



PS 295 Thursday News Bulletin



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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

- April 19-26 – Spring Recess
- May 27 – Memorial Day
- June 4 – Eid al-Fitr
- June 6 – Anniversary Day

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 4 – K-114 Music Share 8:30AM
- April 4 – Call for Nominations SLT + PTA
- April 5 – K-115 Music Share 8:30AM
- April 6 – Spring Fling Auction Celebration
- April 9 – EC meeting 8:30AM
- April 9 – SLT meeting 4PM
- April 9 – Science Fair 6PM
- April 10 – Bagel Bits
- April 10 – Pre-B104 Music Share 8:30AM
- April 10 – K-115 trip to Apple Store
- April 11 – Pre-B103 Music Share 8:30AM
- April 16 – PTA meeting 8:30AM
- April 17 – PS 295 Dance Share 8:45AM
- April 18 – K-115 trip to Brooklyn Botanical Garden
- April 18 – 5th Grade trip to BAM
- April 29 – School resumes
- April 29 – Lice Check
- May 1 & 2 – NYS Math Exams
- May 3 – 1st & 2nd Grade Music Share 8:30AM
- May 3 – Cupcake Friday
- May 3 – Family Fun Friday 6PM
- May 3 – SLT & PTA Nominations Close
- May 6-10 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 3 – 1st & 2nd Grade Music Share 8:30AM

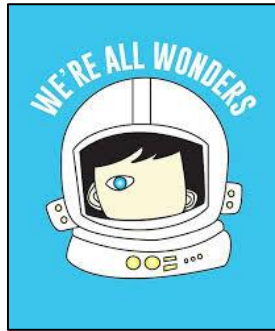
PLAN YOUR SPRING

- April 4 – Call for Nominations (EC & SLT)
 - April 6 – Spring Fling Auction Event
 - April 9 – 4th & 5th Grade Science Fair, 6-7pm
 - April 10 – Bagel Bits returns!
 - April 16 – PTA meeting at 8:30 am
 - April 17 – Dance Share, 8:45 am in the auditorium
 - April 19-26 – Spring Recess
- Please also look out for rescheduled Armory Days in April.

SHOUT OUT

Thank you to Alison Dorfman and everyone who bought PS 295 Merch for Spirit Week. We made \$850 for the PTA. And a Shout Out to all the parents who collected or donated items to the Spring auction! See them online at http://bit.ly/295_auction2019 or on display this Saturday at the Spring Fling.

BOOK OF THE MONTH



The book of the month for April is *We're All Wonders*. This picture book written by R.J. Palacio features the character Auggie from her popular bestselling book *Wonder*. This book reminds us that everyone wishes to be valued for who they truly are. This story invites the reader to look beneath the surface and to change the way we see one another. It asks us to celebrate the wonder in each of and every one of us. This book is a powerful tool to use with your child to discuss what strategies they can use when instances of bullying and exclusion occur for themselves or for a classmate.

CLASSROOM ROUND UP

Class 2-107: Ms. Higgins has created a Donors Choose project for a new rug for the 2nd Grade class she teaches with Ms. DiSpirito. Can you help them fund a new cozy space to learn? Link to donate: <http://bit.ly/cozyrug>

Calling all **4th and 5th graders!** PS295 is hosting their annual Science Fair April 9th 6-7PM, and a school share during the day of April 10th. This is a voluntary project that offers students an opportunity to engage independently in a hands-on scientific investigation. Individuality and uniqueness are encouraged! Parents, please remember to guide your child with their project, but allow them to do the majority of the work independently. All info has been distributed in Science class, and please feel free to reach out to Ms. Holland for any questions or support. Let ideas and curiosities spark creativity when creating your projects!

Correction: In the paper version of last week's Bulletin, we accidentally omitted that the Quilt Project was created by **last year's 1/2 Bridge Class** (2017-2018), and with the help of Ms. Namdar who was in integral part of this project. Apologies! Please be sure to check out the Quilt Project, displayed on the 1st floor hallway wall, during your next visit.



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SCHOOL SURVEY – NOW EXTENDED UNTIL APRIL 11

Don't miss your opportunity to provide our school with valuable feedback! Complete the NYC School Survey online at: nycschoolssurvey.org or by using the paper form that you got during parent-teacher conferences. The access code will be found on the paper survey or through the code lookup tool on the survey login page. There is one survey per family so please mark answers accordingly. These are so important to our school, so thanks for completing it!!

SPRING FLING AUCTION EVENT — There's lots to celebrate at our end of auction event on April 6th at The Old Stone House (336 3rd Street, near JJ Byrne playground) from 2-5pm. Select items will be on display, plus a **live auction of staff experiences**. Light Dinner + Open Bar included.

Purchase tickets here: bit.ly/295_springfling. Adults \$50, Kids \$10 or bring the Family \$75.

**Attendance is not required to win, with the exception of the live auction items.

See complete auction rules, available online. bit.ly/295_auctionrules2019

LAST CHANCE TO *PRE-BID* ON STAFF EXPERIENCES

Staff Experiences opened for pre-bidding this week and will close **Friday at 5pm**. Those at the live event will be able to outbid the closing online bid, but if they do not, your online bid will stand. This is great for those of you that want to bid on a staff experience but cannot attend the event on Saturday! Final bidding will take place at the LIVE auction at the event on Saturday.

Text "PS295" to 88793 to start bidding right away or log in at bit.ly/295_auction2019.

SPRING ELECTIONS

The nomination period for the PTA Executive Committee and School Leadership Team begins April 4! Nomination forms are available in the PTA mailbox or by email request to Sergio (sborrero@ps295.org) or the Nominations Committee: Yuna Weiss (apcyw1@gmail.com) and Jess Mabli (jessica.mabli@gmail.com). SLT nominations include a 200-word statement of intent. Nominations officially close May 3 and an election will be held at the PTA meeting on May 21.

Any parent or guardian that has a child currently enrolled in PS 295 and that will also be attending the school in the 2019-2020 school year may be nominated for any position on the Executive Committee and SLT. Staff members cannot be nominated.

EC Officers included in this election:

Co-Presidents

Co-Secretaries

Co-Treasurers

VP Development

**co officers must run together*

VP Communications

VP Parent Engagement

VP Programs

New Families Ambassador

School Leadership Team

There are two positions on the SLT for the 2019-20 school year. The SLT is an advisory committee consisting of equal numbers of parents and staff. The SLT meets monthly to discuss everything from approving the school's budget and business plan, to it's policies on homework and testing, to new opportunities for student enrichment. The SLT's membership includes the principal, UFT representative, PTA president (assigned if there are co-presidents), and additional members elected for two-year terms each spring.

The SLT election must take place after the EC election. If uncontested, we may vote after the EC election on May 21 at the PTA meeting. If ballots for SLT are required, they will be sent out in backpacks the week of May 28 and are due on May 31. Results will be announced June 3.



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PS 295 BENEFITS FROM TASTE OF FIFTH! GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

April 10th, 6:30pm @ The Grand Prospect Hall

Event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/566643780468375/>

Presented by the Park Slope 5th Ave BID, this annual foodie fundraiser features fabulous foods & drinks from local restaurants. Over 45 local restaurants & bars are scheduled to participate this year; you can enjoy savory dinner bites, delicious desserts & unlimited alcoholic beverages! To top it off, PS 295 makes money off your ticket! \$20 of each online \$60 ticket goes to the charity of your choice — so don't forget to write-in "PS 295" during the checkout questionnaire!

Tickets sell out fast, so get yours here: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4095710>

TOUCH-A-TRUCK ROLLING IN MAY 18 — TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

Come to experience the trucks, food trucks, bouncy houses and interactive art projects! We're also going to need lots of help to make this a fun, successful day so we'll be posting a sign-up for volunteers, as we get closer to the event. We'll be selling discounted tickets to PS 295's families the week of the event, but please spread the word that tickets are on sale now! People can get tickets and also check for updates here: ps295touchatruck.weebly.com
Thanks to all who have already been working behind the scenes to make this event happen!

BYLAWS

Our PTA Bylaws are getting a makeover and we need to approve them at our general PTA meeting April 16. Digital copies are available for review by emailing president@ps295.org.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

From helping with recess, to helping in a classroom or on a trip or at an event, volunteers do a lot of important work in our school and are crucial to making 295 the wonderful place it is! It's important as a volunteer that you understand your role and have knowledge about important guidelines to follow — this will allow you to have a positive and rewarding experience. We are looking to train all adult volunteers who come into the school or go on field trips. We will be offering regular trainings that will last no more than 20-30 minutes.

Please sign up here for a training: <https://bit.ly/2GNMONy>

Please email Ellen with any questions: ellengrayce@yahoo.com

The Weekly Bulletin is published every Thursday and distributed in your child's folder. It includes the latest school and PTA information — reports by Principal Mazza, reminders of important dates, PTA news and events, and more. A digital version is also sent to every member of the PS 295 PTA mail list, as well as posted on our website. Parent and student submissions welcome! Submissions due the Friday before publication, emailed to Maria Fusilero at fusilero.maria@gmail.com.

You can also keep in touch online — **Facebook, Parent Group, Instagram and YouTube.**

Feel free to send photos/videos of school events and performances that can be shared to vpparentengagement@ps295.org. Information you think would be of interest to fellow families (classes/events outside of school) can be shared on our members-only Parent Group directly at PS295PTA@groups.io.

Visit <http://www.ps295.org/easy-ways-to-support-ps-295/> to find easy fundraisers via **Amazon, Fairway, Classroom wish lists, Box Tops** and more.



Come join us for this year's **Science Fair!**
Tuesday April 9th 6-7PM

See our 4th and 5th grader's hard work and efforts in creating innovative projects and ideas. Come be a part of our great community!

¡Pase a ver la **Feria de Ciencias** de este año!
Martes 9 de abril de 6 a 7 p. m.

Vea todo el trabajo y los esfuerzos de los estudiantes de cuarto y quinto grado para crear ideas y proyectos innovadores.
¡Venga y forme parte de nuestra gran comunidad escolar!

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