

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*The Official Newsletter of The Neighborhood School
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WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK

MONDAY 9/23

Neighborhood Cafe

Coffee & Chat with Alice, Social Worker
8:30am in the small cafeteria

WEDNESDAY 9/25

Garden Committee Meeting
8:35am in the small cafeteria

LUNCH



MONDAY 9/23

Stuffed Shells in Marinara Sauce, Fresh Broccoli, Salad Bar: Garden Greens

TUESDAY 9/24

Peach BBQ Chicken Drumstick, Honey Corn Muffin, Roasted Carrots, Fruit Juice Ice, Salad Bar: Traditional

WEDNESDAY 9/25

Specialty Breakfast Sandwich, Home Fries, Chicken Caesar Salad, Salad Bar: Burger/Sandwich Fixin's

THURSDAY 9/26**Art Committee Meeting**

8:30am in the small cafeteria

Curriculum Night & PTA Mix and Mingle

5–7:30pm

FRIDAY 9/27**Sing and Bake Sale**

8:45am

Half Day: Dismissal at 11:45am**MONDAY 9/30 & TUESDAY 10/1****NO SCHOOL: Rosh Hashana****THURSDAY 9/26**

Vegetarian Chili & Rice, Jamaican Beef Patty,
 Roasted Zucchini, Apples, Chicken Caesar
 Salad, Salad Bar: Taco Bar Featuring Roasted
 Tomato Salsa

FRIDAY 9/27

Pizza (Assorted Toppings), Green Garden
 Salad, Salad Bar: Pizza Toppings Featuring
 Cold Chickpea Salad



CURRICULUM NIGHT

This is an exciting opportunity to learn about your child's curriculum for the year and to meet other families in your child's class. Pre-K through 1st grade families will meet in the classrooms from 5–6pm and then will meet with out-of-classroom teachers and support staff in the library from 6–6:30pm (Science, Spanish, PE). 2nd through 5th grade families will meet in the library from 5:30–6pm and in the classrooms from 6–7pm.

The PTA will host a "Mix and Mingle" for families in the front courtyard from 5:30–7:30pm.

Childcare will be provided for TNS students (sorry, no siblings).

CLASS PARENTS

Have you signed up to be a class parent? We want to get together! (Breakfast on us.) Email us! If your class doesn't have one yet, watcha waiting for? You can do this job without attending any meetings whatsoever and full time working parents can split this role between two people, so don't let that hinder you!

What does a class parent do?

- **Keep everyone informed** about school events
- **Encourage participation** in school events
- **Support the class teacher(s)** in organizing class events and trips
- **Coordinate teacher gifts** for the winter holiday break, and end-of-year
- **Manage an activity or booth** with your class at the Holiday Fair fundraising event
- **Build community** in the classroom and at TNS

How do class parents do this?

- **Sending weekly emails** that may include information about school events, calls for volunteers, school committee meetings, class trips
- **Face-to-face reminders**
- **Organize volunteer sign-up sheets** for class potlucks, class gifts, and school fundraisers. Here's a free online tool: [Sign-Up Genius](#).
- **Organize meet-ups for parents and children**, such as coffee after drop off, parents' nights out, potlucks in the classroom, etc.

If you are interested or if you have already signed up please email Joy Gabriel and Amy Sodaro, ptaparentengagement@tnsny.org.

PTA MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

We had a great crowd at the PTA General Meeting on Thursday and a few folks watching the first-ever live stream of a TNS PTA meeting. We discussed:

- The two primary purposes of the PTA -- building community and fundraising to support great programming at TNS.
- The proposed 2019 budget, which will be up for a vote at the Oct. 17 General PTA meeting.
- The need for us all to work together to make TNS the place it is, including by contributing time and money. Don't forget to visit <http://tnsny.org/docs/contribute> now and give what you can!
- And so much more!

Draft minutes are always posted on the TNS website soon after PTA meetings and then are approved at the next general meeting. Check <http://tnsny.org/docs/contribute> for the latest. We look forward to see everyone at the next meeting!

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READ-A-THON

Read-A-Thoners!

Please bring in your reading logs and/or contributions starting **Monday, September 23rd!** We'll be in the Lobby at Drop-Off (8:15-8:45AM) all week to collect Cash and Checks (made out to The Neighborhood School PTA with 2019 Read-a-thon in the memo line).

To contribute via PayPal (it's not too late to ask aunts, uncles, grandparents, colleagues!) click on the PayPal donate button at the bottom of this website page: www.tnsny.org/readathon. (Under Special Instructions, please write 2019 Read-a-thon: student name" so that we can track payments efficiently.)

Remember, every student that turns in a Reading Log and/or Donations will be entered into our drawing for prizes, and every \$ raised through the Read-a-thon goes to our PTA and helps support all sorts of good stuff!

See you on Monday!

Amy (Zazie) and Jill (Lincoln + Oscar)

To download a **READING LOG** and instructions for **GO FUND ME** campaign
CLICK HERE





Sam Larson, School Psychologist

I grew up in the greater Boston area, in a wonderful, small town Sharon, Massachusetts. I attended Yeshiva University and then Touro College where I received my MS and certification in school psychology. I love working with children and always have. Almost every summer since I was 16, I have taught chess to kids, individually and in camps. I love guitar, basketball, and fencing and I'm excited to join such a great community of parents, students, and educators and I look forward to a fantastic year. Room 212, sam@tnsny.org



The PTA is looking for Volunteers for the following programs:

BAKE SALE

Sing is Friday! Bring in some baked goods (store bought or homemade, we don't judge), or help sell treats during drop off or pick up. Marked items may be left in the PTA fridge on Thursday or brought to the table Friday morning (the earlier, the better). We especially need volunteers to help sell in the morning. Contact Tatiana at tatiana.prisco@gmail.com for further details.

SCHOOL TOURS

As is our school tradition, our prospective parent tours are led by our 5th graders, with accompaniment by current parents (from any grade). We could use a few extra parents to help

us with our school tours!

Tours will be held on Fridays from 8:45–10 and the first tour is October 5. You do not need to stay for the whole tour – even 30 minutes would help! For information or if you are interested contact Elinor: elinor.tatum@gmail.com.

LOW COMMITMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Put up the lobby calendar once per month.
- Create and share monthly What's Up flyer.

Contact ptaparentengagement@tnsny.org if you are interested!



We're on Instagram!
[@neighborhoodgram](https://www.instagram.com/neighborhoodgram)

TNS Facebook Group for current families only

In an effort to reduce email fatigue, we are trying something new (this handy dandy newsletter). Please submit announcements by Friday ptaparentengagement@tnsny.org

Of course, there are exceptions, don't sweat it!



Have a great week!
