

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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

**THURSDAY 11/28**

NO SCHOOL

**FRIDAY 11/29**

NO SCHOOL



## LUNCH

**MONDAY 11/25**

Stuffed Shells in Marinara Sauce  
Fresh Broccoli with Garlic & Oil  
Toasted Garlic Knot  
Salad Bar Garden Greens

**TUESDAY 11/26**

Peach BBQ Chicken Drumstick  
Honey Corn Muffin  
Slow Roasted Carrots  
Salad Bar Traditional

**WEDNESDAY 11/27**

Holiday Meal  
Hot Sliced Turkey with Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
New York Cookie Treat  
Salad Bar

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## THANKSGIVING PIE SALE



Baking not your thing? Overwhelmed with Holiday cooking? The Bake Sale Crew has your back... or better, your pies. On November 26th and 27th, stop by our cart and pick up a tasty, homebaked dessert. All proceeds fund the PTA. It's a win, win, really.



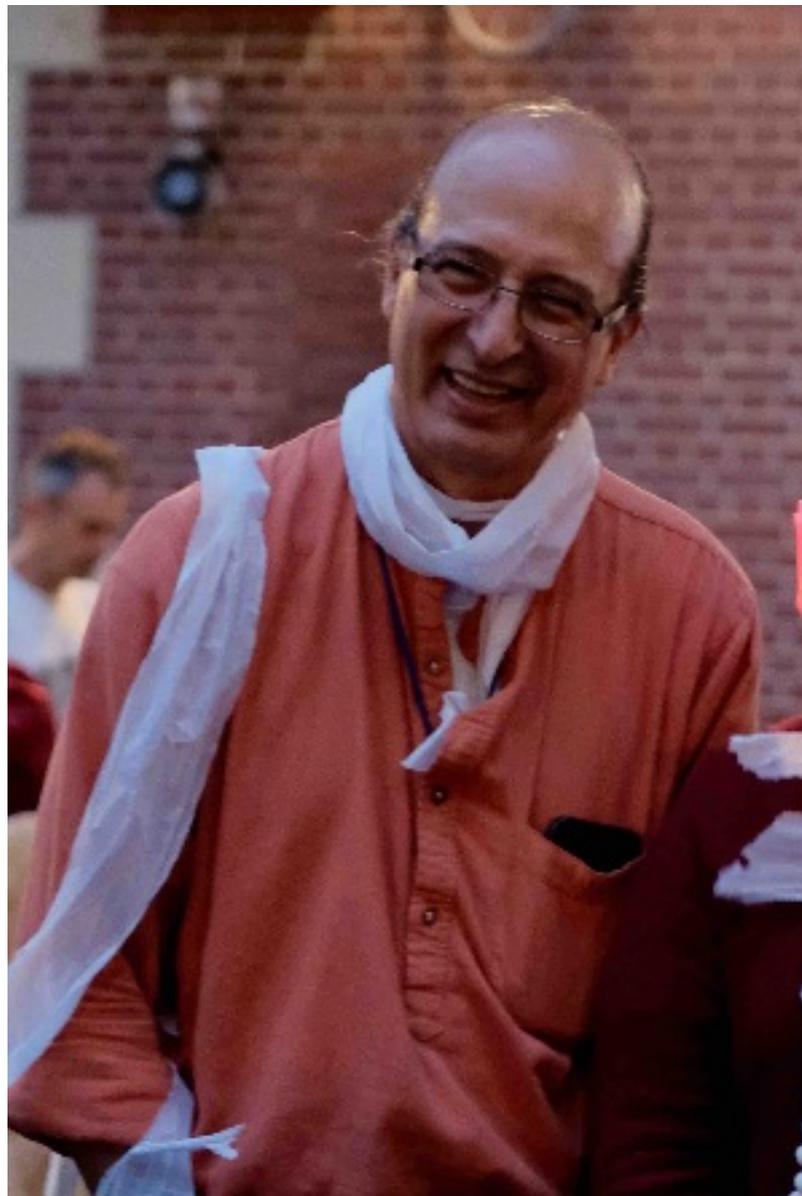
### To Do:

- Thanksgiving desserts
- Raise funds for the school

# SCHOOL PICTURE ORDER DEADLINE

Free Delivery ends in one week! Don't forget, orders placed on 12/02/2019 or later are subject to shipping and handling fees. For siblings, click each child's email to combine orders and check out once.

**Any questions?** E-mail [info@coolforschoolphoto.com](mailto:info@coolforschoolphoto.com) or contact Olly at [ptaevents@tnsny.org](mailto:ptaevents@tnsny.org)



*(Teddy, pictured at the Neighborhood Halloween Party, October 2019, where he volunteered to let the children wrap him in tissue paper as part of a Mummy race game).*

Hi, I'm Teddy Fernandez, your child's gym teacher. I've been here at The Neighborhood School since 1991. I have seen a lot of changes. The most prominent is the size of the school. When I first arrived at T.N.S., there were only 5 classes. Our oldest grade was second grade. They looked so big back then. The school then added 4 new grades over the next 4 years. This fourth year was exciting. We reached what we thought was full capacity of 9 classes (grades Pre-K through 6). Since then we grew to 13 classes and lost the sixth grade. What remained constant was, what I believe is our core value of keeping the best interest of the students at the center of all our decisions and working as a democratic and collaborative community of students, parents and teaching professionals.

One of the things I loved about becoming the physical education teacher at T.N.S. is that I was able to grow as a teacher and create a sound physical education program. The other thing is that I get to teach the children how to play cooperatively all day. Even though it's work, watching the children play together, resolve their conflicts and watch them grow is very rewarding. The challenge is finding ways to creatively have them talk to each other so that they find fair rules to participate in the game. This conversation, in my opinion, is key to undoing the misconception that competition and winning is the only thing. This misconception doesn't allow for failure and mistakes. Through multiple class discussions the children discover that making mistakes is how we learn. I love using the example of an infant learns to walk and eventually run by falling down a lot and a lot of encouragement.

The gym becomes a very dynamic place for the children. Not only do they get to play and get their "Ya Yas out," but they also get to experience being a healthy contributor to their community (their class). Since accidents do happen, they learn to take care of themselves and others as well. If someone falls and is hurt, they have learned to bring it to my attention and attend to the hurt child. It is important for children to know that if they are hurt that they are not alone. There is always someone who will take care of them and make them feel better. The focus is not why it happened, but rather how can we help and make the child who is hurt feel better and safe. This also extends to participating in class. Regardless of the child's skill level or experience, the child knows that they have the right to participate in the activity without being ridiculed.

Should you ever have a question, feel free to reach out to me in person or via my email, [Teddy@tnsny.org](mailto:Teddy@tnsny.org)



**We're on Instagram!**  
**@neighborhoodgram**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TNSNY>  
**TNS Facebook Group for current families only**

*View the livestream of PTA meetings on the FB page*

*All groups / pages are private*

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Winter is coming

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