

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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

TUESDAY 10/8

PTA Executive Meeting – 8:30am

Diversity Committee – 8:30am

Families Thriving Support Group

8:35 – 10:35am

WEDNESDAY 10/9

NO SCHOOL

YOM KIPPUR

LUNCH



MONDAY 10/7

Veggie Tacos

Mac-n-Cheese

Toasted Garlic Bread

Baked Broccoli

Salad Bar: Garden Greens

TUESDAY 10/8

Stewed Chicken Thighs

Rice & Beans

Sweet Plantains

Salad Bar: Taco Bar

WEDNESDAY 10/9

NO SCHOOL

THURSDAY 10/10

NY Beef Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers

THURSDAY 10/10

Diversity Committee: Drumming with Benito

Ifayemisi Marquez

3:30 – 4pm, Auditorium

Baked NY French Fries

Fresh NY Apples

Grab-n-Go Asian Sesame Chicken Salad

Salad Bar: Burger/Sandwich Fixin's

FRIDAY 10/11

Library Committee

8:30 in the Library

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Chicken Ranch Pizza

Green Garden Salad

Salad Bar: Pizza Toppings Featuring Cold

Chickpea Salad

HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP



The Halloween Costume Swap is off to a grand start!

If all you saw was an empty rack that's probably because little would-be Sofia the Firsts and Spider-Men snatched them up and ran off twirling and high fiving before we could even get them on the hangers.

It's realllly fun to watch the children see things they once loved but are all done playing with bring total joy to a friend's face.

You can play too!

Leave a costume – Take a costume.

You don't have to leave one to take one. In the lobby, all month long.



LIBRARY: SAVE THE DATE

Calling all book and library lovers! The first TNS–Star LIBRARY Committee meeting is scheduled for this **Friday, Oct. 11th** after drop-off in the library. Please join us!

Cheryl, our wonderful librarian, has organized not one, not two, but THREE upcoming library events so please MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

October 16

Vintage & Used Cookbook Sale

2–6pm in the Garden

in conjunction with World Food Day

Food donations will be collected for a local food pantry, details to follow.

October 18

Author: **Kyle Lukoff**

Books: [*When Aidan Became a Brother*](#) (Kyle will be reading this book during his class visit with K/1s); [*A Storytelling of Ravens*](#); and *Call Me Max* (to be released 10/15/19).

October 28 @ 6pm -- AUTHOR VISIT FOR ADULTS

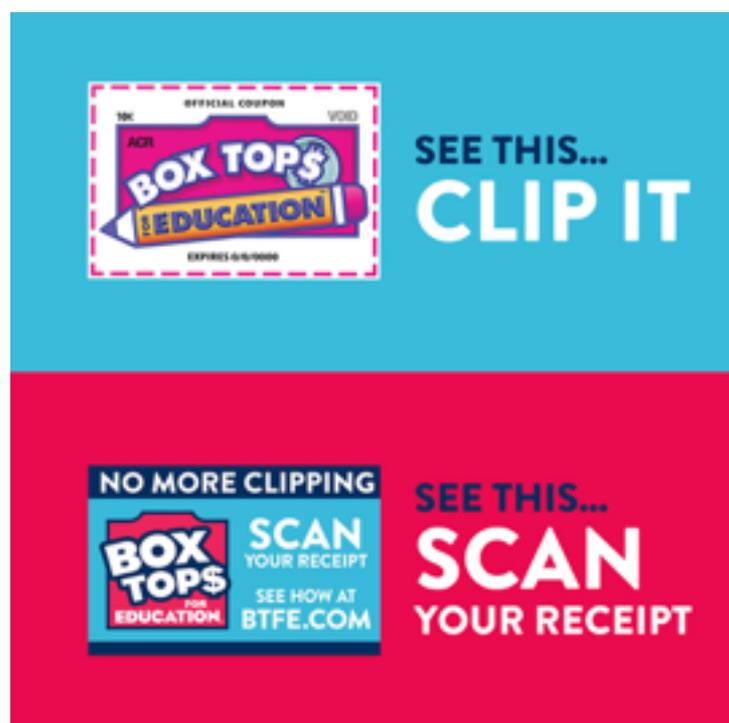
Author: **Maria Russo (co-written with Pamela Paul)**

Book: [How to Raise a Reader](#)

From two editors at *The New York Times*, the book is an indispensable guide to welcoming children--from babies to teens--to a lifelong love of reading. For this very special event, Maria Russo has agreed to speak to parents about reading and children.

We've partnered with McNally Jackson to sell the author books in advance with **20% of book sales back to the Library!** Books will be signed and available for pickup day of reading and there will also be a limited number for sale as well. To purchase, follow the links above.

BOX TOPS



Drop off clipped Box Tops in the lobby, in the collection envelope on the bulletin board near the sign-in sheets. **Deadline: October 24.**

The Box Tops program is transitioning to an online app (available for download [here](#)).

The decision whether to install and use the new app is a personal one. It does involve scanning store receipts. After some testing we've discovered that as long as the date/time, store name and Box Top eligible items are readable on your receipt, you're good (it's helpful to have a Sharpie for redacting information). We encourage you to take a look and decide if using the app works for you.

Clippings of unexpired "Box Tops" coupons will continue to be honored, and we'll keep sending them in.

List of participating products:

www.boxtops4education.com/Participating-Products-Page

FAMILIES THRIVING: POSITIVE PARENTING GROUP

We use an internationally-acclaimed approach called Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)

Triple P is an evidence-based model which means it's scientific - it's proven to help. In fact, Triple P has 30 years of research behind it and has worked for families in 25 countries around the world!

Triple P walks caregivers through their own Triple P workbook which contains a comprehensive curriculum of 17 different tools parents can use at home.

With Triple P we:

- help caregivers raise confident, healthy children and build strong family relationships
- treat caregivers as the experts of their own child(ren) and families
- teach caregivers tools to manage misbehavior and prevent problems in the first place

Session 1: Tuesday, October 8th - Positive Parenting

Session 2: Tuesday, October 15th- Helping children develop

Session 3: Tuesday, October 22nd- Managing misbehavior

Session 4: Tuesday, October 29th - Planning ahead (Putting it all together in routines)

Sessions 5-7: Weeks of November 4th, 11th and 18th at your convenience!

Individual telephone calls based on your schedule (20 mins each) individualize implementation

Graduation: November 26th - Keeping up with changes.

Contact Noemi Mora with questions or to sign up: nmora@schools.nyc.gov





NOEMI MORA, PARENT COORDINATOR

I know as parents, there are not enough hours in a day for all the things you want or need to accomplish. As parent coordinator, I am here to help. It's important that our families understand my role at our school and how I came to be your parent coordinator. I have an AA in Early Childhood Education, a BA in Human Resources, and employment experience in both schools and non-profits. I also have two children who are now adults, whom I largely raised as a single parent. At TNS, I wear many different hats. I coordinate meetings for parents and staff (and am always available to go with you to meetings), work with the staff to understand family concerns, and have a network of community resources that I connect families with.

Parents reach out to me with lots of questions. Here are a couple of important pieces of advice and of course if you have any questions please reach out to me.

- It's important that our students learn to advocate for themselves. When something happens that makes your child unhappy, encourage her/him to talk to the adults in the school.
- Teachers are always happy to talk with parents about their questions and concerns, but they are usually busy teaching your children during the school day! One of the best ways to communicate with your teacher is through email. Keep in mind, if you need more than a quick response then it's best to schedule a meeting.

One critical way for me to understand the needs of our families is by being present and making myself available to talk, catch up and listen. I'm in the Lobby from 8:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. for any parents who want to talk or just stop by and say hello and I can be reached by phone or in the office. Be well!



Do you have **10 minutes per month** and love a sense of accomplishment?

You are JUST the person to put up the calendar in the lobby!

Email your PELs: ptaparentengagement@tnsny.org

Do you have **1-4 hours** on Tuesday, **October 29** and/or Wednesday, **November 20** (aka retake day?)

Do you love seeing kids all dressed up for **Picture Day** and don't mind running up and down the stairs to get kids from class because you are super nostalgic and don't care who knows it?! (#mytribe) (and maybe a little bit want to see what recess did to their hair?)

Stay for an hour, stay the whole time, because the *crazy* thing about school picture day is that it doesn't work without YOU!

(Who designed this crazy system? #ShesGotAPlanForThat jk the PTA doesn't endorse any political candidates. Unless they personally help at picture day).

Email Olly to do your civic duty: ptaevents@tnsny.org



**STAY
CONNECTED!**

We're on Instagram!
@neighborhoodgram

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TNSNY>

TNS Facebook Group for current families only

You can view the livestream of PTA meetings on the FB Group page

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!
