

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK

MONDAY 10/14

NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY 10/15

Positive Parenting, 8:30am, Room TBA

Grants Committee, 8:30am

Building Committee, 11:45am-12:45pm

WEDNESDAY 10/16

LUNCH



MONDAY 10/14

NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY 10/15

NEW Peach BBQ Chicken Drumstick

Honey Corn Muffin

Slow Roasted Carrots

Salad Bar Traditional

WEDNESDAY 10/16

BRUNCH Specialty Breakfast Sandwich

Home Fries

Grab-n-Go Chicken Caesar Salad

Salad Bar Burger/Sandwich Fixin's

THURSDAY 10/17

Managing Your Child's Big Feelings, Room
TBA
Vintage Cookbook Sale, 2-5pm in Garden

THURSDAY 10/17

PTA General Meeting
& Budget Vote, 8 - 9:30am

Diversity Committee:

Gender & Family Project (Ackerman
Institute), 6-8pm

FRIDAY 10/18

Bake Sale & Sing, 8:45am, Recess Courtyard

Author Visit: Kyle Lukoff K/1

Parents may drop into Library at 12:30pm

Vegetarian Chili Served with Rice
Roasted Zucchini
Fresh New York Apples
Jamaican Beef Patty
Grab-n-Go Chicken Caesar Salad
Salad Bar Taco Bar Featuring Roasted
Tomato Salsa

FRIDAY 10/18

Pizza
Assorted Toppings
Green Garden Salad
Salad Bar Pizza Toppings Featuring Balsamic
Chickpea Salad



VINTAGE COOKBOOK SALE & LOBBY POP UP

The Library's BIG cookbook event is happening this **Wednesday, Oct. 16th** from 2pm to 6pm. Don't miss out! We'll have a great collection of vintage and gently used cookbooks, which may be just what you need to spice up your weekly menu. They will be priced to

move! We'll also have some snacks and baked goods for your browsing pleasure.

Also! Look out for a **mini Pop-Up book sale on Friday morning, Oct. 18th**, in advance of Kyle Lukoff's author visit to our K-1 classes. Buy a book, bring it home, and help bridge the learning from your child's classroom to your home! You can also purchase the book online [here](#) or Lukoff's earlier book [here](#).

20% of all books sales will come back to support the Library's programs, such as MORE author visits!

PARTICIPATORY FUNDING NEEDS YOUR HEART ASAP

Do you have FIVE SECONDS to click [this link](#) and push the **HEART** for a Tech Upgrade for our library? You don't need to live in the District to comment or vote (the fact you go to school in the District is an important connection!)

The Grants Committee has been hard at work and has submitted a proposal for capital funds from the New York City Council Participatory Budgeting Cycle 9 Process for a tech upgrade to McKinley Library.

This upgrade includes 120 Chromebooks (30 per classroom; set for library) @ \$355.26 ea = \$42,631, 4 security carts (1 per 4/5 classroom; 1 for library) \$1485 x 4 = 5,936, 32 iPads (for lower grades) – stored in library. \$308 x 30 = \$9,240, Updated projector/whiteboard in library: \$4,510 for a total of \$62,317.00.

We need people to "heart" and comment ASAP.

The link is here:

<http://ideas.pbnyc.org/place/607081>

ACKERMAN INSTITUTE GENDER & FAMILY PROJECT

Thursday 10/17, 6-8pm

The Gender & Family Project of the Ackerman Institute will facilitate a Gender 101 Workshop for families at TNS.

Childcare and Pizza will be provided for TNS children.

The Gender & Family Project empowers youth, families and communities by providing gender affirmative services, training and research.

More information [here](#)

BAKE SALE

The Bake Sale Committee sends lots of thanks for all your donations the past few weeks! We are off to a great start!

This week, please leave your donations labeled and pre-sliced in the PTA fridge by Thursday if at all possible. This will help make the morning sales less hectic and more organized. We are so grateful for every donation and, of course, will take it when we get it :)

VOTE ON THE PTA BUDGET

Voting to approve [this year's draft budget](#) will take place at the General PTA Meeting on Thursday, October 17th. (Click the link to view the draft budget)

This year, in order to make sure everyone who can vote has the opportunity to vote, the board has moved to commence "rolling" voting at 8am. Anyone who wants to can walk in anytime between 8a and 9:30a to cast their ballot.

As we discussed the budget in length at last month's meeting, we will forego discussion of the draft budget at the October meeting. If you have questions, comments, or concerns we have arranged to have board members in the lobby every morning through Thursday.

An amendment can be made to the budget at any time throughout the year. This vote will be a simple "yay or nay" as it's critical to have a working budget.

We look forward to your participation! #rockthevote

DYSLEXIA DISCUSSION

On Thursday October 24th, at 8:30 am, there will be a Dyslexia Discussion in the PTA room

TNS SPOTLIGHT



CHERYL WOLF, LIBRARIAN

My name is Cheryl and I am your school librarian. I support the children, staff, and families of both The Neighborhood School and Star Academy. I came to the McKinley School building in 2005 to help build a library program. At the time, the library was just a big empty space with no furniture and only a few books (we now have a collection of over 16,000 books and other materials). One of my main goals is to match kids to books and have everyone see themselves as a reader. When I'm not in the library, I like to knit and listen to audiobooks and podcasts (simultaneously!) and spend time with my family.

Some fun facts about the library:

- we have the largest collection of children's and family cookbooks in the NYC Department of Education's school library system
- Graphic novels are the most popular books in our collection (we have over 900 titles)
- the library is also a "makerspace" with sewing machines, looms for weaving, and supplies for knitting.
- We have "Family Library Times" every Wednesday when you can visit the library with your child/ren before school (8:00–8:25) and after pick-up (2:35–3:45).
- You (or your child) can recommend a book for our collection [here](#).

For news and updates, please follow the library on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/mckinleylibrary> and on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/mckinleylibrary/>

Lastly, our library depends on volunteers to keep it running smoothly. Please reach out to me at cheryl@tnsny.org if you are interested in being part of the library team.



Announcing one of the PTA's biggest and best events of the school year: **The Holiday Fair!**

Yes you read that correctly! Just like my Dad who fires up the Christmas Music before Trick or Treaters come knocking, we are deep into Holiday Mashups this week!

You don't have to don an ugly sweater or light up the menorah or worry about WHAT to get Aunt Linda this year (wine) or do anything EXCEPT for score a prime spot in our school's BIGGEST EVENT.

This TNS community celebration tradition, enjoyed by the entire neighborhood, features fun activities like **Car Derby, Box Maze, Make A Banner, Spa Corner, Maker-Fair, Claymation Station and a Book Fair.**

Set up: **Saturday, December 14**

Fair: **Sunday, December 15**

Volunteer for 1, 2, even 4(!!) hours. All the help is welcome and **Olly will fill your bag with extra treats.** WAIT, that's Halloween. It's in the Spirit of one of these Seasons.

Email Olly and Matthieu: ptaevents@tnsny.org before I beat you to it because I know what I want and I'm not afraid to throw an elbow like I've just eaten my weight in mashed potatoes! JK. We all know I've never been to Black Friday. Happy Thanksgiving! STILL GONNA GET MY CAR DERBY SPOT!

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



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!

If you shop at Amazon please visit smile.amazon.com to add PTA of the Neighborhood School

to your account. AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the PTA.



Fall is here
I can tell that we are gonna be friends
