

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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

### MONDAY 1/6

2/3 Farm Orientation, 5:30–6:30pm  
Library

### TUESDAY 1/7

PTA Exec Meeting, 8:30am

### THURSDAY 1/9

SLT Meeting, 8–9:30am

### FRIDAY 1/10

Ice Skating Trip (Erin, Wanda, Catlin,  
Shaniqua, Chelsea&Jane, Lindsey&Oli)

## LUNCH



### MONDAY 1/6

Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
Fresh Broccoli with Garlic & Oil  
Salad Bar Garden Greens

### TUESDAY 1/7

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

### WEDNESDAY 1/8

Mashed Potato Bowl  
Toasted Garlic Bread  
Grab-n-Go Chicken Caesar Salad  
Salad Bar Garden Greens

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

ART DAY, SAT 1/25

MOVIE NIGHT, FRI 1/31



**THURSDAY 1/9**

Jamaican Beef Patty OR Vegetarian Chili

Roasted Zucchini

New York Cookie Treat

Fresh New York Apples

Grab-n-Go Chicken Caesar Salad

Salad Bar New York Local

**FRIDAY 1/10**

Pizza

Assorted Toppings

Green Garden Salad

Salad Bar Pizza Toppings Featuring Balsamic

Chickpea Salad

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION: GRANTS COMMITTEE

Grants Committee is making a video about TNS! (for the website and to help with grants and donations, not Oscars, because priorities).

Do you have videos or photos of events, field trips, classroom happenings etc. they could use?

Please email Lisa [lbarnable@me.com](mailto:lbarnable@me.com) if you have any material to contribute!

## ECO COMMITTEE

We sent off 7 lbs of markers to Crayola ColorCycle! (<https://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx>)

Thanks for helping to clean up the planet! Keep up the good work by dropping your used markers, permanent pens and highlighters of ANY brand into the boxes located at the sign-in table, office, library or PTA room.

Do you happen to have a tree sitting around your apartment? Great News! Christmas trees can have a productive afterlife if you drop them at Mulchfest on or before Saturday, Jan 11th. There are drop-offs at parks all over the city and you can get a bag of great-smelling mulch too.

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/highlights/festivals/mulchfest>

## KILLING IT @ KINSHIP

Ok, so maybe "killing it" doesn't belong in the same sentence with kin BUT it's super exciting that we've raised over \$16,000 of our \$25,000 goal! Can I get a WAHOO?

In case you missed it, we extended our deadline to the end of JANUARY so you have a whole extra month to send the link to family and friends if you were lost in a fog of Holiday Cheer all December (or just lost in a fog, like me, because December).

If you have family or friends who love the magic recipe of YOUR kids + putting their money where it makes a measurable difference please share:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/kinship-campaign>

If you (or someone who loves your kids) has \$10 bucks a month to spare, please consider making an automatic monthly contribution: <http://tnsny.org/docs/contribute>

We are funding ALL THE ART and TA's and lice checks and I'm squinting and holding my breath because there's a chuck ton to fund and sometimes it seems like the whole world is falling apart but guuuuys....we are making it happen! xo

## AMAZON SMILE DONATIONS

Did you know our school gets free money when you shop on Amazon? Make your purchases through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and set your charity to the PTA of The Neighborhood School! Easy as that! So far this year, we have raised around \$100. I have a sneaky feeling there might be a few more bucks laying around out there for us if we click 'em! ;)



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SPOTLIGHT

During December's PTA Meeting, teachers took a moment to reflect on the amount of email correspondence they receive. Everyone agrees it's important to communicate about the health and well being of our children. We also want to ensure teachers are using their over-scheduled time wisely.

On that note (and in the spirit of brushing up on our best habits for the New Year) here are a few tips:

### **Try answering basic questions yourself, first.**

If you have a quick question about a class event or procedure (when is the ice skating trip again?) do a quick search of your own email to see if you can find the answer. If not, reach out to a friend or your Class Parent to see if they can help! They are a wonderful resource for questions about snack calendars, forms, etc. For general PTA questions, contact [ptaparentengagement@tnsny.org](mailto:ptaparentengagement@tnsny.org)

### **Allow Time for a Response**

Teachers have many other job responsibilities (apart from their clear joy in life: teaching our delightful children all day!) Don't expect an immediate response. Please give teachers and staff 48hours to respond to an email. If you have a change in dismissal, call the main office at [212.387.0195](tel:212.387.0195) and someone will ensure the message is delivered to the classroom.

### **Be Aware of Emotions**

If you have a complaint or are not happy about something, explain yourself calmly and ask if anything can be done (or to set up a meeting and discuss). You may be frustrated by a situation, but sending an angry email will not help. It is often helpful to speak in person, particularly since tone and intent can be misinterpreted in emails.

### **Stay Human**

In our communication with teachers, staff and each other, remember to Stay Human (as the NYTimes put it in their recent series covering [Online Manners](#)). "The most important thing is to keep in mind the guiding principles of all etiquette: care and consideration for other people." As the Times notes, "these days, simply being considerate can feel like a political act."



## ART DAY Saturday, Jan. 25th

Contact Amy at [apoueymirou@gmail.com](mailto:apoueymirou@gmail.com) and fill out this form [here](#). Haven't led a workshop for kids before? No worries! We can help with the formatting of the workshop to ensure it's a success!

## MOVIE NIGHT JANUARY 31

Please contact Amanda to volunteer [amandadora@riesman.com](mailto:amandadora@riesman.com)

PS The Lobby Calendar finally made some new friends! THANK YOU to our new helpers xo



### Instagram

[@neighborhoodgram](#)

### [TNS Facebook Group](#)

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

*View PTA meetings via livestream!*

*Our Facebook Group and Instagram Page is private and for current TNS families only*

### Public Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/TheNeighborhoodSchool/>

Please submit announcements by Thursday [ptaparentengagement@tnsny.org](mailto:ptaparentengagement@tnsny.org)



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