



Wednesday Bulletin

January 25, 2012

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Jan. 27th
Pre-K Non -
Attendance day
No School for
Pre-K students
only

Feb. 20-24
Schools closed
for Mid-Winter
Recess



- **Scaffolding Update:** I'm delighted to report that a contractor has been awarded the contract for our school renovations. The SCA (School Construction Authority) has thus far kept to their projected timeline for the project and the accomplishment of this very important first step is extremely encouraging. According to the SCA the renovations must be "substantially completed" by April 11, 2013 with a final completion date of June 10, 2013. The renovation project will be completed in such a way as to free up the 8th Street side of the yard for play as quickly as possible.
- **Play Street Volunteers Needed for February!:** In order for the children to be allowed to use the street for recess time we need 3 parent volunteers every day from 12:20-1:10. Volunteers supervise near the barricades that are used to block 8th Street from traffic and ensure that students stay within these barriers. This school year we have had a very small and dedicated group of parents helping during our recess times and we are grateful for their time. *We would like to involve more members of our PS 39 families in helping to continue the play street for our children.* Thanks to a new web based application called "Volunteer Spot" signing up to volunteer is incredibly easy. Please use this web address to sign up on our online volunteer calendar: <http://tinyurl.com/playstreet> or contact our parent coordinator, Karen Herskowitz (kherskowitz@ps39.org) (718) 330-9310)
- **Second Grade Armory Trip:** Second grade will be enjoying their fitness day at the Armory on Wednesday, February 1st. If you are able to volunteer your time, please meet the class at the YMCA Armory at 11:45. The armory is located on 15th Street between 7th and 8th Ave. Please contact April Barabash, P.E. teacher at Aprilbarabash@gmail.com if you have any questions
- **Author Visit for Grades 4 & 5:** On Thursday, February 2nd, Author Leslie Margolis will be visiting our school. If you would like to order autographed copies of her book "Vanishing Act" for \$15, please contact Donna Baker (dbaker@schools.nyc.gov).
- **New York Family Camp Fair Tour:** New York Family Magazine and the American Camp Association will be hosting a Summer Camp Fair on Sunday, January 29th from 12-3 pm at Union Temple located on 17 Eastern Parkway. Meet dozens of different camp directors from local day camps and sleep away camps from across the region.
- **Student Pedestrian Safety Issue:** For those parents that are using a car to drop off and pick up their students from school, please do not idle or double park on 6th Ave in front of the school. This creates a very dangerous traffic situation for students and families using the crosswalks.

REMINDERS

- **Kindergarten Applications for the 2012-2013 school year are now being accepted. Applications are available in the main office. You must submit an application even if your child is currently attending Pre-K at PS 39!**

PTA NEWS

Bowling Night Was a Great Success!

Thanks to everyone for coming out to PS 39's Second Annual Family Bowling Night! We had a great showing at Melody Lanes in Sunset Park and some pretty impressive bowling skills — by kids and adults! — were on display! A PS 39 bowling team, anyone?

More Than Half!

Families of 200 students, more than half the school, have jumped into the Fund Drive, raising more than \$60,000 for our kids' education. There's still time to join in! With just 3 weeks until the deadline, are you feeling "Mighty Fine"? There's still time...hop on www.ps39.org or send a check to "PS39 Parent Association" or cash in your child's folder. Every donation, of any amount, makes a huge difference (gifts are confidential...only 5 volunteers who process receipts see the dollar amounts). What matters is that we all show our support. Don't delay, give today! ???'s to robbynk@gmail.com.

Current Participation By Class

Several classes have already earned pizza parties for 85% participation in the Fund Drive. Way to go! EVERY class can get there...and class parents are working hard to make sure they do. Please respond to their requests for support. Classroom grants are still available to every class that reaches 100%. Imagine how your teacher will feel if every family contributes. Every amount counts!

Pre-K 105 (Morrissey)- 89%
Pre-K 108 (Cassens)- 71%
K-102 (Flaherty)- 95%
K-104 (Imperiale)- 86%
K-106 (Rochford)- 81%
1-101 (Stark)- 67%
1-202 (Diaz)- 57%
2-204 (Pisino)- 47%

2-206 (Calhoun)- 32%
2-306 (Fedeli)- 55%
3-208 (Bernstein)- 46%
3-207 (Taylor)- 52%
4-301 (Racioppo)- 40%
4-305 (Ottavino)- 35%
5-203 (Sierra)- 32%
5-207 (Reyer)- 25%

It Was Christmas in January...

..when Tom Foley, the "Christmas Tree Guy," presented us with a check for \$520 last week. That means 52 PS 39 families purchased Christmas trees from him (he gave us \$10 for every tree purchased!) Thanks to all of the families who purchased their trees from him...your efforts made a big difference!

Remember Sheena Easton's Morning Train? Gloria Gaynor's I Will Survive? Billy Idol's White Wedding?

These songs and more from the 1980's will be played on Feb. 10 at Camp Friendship when PS 39 holds its first-ever "80's Prom Valentine Dance Party." Kids and adults are encouraged to dress in their 80's best. We'll have a DJ, crafts for the kids, snacks, and Karaoke! We are looking for many volunteers to make this happen, so please contact the chair of this event, Marilyn Doore (edwardsmum@gmail.com) to volunteer and for more info.

The Spring Auction is Almost Here!

The PTA's biggest fundraising event of the year will be on April 21. We are currently in the planning stages, and are recruiting volunteers to serve on the various Auction committees. Please contact Allison Derby on her email at allisondderby@gmail.com or phone 972-415-2055.

Don't Forget About Box Tops!

Did you all get your box top form in your folders? Remember to fill them out! These "throwaways" can bring money to the school! Please deposit your Box Tops in the drop-off station near the security guard in the lobby; remember to write your grade on each coupon or collection sheet.

Consider Running For a PTA Executive Board Position.

Do you have a natural curiosity? Want to get more involved in your child's education? Then consider running for a PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD position for the 2012-2013 school year. Elections are held in the Spring, but now is a good time to start thinking about it. All positions are up for re-election every year. Positions include: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and 4 Members-At-Large. Most positions can be filled by 2 people working together as "co-" if desired. If you'd like more information about the Board and how it functions, feel free to contact Susan Moesker (susan@caeny.org) or Melissa Williams (melissawilliams3@verizon.net).

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Jan. 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gr. 4 Fitness Day at the Armory• Chess- Grades 1-5• Chess Team After School• Jewish Museum After School 3:10-4:45 pm
Thursday, Jan. 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SLT Meeting 7:30 am• Gr. 3-5- Math Predictive• Chess Club After School• Test Prep/Math After School
Friday, Jan. 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-K Non-Attendance Day• Gr. 3-5- Math Predictive• Enrichment- Gr. K-2• YMCA Swim for Class 2-206
Monday, Jan. 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kindergarten Trip to Puppetworks• Enrichment- Gr. 3-5• Progress Reports Sent Home
Tuesday, Jan. 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NY Philharmonic- Gr. 3-5• Kindergarten Dance for Life program• Lice Enders Follow-Up Appointment• Test Prep/ELA After School• Very Young Composers afterschool for selected students in Grades 4 & 5 – 3:15-4:30pm

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, Feb. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gr. 2 Fitness Day at the Armory• Chess- Grades 1-5• Chess Team After School• Jewish Museum After School 3:10-4:45 pm
Thursday, Feb. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gr. 4&5 Author Visit: Leslie Margolis• Chess Club After School• Test Prep/Math After School
Friday, Feb. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Friday• Enrichment- Gr. K-2• YMCA Swim for Class 2-206
Monday, Feb. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rapid Dismissal- 3pm• Gr. 1- Field trip to Puppetworks• Enrichment- Gr. 3-5
Tuesday, Feb. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NY Philharmonic- Gr. 3-5• Teachers College Training for K-2 Teachers• Test Prep/ ELA after school• Very Young Composers -3:15- 4:30-for select Gr. 4-5 students• PTA Exec Board Meeting- 7pm