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

TUESDAY 1/28
Auction Committee, 8:30am

What Does Assessment Look Like at TNS? 8:30am

WEDNESDAY
PreK Non-Attendance Day

LUNCH

MONDAY 1/27
Stuffed Shells in Marinara Sauce
Fresh Broccoli with Garlic & Oil
Salad Bar Garden Greens

TUESDAY 1/28
Peach BBQ Chicken Drumstick
Honey Corn Muffin
Slow Roasted Carrots
Salad Bar Traditional
ADVOCACY MEETING
How do teachers and parents know how their kids are doing if they don't take tests?

On Tuesday morning, 28/1 after drop off, we will host an information session about what assessment looks like at TNS. Several of our teachers and Dyanthe will take some time out of
their busy day to talk about how they assess our children in both academic and other matters, especially in absence of State standardized testing. There will be opportunity to for you to ask questions. Please join us in the PTA room.

The Advocacy Committee is hosting this event in cooperation with our school.

The Advocacy Committee is an independent group of parents who have been especially focused on informing our community about New York State standardized tests. Over 200,000 children in the State opt out of these exams each year, as do the overwhelming majority of kids at TNS. Although, we feel there are important reasons to reject these tests, most parents want to understand how assessment happens when we don't use these particular State tests. This information session will be an opportunity to address this question.

Hope to see you there!

Peter, Father of Cordelia in Chelsea & Jane's and volunteer on the Advocacy Committee

AUCTION

It’s time to start planning our Spring Auction an evening fundraiser that’s sure to bring in much needed financial resources for our school that is also so much fun!

Save the Date: April 30th! (just 3 months away)
We'll have cocktails and food, music and dancing, and a chance to bid on exciting auction items – that we need YOUR help in securing! ;)

Please look to your own network and approach friends, relatives or business associates for donations to the auction. No amount is too small as items can be coupled together to create a larger auction prize. Examples of possible donations include local restaurants and shops, health and beauty products, experiences, tickets to events, services (yoga, acupuncture, tax prep!) designer merchandise, camps, artwork and more. If you or your child participates in a meaningful or enjoyable experience (dance class, martial arts, Lego classes, painting, sports, etc.), you may want to ask that business to donate to the auction. They might be more likely to donate as a way of thanking YOU for your patronage. Remember, the more items that the school community collects for the auction, the more money we can generate for our school! Consider donating your own goods and services to the auction.

We have attached a solicitation/appeal sample letter than you can put in your own words, as well as a Donation form. You don’t have to use the letter but it’s easy to customize it in your own words. All completed Donation forms should be dropped off in the auction cabinet located in the PTA Room, or you can email a copy to: events@tnsny.org or tns-2020auction@googlegroups.com

All donated items must be received by April 1st at the latest.

Don’t know how to help but want to get involved? Email us and we’ll assign you tasks – some of which you can do at your desk job (send emails to specific contacts), or late in the evening (are you good with Excel?). We’ll also need ticket sellers soon, day of event volunteers, set up and break down. There’s a lot to do but together as a community, we can get it all done.

Many thanks!
The Auction Committee

**MOVIE NIGHT**

Movie Night is Friday, January 31st. The vote was close, but Wall–E is the winner! The evening starts at 5:30pm with a screening of short animations (courtesy of Kim Howitt Seldman, mom of Everly and Hayes).
Food donated by local favorites One and One and Two Boots pizza, and of course our own amazing bake sale and popcorn teams.

We are still looking for parent volunteers to help make it all happen, you can sign up HERE or get in touch with Amanda at amandadora@riesman.com
NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

It's finally time! NYICFF 2020 is just around the corner and will be showcasing the best new films for ages 3–18. The Festival is packed full of fantastic film programs for your family this year and, even better, our school earns $3 back for every ticket you purchase!

Check out the Festival's wildly–popular and diverse short film programs: Short Films 1 (ages 5–10), ¡Hola NYICFF! Shorts in Spanish (ages 8+), NYICFF Rocks: Musical Shorts (all ages) and more!

Calling all animal lovers! Catch these Special Screenings of Disneynature’s Elephant and Dolphin Reef (all ages) for some big–screen nature thrills.

And if it’s animation that you love, get on board with The Prince’s Voyage (ages 7+) to see what happens when a monkey prince washes ashore in this adventurous and mesmerizing film.
To buy tickets and raise money for our school simply:

1. Go to nyicff.org/tickets
2. Select our school (PS 363 NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL) from the menu at the top of the page (IMPORTANT!!!!)
3. Purchase tickets

And just like that, for each ticket you purchase, $3 will be donated to our PTA!

We need loads of helpers with the Auction! Come to a meeting on Tuesday mornings! Coffee and pastries (and a warm happy glow from helping) always provided

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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/

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