Hello Families!

We hope you enjoyed the Understanding Conflict workshop with Rebecca and Breakfast with Maggie this week! Rebecca’s presentation is posted under “News” on our website home page.

Important School News and Housekeeping Items/Reminders

* ***Important Message about Snack Sharing*** – Please remind your children that they are not allowed to share food/snacks at school.  There are many children with food allergies, and it is not safe for kids to accept food from other children.  Thank you for your assistance with this communication!
* The **3rd Grade Family Visit was changed** from 12/15 **to 12/8.**  Note the calendar change below.
* **Peck Slip's Annual Toy Drive** to benefit PS.209 **starts Monday** and goes through **December 15th**.  We will be accepting gently used and new toys for the families of PS.209. They are requesting items for age 3-10 year olds.   
  *They would also love any winter items (for kids only) including hats, scarves and gloves*.  For any questions please email [carimgelber@gmail.com](mailto:carimgelber@gmail.com).
* Looking to buy some labels for your child's clothing? Go to this link: [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](http://www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com/)  and select our school (Peck Slip- press P to get to our school faster) follow the directions and our school will get some money back from Mabel's Labels.  Happy Clothes Labeling!
* **Save The Date**!  **The Annual Peck Slip Community Crawl will be on January 28th**. Get ready for a fun night enjoying food and drink specials at one or all of the Old Seaport restaurants and bars with fellow Peck Slip parents!  More information will be forthcoming as the event gets closer.
* **New!  School Lunch Menu App**! The DOE has a free app called Feed your Mind – you can access the school lunch menus and also give reviews of the food right on your phone!  It is available on both the Apple App store as well as on Google Play.

This week’s excerpt from the Family Handbook:

**After school**

* Manhattan Youth provides after school for students in kindergarten through fourth grade at Peck Slip. Mae-Sue Guery is the Site Director. Mae-Sue’s email is [mae-sue@manhattanyouth.org](mailto:mae-sue@manhattanyouth.org).
* Manhattan Youth’s website is [www.manhattanyouth.org](http://www.manhattanyouth.org) and the phone number is 212-766-1104.
* Manhattan Youth runs from dismissal to 5:50 PM, including half days.
* Though they use Peck Slip’s facilities, Manhattan Youth is an entirely separate organization. All questions/concerns regarding the after school program should be directed to Mae-Sue or another Manhattan Youth representative.

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

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| **w/o 12/5** |  |  |
| Wednesday, 12/7 | PTA Executive Board Meeting | **8:30am in the Library** |
| Wednesday, 12/7 | Open House for Prospective Families | **6pm in the Gymatorium** |
| Thursday, 12/8 | Family Visit – 3rd Grade – NEW DATE! | **8:50 – 9:20 am in your child’s classroom** |
| Thursday, 12/8 | Phys. Ed. Parent Workshop Evening | **5:30pm – 7:45pm. Get your exercise on!** Participate in a gym class *with* your child so you can see how Danny works his magic with our students! Sign up here:  ***For Pre-K to 1st Grade families:*** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-anevening5> .  ***For 2nd through 4th Grade families:*** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-anevening6> |
| **w/o 12/12** |  |  |
| Monday, 12/12 | Auction Sponsorship Subcommittee Meeting | **8:30am in the Library** |
| Tuesday, 12/13 | Parent Workshop – Navigating the IEP Process | **8:30am in Room 226.** Signup will be posted in December**.** |
| Tuesday, 12/13 | School Photos Delivered to School | Will be backpacked home with your child. |
| Wednesday, 12/14 | Kindergarten Art Show | **5:00PM** Peruse the gallery of lovely art our Kindergarten students have created before and during the Holiday PTA potluck dinner meeting! |
| Wednesday, 12/14 | PTA General Meeting | **6:00pm- 7:30pm. Holiday Party!** Pizza and Babysitting will be provided. More information to follow. |
| Thursday, 12/15 | SLT Meeting | **3:00pm in the Library** |
| Friday, 12/16 | Family Friday – PK, K and 1st | **PK: 8:20am K: and 1st: 8:45am in your child’s classroom** |
| **w/o 12/19** |  |  |
| Monday, 12/19 | Auction Committee Meeting | **8:30am in the Library** |
| Wednesday, 12/21 | Maggie’s Math Club for Math Haters | **8:30am in Room 226.** Signup will be posted soon**.** |
| Thursday, 12/22 | Family Visit – 4th Grade | **8:45am in your child’s classroom** |
| Friday, 12/23 | Family Friday - 2nd Grade | **8:45am in your child’s classroom** |
| **w/o 12/26** |  |  |
| Monday 12/26 – Monday, 1/2 | School Closed | **Winter Recess** |