

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*The Official Newsletter of The Neighborhood School  
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## LUNCH



### MONDAY 2/3

Cheesy Garlic Bread with Marinara Dipping  
Sauce  
Baked Broccoli  
Salad Bar Garden Greens

### TUESDAY 2/4

Mashed Potato Chicken Bowl  
Buttermilk Biscuit

## WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY 2/4

PTA Executive Committee Meeting, 8:30am  
Auction Committee Meeting, 8:30am

**WEDNESDAY 2/5**

Family Library Time, 8am

**THURSDAY 2/6**

School Leadership Team Meeting, 8am

**FRIDAY 2/7**

Eco Committee Meeting, 8:30am

Popcorn Friday!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Thursday 2/13**

Love Your Library Makers Space

2:45-4pm



Assorted Grab-n-Go Salads

Salad Bar Traditional Featuring Cilantro

Healthy Coleslaw

**WEDNESDAY 2/5**

Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers Served on

Ciabatta Bread

Turkey Burgers

Baked French Fries

Grab-n-Go Chicken Caesar Salad

Salad Bar Burger/Sandwich Fixin's Featuring

Carrot Snacker's

**THURSDAY 2/6**

Chicken Dumplings

Vegetable Rice

Teriyaki Green Beans

Fresh New York Apples

Assorted Grab-n-Go Salads

Salad Bar New York Local

**FRIDAY 2/7**

Pizza

Assorted Toppings

Green Garden Salad

Salad Bar Pizza Toppings Featuring

Chickpea Salad

Did you already click [this link](#) and push this [HEART](#) for a Tech Upgrade for our school? What are you waiting for? The deadline is fast approaching and the proposal for a library upgrade (details below) needs ALL THE LOVE it can get! Send it to your coworkers and neighbors. Just one click!

The NYC City Council Participatory Budget Cycle 9 proposal includes: tech 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 if ya can.

Click it!

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

## LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

Monday Feb 10–February 14 is LOVE YOUR LIBRARY, RETURN YOUR BOOKS week!

(We have over 400 overdue items eep) Look under your bed, comb through your shelves and LOVE YOUR LIBRARY by returning those books! Of course, the library loves you back so every book you return during Valentines week will get ya a little treat :)

Bring your book and your library love on Thursday, February 11 for a special Makers Day!

From 2:45–4pm we're making Valentines and bookmarks! There will be treats and friends.

## AUCTION

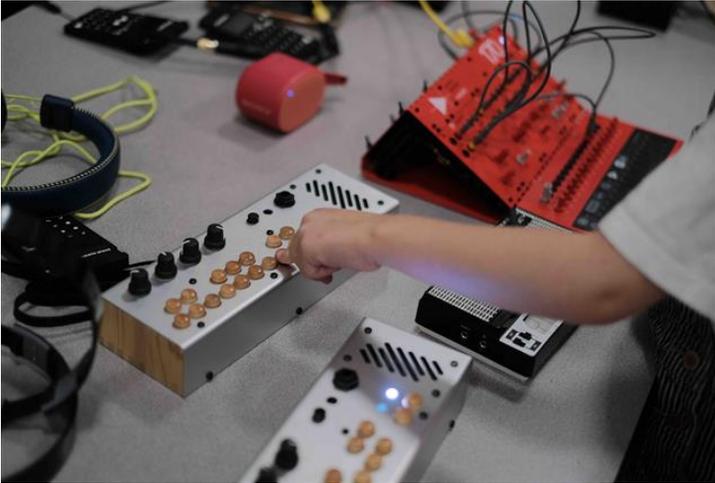


The Auction Committee needs your help! As you may know TNS's Spring Auction is our most important fundraiser. The Auction is a fun evening out for grown ups, with cocktails, food, music, dancing and the auction, which raises money for all the important things the PTA funds like arts, additional teachers in K-1 classes, professional development for staff, and much, much more!

Right now the Auction Committee needs help securing donations for the auction, such as gift certificates for local restaurants and shops, health and beauty products, experiences, tickets to events, services (yoga, acupuncture, tax prep!), designer merchandise, camps, artwork and more. Much of this can be done on your own time from the comfort of your own home!

For more information, come to an Auction Committee meetings (Tuesdays after drop off -- pastries and coffee provided!) or email Zoe [zoe.venezio@gmail.com](mailto:zoe.venezio@gmail.com) or Akeela [artgig@gmail.com](mailto:artgig@gmail.com) for more info and details.

## ART DAY WRAP UP



Hello all,

Just wanted to send a big THANK YOU to the TNS community for making the first ever Art Day such a success. Kids were happy, parents/teachers/admin were generous and supportive, and the ability of the arts to inspire and feed our children's growth was hopefully felt by all.

In the end, we had a roster of 17 workshops offering a wide range of hands-on artmaking

experiences--from dance, clay, music, and drawing, to origami, weaving, printmaking, and writing.

The 8x10ART show was so impressive--with 32 art works donated and on display. In spite of the bad weather and the flu, which I know forced a lot of families to stay at home, almost half of these art works were snatched up, raising nearly \$900.

The bake sale/food table spread was phenomenal! Homemade spanikopita and pigs in the blanket (Indira!), two kinds of mac-and-cheese (Ginger!), Sigmund's delicious pretzels (Lina!), that chocolate cake (Tatiana!) and all the rest! Thank you all TNS bakers & cooks!!

We also organized a great raffle for ART DAY with great support from Diana Shapiro and Ginger Harper with prizes were intended to help families sustain their engagement with the arts!





Art Day could not have happened without these wonderful people:

\* **Olly Keane!** He showed up at 9am to help me with set-up and left with the last of us after clean-up. We're so lucky to have him as our VP of Events/Fundraising.

\* **Jessica Stander!** Is she on the Arts Committee? No. Did her kids attend Art Day? No--they just weren't into it. Did she volunteer and work the food table from 11 to 4 nonetheless? YES. She's just a very good person.

\* **Matt Gold!** Another good person, who just stepped in wherever help was needed. He was one of the last ones to leave as well after a very long day.

\* **Joy and Joe Gabriel.** They worked check-in for hours and still were some of the nicest people to be around.

\* **Simon Robins** stepped in when we needed help unpacking the rummage sale, and stuck around hawking our wares for half the day. **Adriana Hammond** helped unpack and organize the rummage sale as well.

\* **Valerie Hammond**, our wonderful Studio in a School teaching artist, who not only contributed art works herself (and who recruited her daughter who is a TNS alum and others to also donate works), but who came early Saturday to help curate the 8x10ART show. **Avra Fox-Lerner** showed up early to help too.

\* Our wonderful workshop parent-teachers! **Eric Azcuy, Juan Pablo Baene, Avra Fox-Lerner, Danny Glover, Josh Millis, Karen Oh, Elke Rindfleisch, Lisa Scott, Jesse Seldess, David Stadler, and Rob Taube.**

\* **Rob Taube and Yoon Choi!** The talented members of the TNS house band who performed as a duet for the 8x10ART show.

\* **Raquel Rosario** and **Steffie Kinglake** were indispensable for their insight and suggestions when brainstorming around this event. They also helped in the recruitment of the workshop facilitators.

\* **Diana Shapiro** in addition to pulling together most of the raffle also recruited two of the local arts organizations--RESOBOX (origami) and Galli Theater--to lead workshops for our kids.

\* Finally, the entire **Arts Committee** helped shape and refine every aspect of the event through their intelligent counsel and creative ideas. Thanks to Diana, Steffie, Avra, Shannon, Travis, Adriana, Ginger, Raquel, Sarah, Joy, Amanda and our faculty liaison, Alexis.

I'm sure I'm missing even more people who stepped up in ways that I missed, so thank you to everyone else. And if you've read this far, congratulations, and don't miss out on the next bit of fun--the Spring Auction is just around the corner on April 30th!

Warmly,

# NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL



With NYICFF 2020 kicking off on Feb 21st, now's the time to get your tickets to see the best new films for ages 3–18. Check out this year's [trailer](#) for a peak at what's to come!

Whether you're an animation aficionado, a budding activist, music maven, wildlife enthusiast or history buff, NYICFF has something for you. Plus, 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), [Short Films 2](#) (ages 8–14), [Friends & Neighbors: Japan](#) (ages 9+), [NYICFF Rocks: Musical Shorts](#) (all ages) and [more!](#)

Moomins are back! You can catch their newest capers and get a look at the latest goings-on in [Moominvalley](#) (ages 5+).

If it's an adventure that you crave, then [Hilda](#) (ages 5+) is your girl! She's clever, kind, witty—and rocks a pair of red boots like nobody's business. Hilda is back, rescuing elves, dodging trolls, and exploring Trolberg's strange history and stranger personalities.

To buy tickets and raise money for our school simply:

1. Go to [nycff.org/tickets](https://nycff.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!



The Library needs [helpers](#)! Do you have a few minutes after drop off or before pick up to help out? (Don't be scared, someone will show you how to do everything and it's the coziest little spot in school). Sign up [HERE](#)

Can you send a few emails for the Auction Committee? Come to a meeting on Tuesday mornings! Or email Zoe to help [zoe.venezio@gmail.com](mailto:zoe.venezio@gmail.com)



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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