

Hello Families!

We hope you enjoyed the Book Fair, and Kindergarten Family Friday this week!

Important School News and Housekeeping Items/Reminders

- **Me. You. Us. Continuing our Journey.** The 3rd in our inclusion workshop series is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 14th at 5:45pm**. We hope you can join us! Babysitting and pizza will be provided for school-aged children. Please RSVP here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-meyou2>
- **Library Book return!** It's almost the end of the year – please take a moment to scan your shelves at home for any Peck Slip library books you have not yet returned. Anne, our librarian will be sending out invoices for missing books soon. Thank you!
- **Art to Remember additional shipment!** If you didn't get to order for the first shipment, we are getting one more shipment before the end of the year. **The deadline to order is Monday, June 5th. Click here to order:** www.order.arttoremember.com and enter your order code. If you do not have an order code, contact Katie Roumel at kroumel212@gmail.com.
- Please remember to go to www.myschoolbucks.com to set up an account if you don't already have one, and settle your **school lunch balance**. (*Please do not send money to school*).

PTA News

- **Please join us for the 2017/2018 Budget Planning Meeting. Tuesday, May 30th at 5:45** in the Cafeteria. Babysitting and pizza provided for school –aged children. As our school grows, it is important for us to come together as a community to speak about the budget. The discussion will involve how class size and budget relate. We are facing a big budget jump next year, not only due to growth of the school, but also because we are making the leap to hire a full time teacher. In order to do this and keep class size small, we will need to bring in more money. It is more important than ever for everyone to understand how our PTA budget and the DOE budget interact. We need to reach as many people as possible. If you can make time to attend, we appreciate it! See attached flyer, which was also backpacked. Brand new incoming families are also being invited!
- **PTA Executive Board Elections will take place at the next PTA General Meeting on Wednesday, June 7th at 8:30am in the Cafeteria. As a reminder, here are the nominees for the 2017-2018 PTA Executive Board:**

Co-Presidents – **Mori Ninomiya** (*Taiko, 2-314*) and **Emily Hellstrom** (*Lyall and Jasper, 3rd grade, Harriet K-218*)

Co-First Vice-Presidents of Treasury and Compliance – **Megan Malvern** (*Clark PK-202, Grant 2-312*) and **Toni Clay-Fields** (*Savannah, 1-304*)

Co-Second Vice Presidents of Fundraising and Communication – **Deborah Assayag** (*Mia, PK-202, Joshua 2-314*) and **Florence Lynch** (*Federico, 2-314*)

Co-Secretaries – **Cara Ottilio-Cooper** (*Michael K-222*) and **Katie Melchior** (*Teddy 1-304, Charlie*)

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Co-Treasurers – **John Weyrens** (*Francesca 1-306*) and **Shira Stember** (*Noa 1-304*)

Members-at-Large (2 positions) – **Shelley Grahams** (*Derek 4-318*), **Yanet Cruz** (*Samuel 2-310, Logan 4-318*), **Natalie Ferrone** (*Nicolo K-214, Daniela 2-314*)

School Leadership Team (2 positions) – **Amos Winbush** (*Kai PK-202*), **Pilar Cortizo** (*Reve 1-306*), **Juliette Morgan-Gordon** (*Luc 1-306, Emmanuelle 4-318*), **Claudia Ward** (*Cleo K-218*)

Upcoming Community Events/News:

- The Old Seaport Alliance 2nd Annual Benefit Gala is on **Tuesday June 6th** . See the attached invitation for details! Purchase tickets here: <https://www.501auctions.com/osagala/tickets?type=9952>
- The **Peck Slip Dance Party** is coming **Saturday, June 10th**! Adults only! Mark your calendars and see the attached flyer for more details. If you want to help with the Party (decorations, set up, bar tending, guest DJ, etc) please contact Emily or Mori emilyhellstrom@mac.com or mori@takeoutmarketing.com
- **Third Street Music School Open House** is on **Thursday, June 15th** from 3:00 – 6:00pm. See attached flyer for details!

Excerpt from Family Handbook

Birthdays

- Children who celebrate birthdays during the school year may bring a birthday treat to share. These should be ready to pass out – think cupcakes, cookies, or brownies. **DO NOT** bring cakes. **You must arrange birthday celebrations with your child’s teacher in advance.** Not only do birthday celebrations affect the schedule, teacher also need to plan accommodations for students with food allergies.
- Keep it simple – just a birthday treat. No decorations, beverages, party favors and the like. Please save these for home parties.
- Siblings may not join in – it’s too disruptive to their learning.
- Birthday party invitations may **NOT** be passed out at school, even when all kids in the class are invited – too often they have gone missing... Plan to use email or snail mail.
- Students (and staff) with summer birthdays celebrate during our annual Summer Birthday Party in June. Parents do not attend this school-time event.
- Each teacher will communicate additional classroom birthday traditions.

Important Upcoming Dates

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Monday, 5/29	No School	Memorial Day
Tuesday, 5/30	Big PTA Budget Meeting	5:45pm in the Cafeteria. Please RSVP here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-20172018 Babysitting and pizza for school-aged children provided!
Thursday, 6/1	Second/Third Grade Concert	6:00pm in the auditorium
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Monday, 6/5	4th Grade State Science Test	Written portion.
Wednesday, 6/7	PTA General Meeting	8:30am in the Cafeteria. PTA Board Elections.
Thursday, 6/8	No School for Students	Staff Development Day.
Friday, 6/9	Breakfast with Maggie	8:30am in Room 226. Sign up here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-breakfast8
Saturday, 6/10	Dance Party for Parents!	7:00pm-10:00pm. See attached flyer! Volunteers will be needed. Contact Emily or Mori: emilyhellstrom@mac.com or mori@takeoutmarketing.com
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Monday, 6/12	No School for Students	Clerical Day.
Wednesday, 6/14	2nd Grade Shadow Puppet Show	8:30-9:30am in the Gymnasium

Wednesday, 6/14	Me. You. Us. Continuing Our Journey. NEW DATE!	5:45pm. Sign up here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-meyou2
Wednesday, 6/14	PTA Executive Board Meeting	8:30am in the Library
Thursday, 6/15	Third Street Music School Open House	3:00pm – 6:00pm
Thursday, 6/15	SLT Meeting	3:00pm in the Library.
Friday, 6/16	PreK Family Friday	PK 202 – 8:30 in the Cafeteria PK 204 – 8:20 in the classroom
Friday, 6/16	Kindergarten Pet Expo	8:45am in your child’s classroom.
Friday, 6/16	1st Grade Family Friday	8:45am in your child’s classroom.
Friday, 6/16	4th Grade Family Friday	8:45am in your child’s classroom.
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Tuesday, 6/20	Kindergarten/First Grade Concert	8:45am in the Gymnasium
Tuesday, 6/20- Wednesday, 6/21	D2 Downtown Art Show at NY Academy of Art	4:00pm-7:00pm at 111 Franklin Street. All families welcome! Class 4-318 will have their art displayed along with art from other downtown schools. More details coming soon.
Wednesday, 6/21	D2 Downtown Art Show Reception	5:00pm-6:00pm. 111 Franklin Street. All families welcome! More details coming soon.

Thursday, 6/22	Chorus and Band Concert – NEW TIME!	9:00am-10:00am
Thursday, 6/22	Bird Study Celebration	8:45am in your child’s classroom
Thursday, 6/22	Third Grade Content Study Celebration	9:00am in your child’s classroom.
Friday, 6/23	Summer Birthday Celebration	Students only. During school day.
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Monday, 6/27	School Closed.	Eid al-Fitr
Tuesday, 6/28	Last Day of School!	11:40am Dismissal. End of year student celebration on Peck Slip plaza immediately following dismissal. Ticket sale and volunteer information forthcoming.