Hello Families!

Thank you to all families who attended the first General PTA meeting of 2017 this week!  We hope that if you were not able to attend, that you will join us for future meetings. Here are the dates to plug into your calendar:

Wednesday, February 8, 8:30am

Wednesday, March 8, 8:30am

Wednesday April 19, 8:30am

Wednesday, May 10, time TBD

Wednesday, June 7, time TBD

Important School News and Housekeeping Items/Reminders

* The Parenting Workshop on Helping Your Child Manage Themselves has been **rescheduled for Wednesday, February 9**.  If you already signed up through Sign-Up genius, you do not need to sign up again.  The RSVP will transfer over.
* **Chancellor Farina Announces the 2017 Community and Citywide Education Council Elections**.  Parents are encouraged to apply for a position on the Community Education Council.  This is a great way to give back to the greater NYC school community! See attached press release for details.

Upcoming Community Events – *Save The Date*:

* **January 19th at 6:30pm** – the Child Study Center at Children’s Hospital presents a **Free workshop for parents called “When Your Child Says “I Don’t Fit In”**. **See attached flyer** for details.
* **January 19th from at 6:30pm** – Dr. Ross Greene will be speaking about his book, ***Raising Human Beings***, at PS276.  Register here for this free event: [event brite registration.](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dr-ross-greene-author-of-raising-human-beings-tickets-29959062362?aff=es2)
* **January 28th from 7pm- 10pm**  **3rd Annual Peck Slip School Community Crawl!** Enjoy a night out with friends while supporting many Seaport establishments.  **A flyer** was backpacked home this week.
* **February 4 from 11am-4pm** – **Winter Carnival at PS276!** **See attached flyer** for details.
* **Peck Slip Annual Auction and Gala is on March 30**!  Tickets are on sale NOW**!   Early Bird Pricing!** Click here to order: <https://www.501auctions.com/peckslipauction/tickets?type=6347>

PTA News

* **Book Fair Chairperson(s) needed!** Interested in being in charge of one of the most fun and popular fundraisers? The bi-annual book fair is in need of a new leadership team! If you love books and are able to spend some daytime hours at school during the book fair, this may be the volunteer opportunity for you.  Please contact Mori Ninomiya for more information at mori@takeoutmarketing.com
* **Peck Slip Variety Show needs volunteers!**  We cannot pull this (adorable) entertaining show off without parent help. We need lots of hands-looking for bakers, ushers, ticket sellers, videographer, stage moms/dads, etc. Please consider helping us on the big day by entering your name in a slot on the attached link:  <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d48aca823abf49-small>
* **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>

Excerpt from Family Handbook:

**Early Pick Up**

* Unless there is an emergency students are expected to attend school until dismissal.
* Because early pick up is so disruptive, we ask that you refrain from doing so unless it is absolutely necessary. Every minute of the day counts, and we must minimize disruptions.
* If you must pick your child up early, please sign in and come to the office. We will call your child’s classroom, and s/he will meet you in the office. You must sign your child out.
* **Students who need to leave school early must be picked up by 2:20 PM.** Otherwise you will need to wait until regular dismissal at 2:40 PM. We will not call classrooms during this time with dismissal information. Thank you for your cooperation!!

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

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| **w/o 1/16**  |  |  |
| Monday, 1/16 | School Closed | **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** |
| Tuesday, 1/17 | PreK Non-Attendance Day | **Only Grades K-4 attend school today.** |
| Tuesday, 1/17 | Science Workshops for Parents | **5:30-7:45pm**K through 1st grade: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-anevening7> 2nd-4th grade: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-anevening8> |
| Wednesday, 1/18 | Maggie’s Math Club for Math Haters | **8:30am in Room 226 Sign up here:** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-maggies2> |
| Thursday, 1/19 | SLT Meeting | **3:00pm in the Library** |
| Friday, 1/20 | Kindergarten Butterfly Study | **8:45am-9:15am in your child’s classroom.** |
| **w/o 1/23**  |  |  |
| Monday, 1/23 | Test Prep for 3rd and 4th Grade  | **2:50-3:55pm** |
| Wednesday, 1/25 | Test Prep for 3rd and 4th Grade  | **2:50-3:55pm** |
| Thursday, 1/26 | Parenting Workshop: Testing | **8:30am in Room 226. Sign up here:** [**http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-state1**](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-state1) |
| Friday, 1/27 | 2nd Grade Subway Study | **8:45am-9:45am in your child’s classroom** |
| **w/o 1/30** |  |  |
| Monday, 1/30 | Test Prep for 3rd and 4th Grade  | **2:50-3:55pm** |
| Tuesday, 1/31 | Auction Committee Meeting | **8:30am in Room 226** |
| Wednesday, 2/1 | Test Prep for 3rd and 4th Grade  | **2:50-3:55pm** |
| Wednesday, 2/1 | PTA Executive Board Meeting | **8:30am in the Library** |
| **w/o 2/6** |  |  |
| Monday. 2/6 | Test Prep for 3rd and 4th Grade  | **2:50-3:55pm** |
| Wednesday, 2/8 | Test Prep for 3rd and 4th Grade  | **2:50-3:55pm** |
| Wednesday, 2/8 | PTA General Meeting | **8:30am in the Cafeteria** |
| Thursday, 2/9 | Parent Workshop:  Helping Your Child to Manage Themselves – NEW DATE! | **8:30am in Room 226. With Rebecca Newfield and Nick Cataldi. Sign up here:** [**http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-helping1**](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-helping1) |
| Saturday, 2/11 | Peck Slip Players Presents: The 3rd Annual Variety Show | **Small World, Big Stars!  2:30pm-4:30pm in the Peck Slip Gymatorium.  Volunteers needed!  Click here to sign up:** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d48aca823abf49-small> |

Have a great long weekend!