

Hello Families!

Happy Cinco de Mayo! We hope you enjoyed Breakfast with Maggie today. Hug your favorite 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders today – they had a tough week of testing!

**A huge thank you** to all the families who so generously donated food, beverages, home products and massages for Teacher Appreciation Day! Everyone felt very appreciated, and is so grateful for our wonderful families!

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

- **Please remember to have your child wear sneakers for PE!** Sandal season is here, but if your child is not wearing sneakers, they will not be able to participate in PE. Please make sure you know when your child's class has PE so you can make sure they come to school dresses appropriately, and ready for play!

<b>Class</b>	<b>PE Day(s)</b>
PK-202	Friday
PK-204	Tuesday
K-210	Friday
K-214	Friday
K-218	Wednesday
K-222	Thursday
1-304	Tuesday
1-306	Tuesday
1-308	Tuesday
2-310	Monday, Thursday
2-312	Monday, Wednesday
2-314	Monday, Wednesday
3-324	Wednesday, Thursday
3-326	Monday, Thursday
4-318	Monday
4-322	Thursday, Friday

- **Are you returning to Peck Slip in the Fall?** Please remember to fill out the form we sent home this week and **return by Monday** so that we may plan for the new school year. Another copy is attached.
- **Allergy season is here!** In case you missed Nesha's email from 4/19, I am attaching her allergy letter which has a few suggestions to help make this season more comfortable for allergy sufferers.

- **Teacher Request!** Melanie needs a piece of rear projection screen (scrim) that we can use for our shadow puppet theater. A piece that is 6' x 6' would be more than enough. If anyone has access to this material, please let me know as soon as possible. Ideally, we would like to have it by next Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **The Child Mind Institute** is a great resource for parents looking for advice on a variety of topics. Here is a link to their Parents page: <https://childmind.org/guide/parents-guide-getting-good-care-2/>

## PTA News

- **PTA Nominations will still be accepted at the PTA General Meeting next Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. If you did not submit a form, you may still put your name in the hat at the meeting. Here are the open positions for the 2017-2018 school year:**
  - Co-Presidents
  - Co-First Vice-Presidents of Treasury and Compliance
  - Co-Second Vice Presidents of Fundraising and Communication
  - Co-Secretaries
  - Co-Treasurers
  - Members-at-Large (2)

Descriptions of the positions are included in the attached document.

 [2017-18 PTA Nomination Form.docx](#)

**Questions?** Contact the Nomination Committee: Katie Roumel ([kroumel212@gmail.com](mailto:kroumel212@gmail.com)), Bernie Kaminski [bernie.kaminski@gmail.com](mailto:bernie.kaminski@gmail.com) or Tiffany Winbush [tiffany.winbush@yahoo.com](mailto:tiffany.winbush@yahoo.com).

- We will also be electing **2 School Leadership Team (SLT)** positions. The School Leadership Team is comprised of equal numbers of school staff and parent members. The SLT meets monthly to oversee the creation and implementation of the Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP), a document that aligns annual goals with the school's budget. They also discuss other relevant school-wide issues. Parents interested in these positions should contact Emily Hellstrom ([emilyhellstrom@me.com](mailto:emilyhellstrom@me.com)) or Mori Ninomiya ([mori@takeoutmarketing.com](mailto:mori@takeoutmarketing.com))

## Upcoming Community Events/News:

- **Peck Slip Trivia Night is coming this Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** at Jeremy's Ale House! See the attached flyer for details.
- On **Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**, The District 2 Community Education Council is having a meeting on **Creating Diverse Learning Environments**. 6:30PM at The Spruce Street School. **See attached flyer for details!**
- Come to Citi Field on **Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 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)
- 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 15<sup>th</sup>**. *See the attached flyer* for more information and instructions on how to get involved!

- **The Department of Transportation is having an Open House** to discuss improving the quality of life for New Yorkers. Between expanded bus, bike and pedestrian facilities, new construction, jobs and tourism, the need to enhance street efficiency is critical. Join the first in a series of conversations on **May 11, 2017, from 6:00pm-8:00pm** at 55 Water Street.

## Excerpt from Family Handbook

### Field Trips

Field trips are an important part of our content studies. Teachers organize and arrange field trips to enhance, deepen, and support what students are learning. They are not optional excursions. They range from walks around the neighborhood to visits to museums, parks, and other landmarks, big and small, in our incredibly culturally rich city. Classes travel on foot or by subway, school bus, or chartered bus, depending on the destination. **Please note: when we cannot walk, the subway is our preferred mode of transportation.** It is safe, efficient, and far more reliable than the yellow school bus. *If you have concerns about your child riding the subway on field trips, please reach out to Rebecca or Maggie.*

Teachers will notify you of upcoming trips and give information on lunch, transportation, admissions fees, etc. Please do not hesitate to inform the teacher if you are requesting assistance to cover trip costs or fees. All trips require signed permission slips. *Children who do not bring in a signed slip cannot go on the trip.* Please be sure to get permission slips in on time.

## Important Upcoming Dates

<b>w/o 5/8</b>		
Wednesday, 5/10	General PTA Meeting	<b>8:30am in the Cafeteria.</b> Nominations for open Executive Board and SLT positions will be accepted at this meeting.
Friday, 5/12	Parenting Workshop: Discipline with Sean Grover	<b>8:30 in Room 226.</b> Back by popular demand, Sean Grover will be here to discuss Discipline and Encouraging Independence in Children. Sign up here: <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-discipline1">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-discipline1</a>
<b>w/o 5/15</b>		

Tuesday, 5/16	Parent Workshop for K-2: How Reading Skills Develop	<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. Sign up here: <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-k2reading">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-k2reading</a>
Wednesday, 5/17	Me. You. Us. Sharing our Stories.	<b>5:45pm-8:00pm.</b> The second in our series of Inclusion workshops. Babysitting and pizza will be provided for school aged children. <b>Please RSVP here:</b> <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-meyou1">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-meyou1</a>
Friday, 5/19	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Family Friday	<b>8:40am in your child's classroom</b>
<b>w/o May 22</b>		
Friday, 5/26	Kindergarten Family Friday	<b>8:30am in your child's classroom</b>
Friday, 5/26	PreK Family Friday	<b>8:20am in your child's classroom</b>
<b>w/o May 29</b>		
Monday, 5/29	<b>No School</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>

Have a great weekend!