Hello Families!

From all of the Peck Slip staff, we wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving.  Check the calendar below for a couple of new additions!

Important School News and Housekeeping Items/Reminders

* Our own Peck Slip 3rd and 4th grade chorus will be performing at the **South Street Seaport Tree Lighting Ceremony** on Tuesday, November 29th. Please see the attached flyer, and letter from Michele with details for the event!  Please note that the PTA will be selling baked goods and hot beverages at the ceremony – if you would like to provide baked goods to sell, please bring them to school on Tuesday morning.  Any questions, please email Natalie Ferrone at nferrone1@gmail.com
* This year, Peck Slip School will be a designated drop off site for the **Soccer Equipment Drive** to benefit children in Africa (via the US-Africa Children's Fellowship [http://thechildrensfellowship.org/](https://share.polymail.io/v1/z/b/NTgzNTExMWRjNjg2/ZXEY56ji50JQVhtRE7EowZ0aVFJodo6iYRk3unnqWnx9nFL-0MmojGyFNi7vz-cL4sYyty0RUSUrW9HRoz3X2QQkL2DnDq04mrsKiwwP_N4JDY1JosP6JORWca4PNwsdocJr1jepPtW8Uf7SuNM_WXJ5qwx6cvAlB7sItZjr3LcBGa31cZs_QujhL65M1VeF8Lc4swpI)). They accept all types of soccer donations - balls, uniforms, cleats, shin guards and even used socks! If you have uniforms that your child has outgrown, or that you are no longer using, please consider donating to this drive. The donation box is located in the Peck Slip lobby next to the cafeteria. The last day of soccer uniforms and donations will be **Thursday, December 1st.**  If you have any questions, please feel free to contact parent Shelley Grams at sggrams@gmail.com.
* Thank you to everyone who donated to the **Winter Drive for The Coalition of the Homeless**. We collected over **20 bags** of winter items for the Coalition and spread holiday cheer with jackets filled with special notes from our 3rd graders (see attached picture). The Coalition was so thankful and appreciative and said it was just in time as it's starting to get cold!  Thanks to Cari Gelber for heading up this effort!
* **Save the Date:** Peck Slip's Annual Toy Drive to benefit PS.209 will be **December 5th-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.
* ***NEW FUNDRAISER!*  Looking to buy some labels for your child's clothing?**  Now, if you buy through Mabel's Labels you can **benefit our school.** 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!
* Note that the **December 8th workshop evening** will be a Phys. Ed. Night – signups are below.  The Science workshop evening is being moved to January.  More information will be coming after the weekend break.

Important PTA Info

* This week, a **Bridge the Gap** flyer is being backpacked home, and is also attached here.  If you haven’t already participated in this drive, please take a look and see what your tax deductible donation can mean for the school.  Also, many companies do corporate matching for this type of direct giving to a charity.  With a simple e-mail to your human resources department you can DOUBLE your gift through corporate matching programs.  Find out if your company matches here! <https://doublethedonation.com/giving-tuesday/>.  Click here to donate online: <http://peckslip.3dcartstores.com/BRIDGE-THE-GAP-2016-17-DONATION_p_12.html>. **Questions** about the drive? Please contact Megan Malvern at Meganmalvern@gmail.com.

This week’s excerpt from the Family Handbook:

**Security**

* When entering the school **all adult visitors must present ID**, sign in, and receive a visitor pass. Even if the safety agents know who you are, they are required to sign you in, and will refuse entry to anyone without an ID. Thank you for your understanding.
* **All exits other than the main entrance are alarmed**. Do NOT use a side door to exit the building. False alarms may result in unnecessary lockdowns.
* Adults may not visit classrooms without making an arrangement with the teacher. Similarly, please do not drop in for a meeting before school begins unless you have an appointment – teachers are very busy planning for the day at this time.
* Adults may not use or accompany their children to student’s bathrooms. Adults must use the adult’s bathrooms. Bathroom keys are available in the office or at the front desk.

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

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| Thursday, 11/24 and Friday, 11/25 | School Closed | **Thanksgiving Holiday** |
| **w/o 11/28**  |  |  |
| Tuesday, 11/29 | South Street Seaport Tree Lighting Ceremony | **6PM.  The Peck Slip 4th Grade Band and Chorus will perform at this event, and PSS PTA will have a booth with hot beverages!  See attached flyer.**  |
| Wednesday, 11/30 | Parenting Workshop: Helping Your Child Understand Conflict | **8:30am in Room 226.  Sign up here:** [**http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-helping**](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-helping) |
| Friday, 12/2 | Breakfast with Maggie | **8:30am, Room 226. Sign up here:** [**http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-breakfast2**](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adaf22aaff2-breakfast2) |
| **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 | Phys. Ed. Family 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**.** |
| Wednesday, 12/14 | PTA General Meeting | **6:00pm- 7:30pm. Holiday Party!** Pizza and Babysitting will be provided. More information to follow. |
| Wednesday, 12/14 | Kindergarten Art Show | **Starts at 5:00pm.** Come and perusethe gallery of lovely art our Kindergarten students have created before and during the Holiday PTA potluck dinner meeting! |
| Thursday, 12/15 | Family Visit – 3rd Grade | **8:30 am in your child’s classroom** |
| Thursday, 12/15 | SLT Meeting | **3:00pm in the Library** |
| Friday, 12/16 | Family Friday – PK, K and 1st | **PK: 8:20amK: and 1st: 8:45amin 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 in December**.** |
| 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** |