



PS 295 Thursday News Bulletin



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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

- April 10th-18th – Spring Recess
- May 29th – Memorial Day
- June 8th – Anniversary Day
- June 12th – Clerical Day
- June 26th – Eid al-Fitr

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 17th – CBE winter term ends
- March 20th – Music Share K
- March 20th – CBE spring term starts
- March 21st – Armory Day 3-5
- March 21st – SLT meeting 4PM
- March 21st – PTA meeting 6PM
- March 28th-30th – NYS ELA Exam
- March 28th – 2nd grade trip to Brooklyn Children's Museum
- March 29th – 2nd grade trip to Brooklyn Public Library
- March 31st – Cupcake Friday
- March 31st – Family Fun Friday
- April 1st – Silent Auction
- April 3rd – Music Share 4&5
- April 4th – EC meeting
- April 5th – Bagel Bits
- April 6th – Music Share 1&2
- April 6th – 1st grade trip to BCPA
- April 7th – 4-206 trip to New Victory

FREE TICKETS 3/19 SHOW

We have 10 free tickets for the National Dance Theatre of Jamaica presentation at the Walt Whitman Theatre at Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, March 19 at 3:00PM. These tickets are provided by the CASA program supported by Councilmember Menchaca. Please contact Sergio at 718-965-0390 x4105 if interested. Tickets will be available on first-come, first-served basis.

PTA MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 21 @ 6PM

Casual dinner in the lobby starting at 6pm, then we'll update you on the Spring Art Brooklyn Event (BASE), Brooklyn Boogie Brunch and other events. Come also hear how you (yeah, you) can be a part of the Executive Committee and School Leadership Team (SLT) for the 2017-18 school year. Current EC and SLT members will be on hand for a Q&A and can speak one-on-one after the meeting.

BROOKLYN ART SPRING EVENT: APRIL 1ST FUNDRAISER FOR PS 295

*** BUY TICKETS BEFORE TOMORROW, 3/17 FOR EARLY BIRD PRICING***

On April 1st, over 100 artists - from acclaimed MOMA and Guggenheim artists to rising stars - will be exhibiting their work in a silent art auction covering an entire factory floor at Industry City, a new innovation and manufacturing hub in Brooklyn. Come see art installations, buy amazing artwork at great prices, eat, drink and dance the night away! The music is a live collaboration between Enrique Iglesias drummer Gilmar Gomes and DJ J Nyce.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 FROM 6-10PM AT INDUSTRY CITY. ADULT-ONLY EVENT.

More details and tickets at <https://bkartspringevent.eventbrite.com>

SPACE IS LIMITED, SO GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY!

BRING YOUR TRUCK TO TOUCH-A-TRUCK: MAY 13TH

Touch-a-Truck returns on Saturday, May 13, noon-5pm, rain or shine

We have some pretty cool trucks rolling in — bucket truck, ambulances, smoker truck, fire truck(s), a refrigerated truck, small tractor, moving trucks, a vintage bus — but we could use more! How about a limo or a classic NYC taxi cab? Let's get creative. Please email Maria at fusilero.maria@gmail.com with your lead.

With our amazing sponsors, we are putting together an amazing day for you and your family with demos and activities during the event — Giocare sand play area; Americkick martial arts demos; Beansprouts face painting; Slope Pediatrics toddler rest area; and more fun provided by Textile Arts Center, CBE, Brooklyn Game Lab, and Brooklyn Robot Foundry. You can even book a play date – two free hours for you while Project Playdate takes your child to the trucks, bouncy houses and face painting! Book your play date here: <https://goo.gl/5tHigY>.

Wristbands are on sale now! Buy in advance at \$8 each. Price goes up to \$10 at the door. <http://ps295touchatruck.weebly.com/>. Bouncy house pass only \$15 ... for the whole day! Help us spread the word and share our website. Posters/postcards will be available in April.



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RUN FOR (not from) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It's what we're all thinking, but joking aside, our stellar programs and events don't happen magically. We have parents who make it look like they do in a "they don't just play one on TV" kind of way. It's a pretty fabulous PTA with a reputation to match and you're invited to become a part of the team that leads it. But wait, there's more!

- There isn't a better way to know what's happening in our school.
- Tap into a network – meet other parents, build rapport and discuss issues on your mind.
- Put your skills and hobbies to use for a noble cause – your child and the kids in our community.
- Be a part of the solution – by getting involved at your child's school, you are helping make positive changes and will play an important role by supporting building improvements through advocacy and in fundraising for curriculum-based programs and social events.
- Be a role model – you are demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

We know you're out there and we're looking at you. Please email or come talk to Maria or Manolo if you are interested in the following positions for the 2017-2018 school year.

- Co-President – need one for a two-year term
The other co-president position filled by Tamara for one more year.
- Co-Secretary – need two for staggered terms, one-year and two-year
- Co-Treasurer – need two for staggered terms, one-year and two-year
- VP Development & Programs – need one for a two-year term
- VP Events – need one for a two-year term
- VP Parent Engagement – filled by Rebecca for one more year

EC / SLT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Maria – fusilero.maria@gmail.com

Manolo – manoloceli@mac.com

EC ELECTION TIMELINE

Nominations Close May 9

Voting is on May 23 at the PTA meeting

BURNING BRIGHT POETRY SUBMISSIONS due APRIL 1

The annual PS 295 journal of student creativity is now in production! As always, every student at the school will be represented in the book, and every student will receive a free copy. Like last year, this year's edition will include a piece of artwork for every child, as well as optional poetry for those who choose to submit it. If you'd like to include a poem written by your child in Burning Bright, send it in to your teacher by April 1, 2016, or email it directly to Ms. Shen at pshenribeiro@yahoo.com. Poems may be handwritten or typed, and again—they're optional.

LIBRARY OPEN AFTER SCHOOL

The library is open after school Tuesday afternoons from 2:40-4:00 pm. Fourth- and fifth-graders are welcome without an adult if they have a signed permission slip on file. They can sign up on Fridays to reserve a spot (limited to up to 25 students). Students from earlier grades are welcome to visit the library at this time with an adult.



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