

Hello Families!

We hope you enjoyed Sean Grover's Parenting workshop and the PTA meeting this week! This is a full issue – please read through!

Important School News and Housekeeping Items/Reminders

- **Are you returning to Peck Slip in the Fall?** If you have not yet filled this form out, **PLEASE** remember to fill out the form we sent home and **return by Monday** so that we may plan for the new school year. Another copy is attached.
 - **The Book Fair is coming!** Wednesday, May 24th through Friday, May 26th. We are asking for a \$10 donation per child so that every student can select a book when they go shopping with their classes. See attached letter for details! It is also being backpacked.
 - **School Supplies!** We have partnered with 1st Day of School Supplies for the upcoming school year. Click here to place your order: <http://www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com/kits.php?sid=117701> Orders for supplies are due by June 30th.
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PTA News

- Please **SAVE THE DATE** for an important **Budget meeting** concerning the 2017-2018 school year. **Tuesday, May 30th at 5:45** in the Cafeteria. Babysitting and pizza provided for school – aged children. As you know, the budget provided by the DOE is never enough to satisfy all the needs that schools have, and many of the desires, like keeping class sizes smaller than the maximum allowable DOE sizes. The PTA's fundraising efforts fill those important budget gaps. Please join us to gain a better understanding of how the budget process works, what the money we raise pays for, what events and activities we have planned for next year, as well as discuss new fundraising ideas, and how you can get more involved! Brand new incoming

families are also being invited. We're looking forward to seeing as many families as possible there!

- There's only a few weeks of school left and we are far short of our fundraising goal. **Please give to Bridge The Gap today!** Visit - peckslip.3dcartstores.com, or drop off a check in the BTG box at the security desk. See the attached flyer for more details!

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Bridge the Gap Donations Help Bridge The Gap Today! Bridge the Gap Monthly Donations Easy, Monthly Installment Plan. School Merchandise T-shirts, Hoodies, Tote Bags ...

- **The following parents are running for the open PTA positions for the 2017-2018 school year:**
 - Co-Presidents – Mori Ninomiya and Emily Hellstrom
 - Co-First Vice-Presidents of Treasury and Compliance – Megan Malvern and Toni Clay-Fields
 - Co-Second Vice Presidents of Fundraising and Communication – Deborah Assayag and Florence Lynch/Mary Kwon and Gina Polavarapu
 - Co-Secretaries – Cara Ottilio-Cooper and Katie Melchior
 - Co-Treasurers – John Weyrens and Shira Stember
 - Members-at-Large (2 positions) – Shelley Grahams, Yanet Cruz, Natalie Ferrone
 - School Leadership Team (2 positions) – Pilar Cortizo, Juliette Gordon, Claudia Ward

Elections will take place at the next PTA General Meeting on **Wednesday, June 7th** at 8:30am in the Cafeteria.

Upcoming Community Events/News:

- **SAVE THE DATE** for the Old Seaport Alliance 2nd Annual Benefit Gala! **Tuesday June 6th** . See the attached invitation for details! Purchase tickets here: <https://www.501auctions.com/osagala/tickets?type=9952>
- 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

Events - Welcome to PS 343 Peck Slip School

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Youth T-shirt and Mets Ticket Bundle - Peck Slip Night at Citi Field - Mets vs Angels Friday
 May 19th, 7:10 PM

- Interested in **the best seasonal, local, and organic harvest at a great price**, directly from the farm? The Fulton Street CSA, which has partnered with Norwich Meadows Farm, Red Jacket Orchards and other regional farms, has extended their deadline for **accepting memberships through May 15th**. *See the attached flyer* for more information and instructions on how to get involved!


Excerpt from Family Handbook


Classroom Visits

- Approximately once a month family members are invited to their children’s classroom to see what is happening and learn a little something with the kids.
- When visiting our classrooms, please do not bring food or beverages with you.** This is important not only for safety and housekeeping reasons, but because:
 - You are showing that your full attention is on your child’s work,
 - You are modelling your willingness and ability to delay gratification,
 - You are showing that you will follow rules even when you prefer not to, as your children are so often expected to do.

Important Upcoming Dates

w/o 5/15		
<p>Tuesday, 5/16</p>	<p>Parent Workshop for K-2: How Reading Skills Develop</p>	<p>8:30am in Room 226. With Jaime Margolies, Gretchen Lustig and John Raynes. Sign up here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-k2reading</p> <div data-bbox="631 1325 1127 1692" data-label="Image"> <p>A cartoon illustration of a person with brown hair, wearing a green shirt and blue pants, sitting and reading a large green book. The person is holding the book with both hands. The background is a yellow circle with a sun-like glow.</p> </div> <p>K-2 Reading with Jaime Margolies www.signupgenius.com</p> <p>Join our literacy consultant Jaime Margolies and some Peck Slip teachers to learn how reading</p>

		develops in the early elementary years.
Wednesday, 5/17	Me. You. Us. Sharing Our Stories.	<p>5:45pm-8:00pm. The second in our series of inclusion workshops. Babysitting and pizza will be provided for school aged children. Please RSVP here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-meyou1</p>  <p>Me, You, Us. Sharing Our Stories. www.signupgenius.com</p> <p>How can we make sure Peck Slip School is inclusive place for all children and adults? Please join us for an evening bringing Peck Slip teachers and parents together to think about diversity, identity, and inclusion.</p>
Friday, 5/19	PreK Family Friday	8:20am in your child's classroom
Friday, 5/19	1st Grade Family Friday	8:40am in your child's classroom
May		
Wednesday, 5/24 –	Book Fair!	<p>Wednesday and Thursday: 8:00-9:30am, 2:30pm-6:30pm Friday: 8:00am – 9:30am. Please see attached letter that is also being backpacked home.</p>

Friday, 5/26		
Friday, 5/26	Kindergarten Family Friday	8:30 in your child's classroom
Friday, 5/26	PreK Family Friday	8:20am in your child's classroom
June		
Monday, 5/29	No School	Memorial Day
Tuesday, 5/30	Big PTA Budget Meeting	<p>5:45PM Babysitting and pizza provided. Please RSVP here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-20172018</p>  <p>2017-2018 PTA Budget Meeting</p> <p>www.signupgenius.com</p>
Thursday, 6/1	Second/Third Grade Concert	6:00pm in the Gymnasium