

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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

MONDAY 10/28
Author Visit, Maria Russo
6pm Library

TUESDAY 10/29
PICTURE DAY!

Families Thriving, 8:35am

LUNCH



MONDAY 10/28

Veggie Tacos
(Veggies and Mexicali Beans, hard taco shell)
Mac&Cheese
Toasted garlic bread
Broccoli
Salad Bar – Garden Greens

TUESDAY 10/29

Chicken Tenders
Baked sweet potato waffle fries
Baked Tostitos Scoops Salsa cups
Salad Bar – Burger/Sandwich Fixins

WEDNESDAY 10/30

Burrito Bowl

WEDNESDAY 10/30
Arts Committee, 8:30–9am

THURSDAY 10/31
Halloween Party, 5:15–6:30pm
4th Street Courtyard (enter through school)

FRIDAY 11/1
Eco Committee, 8:30am

Advocacy Committee, 8:30am

Popcorn Friday @ Pickup

Confetti Corn
Salad Bar – Taco Bar

THURSDAY 10/31
Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers
Baked French Fries
Broccoli
Grab-n-Go Asian Sesame Chicken Salad
Salad Bar – Burger/Sandwich Fixins

FRIDAY 11/1
PIZZA
Vegetable Pizza
Green Garden Salad
Salad Bar Pizza Toppings Featuring Cold
Chickpea Salad

ARE YOU A MAKER?



Are you making something right now? Put down your knitting needles and clean all that camera gear out of the front hall (cough cough) because the Arts Committee needs YOU and your amazing musical / theatrical / construction / cartoon making skills!

The Arts Committee is collecting ideas for arts workshops for our kids! Do you or someone in your family/community have an art, skill or talent that can be shared?

Please fill out the workshop proposal form [here](#).

We're hoping to harness our school's fantastic artistic community to offer more opportunities for arts learning to stimulate our kids' creativity and growth. To find out more, please join the

next Arts Committee meeting this Wednesday, Oct. 30th from 8:30–9am.

HOW TO RAISE A READER

Don't forget to RSVP for a great author's visit TOMORROW, Monday, at 6pm in the McKinley Library: *HOW TO RAISE A READER* by Maria Russo, *The New York Times* *Childrens' Book Review Editor*. Following a brief presentation, Ms. Russo will be answering questions from parents about ways to encourage your child's habit of reading. Books will also be available for sale.

Childcare for TNS students is available with RSVP to mckinleylibrary@gmail.com

HALLOWEEN IS COMING BY – OH ME OH MY!

Neighborhood Halloween Party!

Thursday October 31, 2019

5.15 – 6.30 pm

4th Street Courtyard (Enter Through School)

Wear Your Costume

Themed Silent Disco! Photo Station! Ghoulish Games! Trick or Treating! And More!

All PK–5 Students and Families are welcome!

THE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL PRESENTS



ALL
PK-5
STUDENTS
AND
FAMILIES
ARE
WELCOME!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2018

5:15 - 6:30 PM

4TH STREET COURTYARD

AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL/STAR ACADEMY
121 EAST 3RD STREET - ENTER THROUGH SCHOOL

VOTE FOR MOVIE NIGHT!

Movie Night is Friday, November 8th.

We are holding a school wide vote to PICK THE MOVIE!

(If this goes anything like it does at our house, there will only be 15-20 rounds of runoff voting).

Stop by the PTA table (right by the sign in sheets) before or after school Monday-Wednesday to cast your vote for one of three choices: **Charlotte's Web**, **My Neighbor Totoro** or **Toy Story**.

This is a sample ballot. Certified ballots will be available at the PTA Table.

MOVIE NIGHT BALLOT

Friday, November 8th
The Neighborhood School



VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:

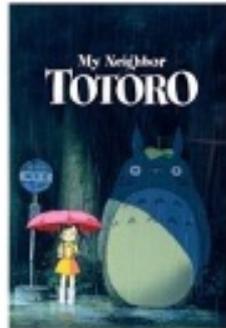
Make an X in the checkbox next to the movie of your choice. 
1 vote per ballot • 1 vote per student

NAME _____ CLASS _____



CHARLOTTE'S WEB
Common Sense says age 5+
G 2006 97 minutes

In this adaptation of E.B. White's 1952 classic book, barnyard animals are reluctant to befriend Wilbur, who's fated to be served up as the humans' Christmas dinner. But Wilbur is so sweet, curious, and affable that they're soon won over. And Charlotte, the spider who spins her webs in the barn doorway, decides to find a way to save Wilbur's life.



MY NEIGHBOR TOTORO
Common Sense says age 5+
G 1988 86 minutes

It's 1958 Japan, and 10-year-old Satsuki, 4-year-old Mei, and their father move to the countryside where their mother is hospitalized with a long-term illness. As they get settled into their new home, the girls discover there are magical creatures that inhabit their house and neighborhood. One day, the girls meet one who they call "Totoro," who introduces them to a magical soaring cat-bus. Totoro, who is "keeper of the forest," aids Satsuki and her father when Mei decides to walk to the hospital alone to present her mother with a fresh ear of corn.



TOY STORY
Common Sense says age 5+
G 1995 81 minutes

Toy Story follows the adventures of the toys who belong to a boy named Andy. His favorite is a sheriff from the Old West named Woody, who acts as the leader of the rest of Andy's toys. All is going well until Andy gets a very special birthday present: a toy spaceman named Buzz Lightyear. Woody gets jealous, and, in an effort to keep Andy from taking Buzz with him on an excursion, accidentally knocks Buzz out the window. Feeling very bad about what he's done, Woody follows, determined to bring Buzz back home to Andy before the family moves to its new house.



Have your child's latest art masterpiece turned into kitchen magnets, mugs, tote bags and most importantly...beverage huggers! Submit your order by November 8th to receive your orders by

December 12th.

Questions? Please contact ptaevents@tnsny.org

TNS SPOTLIGHT

This week, our Community Spotlight is Laura (mom of Amaya, 5th grade) and some thoughts she shared at Dynathe's Morning Hour where we discussed Progressive Education. As told to Joy Gabriel.

Going to meet Amaya's teacher was a new feeling. I walked away feeling happy. I felt heard for the first time. [The teacher] wrote down things that I felt were important. For the first time in Amaya's education she's in a classroom with a teacher who met with me and actually listened me.

I chatted with her about my daughter at the [Fall Family Celebration] and she said, "I really love her." I feel like the teacher is looking at who she is and admiring parts of her personality.

The teacher and Amaya both say they make contact throughout the day and communicate without saying things. I feel like I don't even get that as an adult!



In other schools, she has struggled in math and felt very stressed. Now she talks about doing "fun math" and is doing so well. She gets it. She doesn't feel she's not understanding it and is enjoying it. She's found her place.

She recently asked me if we could wake her up earlier. She enjoys seeing the sunrise. We walk to school holding hands and I just want to hold on to this moment forever. We have a casual, lovely morning instead of stress.

We ask her how her day at school was and she said, "You don't have to ask me that anymore because it's always good."



Would you like to get a head start on stress eating for next year's Election?

Please do your bit by helping the Bake Sale Committee with their **Election Day Bake Sale on Nov. 5th**. School is closed but the bake sale team will be working overtime selling coffee, treats, and cookbooks. Can you donate goodies or help sell items? There is no quid pro quo. Contact

tatiana.prisco@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY FAIR

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

Are you available for setting up the fair on Saturday December 14th and/or participating in the actual event on Sunday December 15th. Volunteering for 1 hour, 2 hours, or even 4 hours...all the help is welcome.

This TNS community celebration tradition, enjoyed by the entire neighborhood, features fun activities like Car Derby, Box Maze, Make A Banner, Spa Corner, Maker-Faire, Claymation station and a Book Fair. For information or if you have time/ideas/skills/or passions to contribute to the Holiday Fair, email

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

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

