

Hello Families!

It was a busy week at Peck Slip!! We hope you enjoyed meeting with your child's teachers, shopping at the Book Fair and Breakfast with Maggie! This issue is chock full of important information – please read through!

Important School News and Housekeeping Items

- We enjoyed awarding 128 ribbons and medals in our **Read-A-Thon ceremony** this morning! It was so nice to see the participants' proud, smiling faces. A representative from the Lighthouse Guild was here to accept our **\$2922.25 donation**; thank you to all the families who generously donated, to the kids for working so hard on their reading during the summer, and to Emily Hellstrom for heading the project up! We hope that more children will be inspired to participate next year- keep a lookout in the Spring for news about our Summer 2017 Read-A-Thon!
- **The DOE is missing lunch applications from 70 children at Peck Slip. We backpacked physical forms to those families to fill out – if your child received one in his/her backpack, please fill it out and return to school as soon as possible. Families with more than one child need only fill out 1 form. Thank you.**
- Now that the colder weather is setting in, we expect that the **Lost and Found Bin** will be overflowing with jackets and other cold weather accessories. The bin has been fuller than expected from the very start of the school year – it is amazing how many brand new beautiful pieces of clothing wind up in the bin unlabeled, and unclaimed. **Please take a few moments this weekend to put your child's name on the labels/tags of their coat, hat, scarf and gloves/mittens.** All you need is a Sharpie marker – clothing labels are lovely, but not necessary. If your child's clothing items are labeled, they can be returned. If they are not labeled and go unclaimed, they get donated at the end of each month. The Lost and Found bin is located in the Cafeteria – please remember to check it if your child is missing any items. This is also a good opportunity to remind your children to be responsible for their personal items; it is one of many steps you can take to encourage independence.
- While on the topic...as a follow-up to Sean Grover's workshop on **Independence** last week, we put together a chart of **age-appropriate chores** you can have your children do at home. The chores listed are a place to start; you may have additional tasks that would be appropriate for your home. You can make it fun to help by enlisting your child to help you make a chore chart of their very own that they can decorate and put their name on. If you need help or ideas, please let us know.
- Our annual **Winter Drive for The Coalition of the Homeless** begins on **Monday, November 7th!** We are doing this in collaboration with the Blue School.
 - Please bring **Coats, Hats, Gloves, Socks and Scarves** to school during the weeks of **November 7th and 14th**- collection boxes will be outside during drop off/pick up- if your child is in afterschool or wish to bring something during school hours the boxes will be to the right of the staircase.**Note that they are requesting items for adults.

- If you have canned/ non-perishable goods to donate, **please bring them to The Blue School.**
 - We can use some extra volunteers on sorting day (**Thursday, November 17th** after drop off) and delivery day (**Friday November 18th** after drop off) as we will need to transport everything over to the Coalition.
 - Please email Cari Gelber - carimgelber@gmail.com if are available to help on one of those days, or have any questions about the drive.
- **Picture Day photos** are available online for viewing and purchasing at www.coolforschoolphoto.com/peckslip. If you have trouble accessing your child's pictures, or any issues ordering, please email Klaudia@coolforschoolphoto.com
 - **PTA General Meeting** coming on November 9th. We will be electing Co-Treasurers to the Executive Board at this meeting. John Weyrens is running with Shira Stember.
 - The first **Maggie's Math Club** for Math Haters has been **rescheduled for Tuesday, November 15th**. Sign up here so we know how many people to expect: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-maggies>
 - If you haven't already signed up for the Arts Workshops on November 10 and would like to attend, you can do that here:

PK through 1st grade 5:30 Music Workshop session with Michele Kishlansky <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-anevening3>

PK through 1st grade 6:45 Arts Workshop with Melanie Banks:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-anevening2>

2nd through 4th grade 5:30 Arts Workshops with Melanie Banks:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-anevening1>

2nd through 4th grade 6:45 Music Workshops with Michele Kishlansky:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-anevening4>

Upcoming Community Events:

- Join the Peck Slip PTA for a **Great Gatsby Prohibition Party on Sunday, 11/6** from 6:00pm-9:00pm on the Hornblower Sensation at Pier 15 in the South Street Seaport. We will sail into the Jazz Age with open wine/beer bar and light dinner all to support **our school's music program. Tickets are \$80 per person.** Purchase tickets here: <https://peckslippta.yapsody.com/event/index/51628/sail-into-the-jazz-age>. Due to boat capacity tickets will sell out, so order soon! 1920's attire encouraged but **not required!**
- **Save the Date!** Mark your calendars for the Peck Slip Annual Auction Gala. It will be **March 30th, 2017**, and details will be forthcoming.

This week's excerpt from the Family Handbook:

Dress code

- While we have no official dress code, children are expected to dress neatly and appropriately, including having groomed hair.
- Please remember that a school day is likely to involve glue, paint, clay, running, and other outdoor play. Dress your child accordingly.
- No Heelies or flip flops. Ballet flats, heels, and high-heeled sneakers don't work at recess either. We recommend rubber soled shoes or sneakers.
- **Sneakers are a must** on the day your child has P.E.
- Remember – LABEL EVERYTHING!!

Important Upcoming Dates:

w/o 11/7		
Monday, 11/7	Auction Committee Meeting	8:30am in the Cafeteria.
Tuesday, 11/8	No School	Election Day. Professional Development Day for staff.
Wednesday, 11/9	PTA General Meeting	8:30am in the Cafeteria.
Thursday, 11/10	SLT Meeting	3:00pm in the Library.
Thursday, 11/10	Arts Workshops for Parents	6:00pm with Melanie and Michele. See signups above.
Friday, 11/11	School Closed	Veterans' Day.
w/o 11/14		
Tuesday, 11/15 –	Maggie's Math Club for Math Haters - NEW DATE!	8:30am, Room 226.
Thursday, 11/17	Kindergarten, 3rd and 4th Grade Family Visits	K: 8:45am 3 rd : 8:50am 4 th : 8:45am in your child's classroom
Friday,	PreK and 2nd Grade	PreK: 8:20am

11/18	Family Visits	2 nd : 8:45am in your child's classroom
w/o 11/21		
Thursday, 11/24 and Friday, 11/25	School Closed	Thanksgiving Holiday
w/o 11/28		
Wednesday, 11/30	Parenting Workshop: Helping Your Child Understand Conflict	8:30am-10:00am in Room 226.
Friday, 12/2	Breakfast with Maggie	8:30am in Room 226.

Have a great weekend!