

Hello Families!

We hope you enjoyed the Classroom Celebrations this week! We hope you have a relaxing upcoming week as well.

Important School News and Housekeeping Items/Reminders

- The return from school breaks sometimes brings lice – if you are traveling this coming week, please check your child’s head for lice before they return to school the following week. Here are links to some good resources:

Center for Disease Control - great information on lice management and prevention.

http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/gen_info/faqs.html

The Department of Education also has some great resources for detecting and preventing lice:

Fact Sheet: <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/6B126B9F-050C-44A8-AED0-95CD2A4FBFC4/0/FactsAboutHeadLicereviewedJuly2014.pdf>

Treatment: <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/FA4D4345-DB93-40F4-AD0A-1377D64BFF95/0/GuidanceforFamiliesonGettingRidofHeadLiceReviewedJuly2014.pdf>

Upcoming Community Events – Save The Date:

- **Friday, March 3rd** – 3rd and 4th grade Peck Slip Band and Choral Concert! In the Gymnasium at 9am.
- The March 3rd **Breakfast with Maggie is being rescheduled**. As soon as we have a date, we will let you know.
- **Thursday, March 16th** –The Coalition for Healthy School Food is sponsoring a **dinner for Peck Slip families** right here in our Cafeteria at 5:30pm. Last year’s was a huge hit! Come taste some delicious vegetarian items featured on our school lunch menu. Featuring a guest speaker and kid-friendly activities! See attached flyer for more information, and sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-coalition1>
- **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>
- The Department of Education is hosting **STEM camps during Spring break in April**. The deadline to apply is February 28. See attached flyer for details.

PTA News

- The **Variety Show** was a huge success! Thanks to Emily Hellstrom for heading up the effort and to all the Parent volunteers who helped ensure a smooth day! Here is a link to a Tribeca Tribune article highlighting the event! <https://shar.es/19dfxU>

- **Box Tops for Education!** – The PTA is now collecting Box Tops. There are 2 bins in the lobby – one at the bulletin board on the ramp behind the security desk, and one at the weekly update white board near the Cafeteria entrance. Every Box Top collected earns cash for our school!
- Amazing Amazon Deals! Remember to use the Amazon Peck Slip link when you are shopping! <https://www.amazon.com/?& encoding=UTF8&tag=peckslip-20&linkCode=ur2&linkId=17ca3645e42cf17554bf2e8dec7c141e&camp=1789&creative=9325>

Excerpts from the Family Handbook

Classroom Visits

- 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.

Medication

- **The school nurse is the only person who can administer medication at school** (including inhalers and Epi-pens), and she can only do so after she has received a medical authorization form that has been approved by the Department of Education. See Tammy or call the office if you would like to request a form. Please remember, children may not bring any medication to school, including antibiotics, medicated creams or ointments, acetaminophen or ibuprofen.

Important Upcoming Dates

w/o 2/20		
Monday, 2/20 – Friday, 2/24	No School	Midwinter Recess
w/o 2/27		
Wednesday, 3/1	PTA Executive Board Meeting	8:30am in the Library

Thursday, 3/2	Parent Workshop: Helping Your Child to Manage Themselves - NEW DATE!	8:30am in Room 226 with Rebecca Newfield and Nick Cataldi.
Friday, 3/3	2nd Grade Family Friday	8:45am-9:15am in your child's classroom
Friday, 3/3	Band/Choral "Informance" for 3rd and 4th grade families	9:00am in the Gymnasium
w/o 3/6		
Wednesday, 3/8	PTA General Meeting	8:30am in the Cafeteria
Thursday, 3/9	Parent/Teacher Conferences	1:00pm- 7:30pm. Half day for students. 11:40am dismissal.
w/o 3/13		
Tuesday, 3/14	PreK Non-Attendance Day	No school for PreK students.
Wednesday, 3/15	Maggie's Math Club for Math Haters	8:30am in Room 226
Thursday, 3/16	SLT Meeting	3:00pm in the Library
Friday, 3/17	PreK Family Friday	8:20am in your child's classroom
Friday, 3/17	K Family Friday	8:30am in your child's classroom

Have a great break!