://peckslip.3dcartstores.com/BRIDGE-THE-GAP-2016-17-DONATION_p_12.html). The suggested amount per child is \$750.00, but please feel free to give whatever amount you are comfortable donating. At the Bridge The Gap donation page, you will find a secure payment site as well as an option to break up the donation through an automatic monthly charge. Good News: 100% of the amount you donate is tax deductible. Questions? Ask Megan at [Meganmalvern@gmail.com](mailto:Meganmalvern@gmail.com)
- **Amazing Amazon Deals!** Remember to use the Amazon Peck Slip link when you are shopping for your last minute holiday gifts! [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)

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

- **January 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-11:30am** Clara Hemphill, co-author *New York City's Best Public PreK and Elementary Schools: A Parents' Guide* will be hosting an event at The New School to help guide parents through the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten application process. The event is free, or \$30 if you would like a copy of their new book. Either way, you need to register for the event here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pre-k-kindergarten-admissions-tickets-30045944228>. A 1-hour presentation will be followed by Q & A. Children are welcome.
- **January 28<sup>th</sup> from 7pm- 10pm** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Peck Slip School Community Crawl! Enjoy a night out with friends while supporting many Seaport establishments. See attached flyer for details.
- Cornell University is sponsoring **nutrition workshops** focusing on strategies to help provide caregivers and families with healthy meals and snacks while making the best use of food resources. Attached is a flyer explaining the program, and an application for interested families.

### **This week's excerpt from the Family Handbook:**

#### **Snow days & Emergency closing**

- Snow days and emergency closings are announced on the DOE website ([schools.nyc.gov](http://schools.nyc.gov)) and through most local media outlets. If it looks like weather may result in a school closing, please check these sources. *Please do not call the school regarding school closings or delays. We are typically informed when the public is...*

#### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

<b>w/o 12/26</b>		
Monday 12/26 – Monday, 1/2	<b>School Closed</b>	<b>Winter Recess</b>
Tuesday, 1/3	<b>Back to School</b>	First day back after Winter break
Wednesday, 1/4	<b>PTA Executive Board Meeting</b>	8:30am in the Library
Friday, 1/6	<b>Breakfast With Maggie</b>	8:30am in Room 226. Sign up here: <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-breakfast3">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-breakfast3</a>
<b>w/o 1/9</b>		
Wednesday, 1/11	<b>PTA Executive Board Meeting</b>	8:30am in the Library

Friday, 1/13	<b>Parenting Workshop: Helping Your Children Manage Their Emotions and Develop Organizational Skills</b>	8:30am in Room 226. Signup will be posted when we return from break.
<b>w/o 1/16</b>		
Monday, 1/16	<b>School Closed</b>	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
Tuesday, 1/17	<b>PreK Non Attendance Day</b>	Only Grades K-4 attend school today.
Tuesday, 1/17	<b>Science Workshops for Parents</b>	5:30-7:45pm. Signups will be posted when we return from break.
Wednesday, 1/18	<b>Maggie's Math Club for Math Haters</b>	8:30am in Room 226. Signup will be posted when we return from break.
Thursday, 1/19	<b>SLT Meeting</b>	3pm in the Library