



PS 295 Thursday News Bulletin



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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

- November 22-23 – Thanksgiving Recess
- December 24-January 1 – Winter Recess
- January 21 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- February 5 – Lunar New Year

IMPORTANT DATES

- November 28 – 4th grade assembly 8:30AM
- November 30 – Cupcake Friday
- December 3 – Picture Retake Day
- December 4 – Open House 9AM
- December 4 – 1/2-111 trip to Apple Store Williamsburg
- December 4 – Pre-K B104 trip to Tiny Scientist
- December 5 – Bagel Bits 8AM
- December 5 – Pre-K B103 trip to Tiny Scientist
- December 6-7 – Holiday Bazar
- December 6 – 4-102 trip to Wyckoff House
- December 7 – 4-208 trip to Wyckoff House
- December 7 – Family Fun Friday 6PM
- December 11 – EC meeting 8:30AM
- December 11 – SLT meeting 4PM
- December 18 – PTA meeting 8:30AM
- December 19 – Open House 9AM
- December 21 – Cupcake Friday
- January 2 – School resumes
- January 7 – Pre-K B103 trip to Tiny Scientist
- January 8 – Pre-K B104 trip to Tiny Scientist
- January 8 – Open House 9AM
- January 9 – Bagel Bits 8AM
- January 15 – EC meeting 8:30AM
- January 17 – Lice Check

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

On behalf of the PTA we would like to wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are so thankful to be a part of this generous and caring community. In just the last several weeks, we have witnessed your generosity through the Halloween costume giveaways, coat drive, Book Fair free book table and food drive. This is a community that cares and really tries to celebrate and embrace our diversity. Many classes are celebrating the Thanksgiving season with diversity breakfasts and lunches. Celebrating in the way PS 295 does best—with delicious food!

We have always felt that this school is a true community that cares a lot about the children in the building, but also about the families that surround the children. We feel that our job as the PTA is to try and foster this sense of community and we are hopeful that you feel this same sense of community that we do. This Thanksgiving, we say: "We are thankful for PS 295, its children and its families."

Co-Presidents - Maria Fusilero and Katrina Motch

SHOUT OUT to Ms. Oh + Ms. Montoya for setting up classes to teach English as a New Language to families and community members of our school; to all the garden volunteers (big and small) who helped winterizing the school garden last Saturday; and to Karen Smith (mom to Charlie in room 111) for organizing our annual book fair last week. We know the time and effort involved, and you volunteered your time after school, over the weekend and even on your birthday!

Our Annual Book Fair made \$6785 gross — 30% of that will go to the school. Thank you! We also appreciate the donations of gently used books that made it possible for every student take home a book and the purchase of gift certificates toward your child's classroom library. Thank you volunteers: Helen Xiromerities, Ai Li Cheung, Elvira Vida, Maria Fusilero, Kasey Gordon, Alison Dorfman, Yuna Weiss, Lauren Weber, Rebecca Miller, Laura Lutchman, Hilla Katki, Jennifer DeCarli, Rebeeca Stein, Lyle Kenney, Julia Parshall, Maria Tenaglia, Nancy Garcia-Ruffin, Kathleen Iverson, Katrina Motch, Allie Rex, Brian LaRossa, Ellen Cerniglia, Ms. Amaro, Sergio Borrero, Adel Almathil, Charlie + Talal, Ms. Mazza and pre-k parents who came to help book shop.

20/20 WAYS TO KICK OFF THE GIVING SEASON

#GIVINGTUESDAY – Make a one-time donation or ask about corporate matching

Our 20/20 campaign is going strong and we thank you for your continued support that helps pay for music and dance programs, wellness and gardening initiatives and many other programs vital to our children's health and learning. 20 hours a year or 20 dollars a month — every amount of time and money counts!

On #GivingTuesday, November 27, we join a global movement to kick off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. Remember PS 295 in any of your end of year giving plans.

Many large companies offer Corporate Matching programs — ask your employer if they do and you can often double your donation.

You can go to www.bit.ly/GiveToPTA (the URL is case sensitive) to make a one-time Annual Giving donation or set up recurring payments. Checks are also welcomed! Please make payable to PS 295 Parent Teacher Association.

Parent Group: PS295PTA@groups.io

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PS295>



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PURCHASE SCHOOL PHOTOS – by November 28

Paper proofs from Picture Day went home on Friday, November 9th. Many more pictures of your child will be available online. Visit shop.stompinggroundphoto.com to view the proofs. Login is PS295 + First 4 letters of Child's First Name + First 4 letters of Child's Last Name (e.g. Victoria Jones - PS295VictJone)

Don't forget to order by November 28th for free shipping to PS 295. Check out the à la Carte menu for single prints at \$10 each, or the personalized Gifts Items just in time for the holidays.

If your child was absent or you are unhappy with the pictures, you can sign up for retake day on December 3rd. Photos from retake day will be available in January. Picture Day is a small fundraiser for the school, so please order generously.

BAKE FOR CUPCAKE FRIDAY – November 30

Are you a freak for sweets? Your Cupcake Friday Queens certainly are and while we know what the doctors and nutritionists say about sugar intake, our research shows that sweets are nutritious ... for your soul. Don't forget to bake, donate and buy cupcakes after school on Friday, November 30 — Bring your \$1s we will send you home with extra soul nutrition.

DONATE TO OUR ANNUAL COAT DRIVE – Now through December 3

Please bring GENTLY USED COATS now through December 3. Coats will be distributed to our families who request them, as supplies last. All others will be donated to the NY Cares Coat Drive. If you need a coat for yourself or your child, please see Sergio.

SELL OR BUY AT OUR HOLIDAY BAZAAR – December 6-7

Our annual holiday bazaar is a chance for PS 295 families to showcase handmade goods and shop for unique gifts at great prices! Get some holiday shopping done December 6-7 at drop off and pick up, and during Family Fun Friday, December 7.

- Sign up by November 30 to participate: <https://goo.gl/forms/8w5HSTINXRCAIClo2>
- To volunteer: http://bit.ly/volunteer_bazaar2018

VOLUNTEER TO DELIVER FOOD DRIVE BOXES – December 17

Ms. Carfora is in need of parent volunteers to deliver boxes from the food drive to St. Augustine's. If you have the time and a car, we need volunteers to begin loading boxes after drop off on Monday, December 17 and deliver to the pantry at St. Augustine's by 10am. Please contact Maria Fusilero at fusilero.maria@gmail.com if you can help.

SHOP AMAZON WISHLISTS

As you start your Holiday shopping on Amazon, please consider purchasing something from one of our classroom wishlists. Many of our teachers have created Amazon Wishlists with items they need for their classes or things that would enrich our children's educational experience. You can locate your teachers' wishlist next to their name on our staff website page: <http://www.ps295.org/staff/>

PHOTO DAY RETAKE OR MAKE UP REQUEST



Your child was absent or camera shy on Picture Day, or he or she could use a second take! SGP will be back on **Monday, December 3rd**.

Please have your child photo ready!

- To request a make up or retake, please complete this form and submit by the deadline.
- Provide an email — required so we can send you ordering instructions and unique login information to view your child’s photos online.
- Proofs for retakes can only be viewed online. No paper proofs will be distributed.
- Complete one form for each child. Portraits only; no class photo retakes.
- Please write clearly.

RETURN TO SERGIO OR YOUR TEACHER BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Student First Name: _____

Student Last Name: _____

Grade/Class: _____

Teacher(s): _____

Parent Email 1: _____

QUESTIONS? EMAIL:

Sergio at sborrero2@schools.nyc.gov

Katrina at kmotch@gmail.com



IF YOU CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS, BUY A TREE TO SUPPORT P.S. 295



If you are planning to purchase a Christmas tree this holiday season, Foley Firs is donating \$10 for every tree sold to our PTA. Just mention our school when you purchase your tree and sign the school's fundraiser list and our PTA will receive the donation.

Their tree stand is located on the corner of 8th Street and 8th Avenue in Park Slope. They offer **free delivery** and will gladly set the tree up, provided the tree stand is in place.

Pass this message along to family and friends (even if they do not have children in the school) and they too can purchase a tree towards our school. We can also strongly encourage spreading the word electronically by linking their website or Facebook page to your friends via social media.

Foley Firs will contribute a personal donation if there are more than 40 participants that mention our school. This donation is 50% of our total amount raised and it will double to the full amount of funds raised if we reach over 80 participants.

If you have any questions, please visit their website or send them an email.



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**\$10 Donation
for every tree sold**

Free Delivery!