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# THIS WEEK!

at MNS

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## At A GLANCE...

- October 23 Community Forum: *Pesticides and Our Children's Health* at MNS (7 PM)
- October 26 PTA General Meeting (7:45 AM)
- October 27 4th and 5th Grade Halloween Dance (6:30-8 PM)
- November 1-3 Halloween Candy Drop Off (at drop off)
- November 4 Third Annual International Festival (3-5 PM)
- November 5 Daylight Saving Time ends

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## THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23

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### COMMUNITY FORUM AT MNS

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The MNS Community is invited to the community forum: ***Pesticides and Our Children's Health*** at the MNS Cafe this **Monday, October 23 at 7 p.m.** Welcome notes by Principal Doreen Esposito, video featuring K-203 students & families at City Hall, and panel discussion by: Councilman Ben Kallos, Sarah Evans, PhD, Jay Feldman from Beyond

Pesticides, K-203 parents, and Paula Rogovin, K-203 teacher. Please invite friends, neighbors, and co-workers (Adults only). See the [flyer](#) and [MNS outreach](#) for more details.

## PTA GENERAL MEETING

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The next General PTA Meeting will take place on **Thursday, October 26** at **7:45 a.m.** in the MNS Cafe. Come hear about ongoing initiatives and activities within the PTA. General PTA Meetings are also open forums to ask questions. All parents and teachers are automatically part of the PTA, and **all are strongly encouraged to attend.** Hope to see you there!

## HALLOWEEN DANCE

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Calling all our **4th and 5th Grade** Ghouls and Goblins -- it's time to do the Monster Mash at our annual PS 290 Halloween Dance on **Friday, October 27** from **6:30-8:00 p.m.!** Dress in costume for a night of fun, food & dancing! Drop-off only unless your child has severe allergies. Cost is **\$20** via [Neon](#) until **Wednesday, October 25.** **\$25 at the door!** Please return your permission slips ASAP! Questions, please contact your 4th Grade Delegates at [fourthgradedelegates@mnspta.org](mailto:fourthgradedelegates@mnspta.org).

**KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THESE EVENTS  
THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 30**

**HALLOWEEN CANDY DROP OFF**

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Bring your excess Halloween candy to drop off **Wednesday, November 1** through **Friday, November 3** and the PTA's MNS Cares committee will donate it to Freedom House, a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Click [here](#) for flyer.

**THIRD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

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Celebrate the array of diverse nationalities that make up the MNS community at the International Festival, **Saturday, November 4 from 3 to 5 p.m.**, hosted by the PTA's Global Committee. Enjoy food, music, art, games and more from dozens of countries around the world. **Tickets are \$10 for Adult, \$5 for kids (kids under 2 are free) in advance** using [Neon](#) or **\$10 (kids and adults) at the door**. With each ticket you get a chance to win the International Basket! Don't miss out on this special event!

## ALSO HAPPENING...

thank you!

**THANK YOU** to our MNS community for participating in the Third Grade bake sale last week! **\$1,759** was raised for the MNS PTA from student purchases in the "store"! Many thanks to the Third Grade delegates: Emily Brafman, Janice Horowitz and Sarah O'Malley for organizing, and to third grade families for donating baked goods and funds.

## HELP NEEDED!

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**SchoolStore** INTERESTED IN clothing, marketing and supporting MNS? Volunteer at the MNS School Store! please email [schoolstore@mnspta.org](mailto:schoolstore@mnspta.org) if you would like to join our efforts.



**ARE YOU** in the construction profession, a builder or a handyman and interested in volunteering time for MNS? If so, please contact [info@mnspta.org](mailto:info@mnspta.org).

## FIRST ANNUAL MANHATTAN NEW SCHOOL NBA OUTING!

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Come see the **New York Knicks vs. Toronto Raptors** at the first MNS school-wide outing to **Madison Square Garden** on **Sunday, March 11 at 1:00 p.m.** Tickets are **\$70 each (if purchased by December 15)** and **\$75 thereafter**. Seats are located in sections 208 and 209. Tickets are first-come, first-serve basis and include **an exclusive experience to watch the team's pre-game warm up** from 11:00-11:45 a.m. Purchase tickets via [Neon](#). Space is limited!

## 2018 MNS AUCTION GALA LOGO

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Calling all MNS students! Please submit a logo entry relating to this year's auction theme: **MNS SCHOOL OF ROCK**. The logo should celebrate music appreciation and convey how students express themselves through music. **Entries are due by Monday, November 6** and can be hand-drawn or computer generated. Entries should include the student's name and classroom. Please backpack entries (Attn: Auction Gala Committee) or email to: [auctiongala@mnspta.org](mailto:auctiongala@mnspta.org). **Logo entry is completely voluntary**. The winning logo, selected by Doreen, will be featured in all auction communications and will be incorporated at the auction gala in April.

## VERIFY YOUR NEON ACCOUNT

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Please verify that your NEON account information is correct. The Neon system can be accessed from the MNS PTA home page at [www.mnspta.org](http://www.mnspta.org). *Please Note:* Neon is used for sending out email blasts from the PTA, so make sure your contact information is correct and your child's grade/class is updated for the current school year. Click [here](#) for instructions how to login/create your Neon account and to check its accuracy. To add a child or edit information, go to "my profile" on the right-hand side.

## BOX TOPS REMINDER

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Don't forget to clip and send your Box Tops to school to [earn](#) money for PS290! **Classes are rewarded for their collections**, so please send your Box Tops in a baggie labeled with your child's teacher/class number and how many box tops you have collected **by October 23**. Thank you for your support!