
THIS WEEK!

at MNS

At A GLANCE...

November 14-16	Book Fair
November 14	SLT Meeting (7:30 AM) MNS Fitness Night with Michael
Wed, Nov. 15	Pre-K Fitness Night sponsored by Camp Settoga (6-7 PM)
November 16	Parent-teacher conferences - half day (11:30 AM dismissal)
November 17	2nd grade event night (6:30-8 PM)
November 20	Bake sale
November 23-24	Thanksgiving Break - School is closed.
November 24	Fall Online Auction begins!
November 27	Raffle Ticket Sales begin at drop/off
November 29	General PTA meeting includes Annual Safety Meeting (7:15 PM)

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13

FALL BOOK FAIR AT MNS



Come choose from a wonderful selection of books at the Fall book fair on **Tuesday, November 14** and **Wednesday, November 15** during school hours, and from 2-7p.m. on **Thursday, November 16** during conferences. Don't forget to backpack money for the book fair in an envelope marked "Book Fair" so your child can shop with the class! **Visit with your child's class or any time** and do your holiday shopping! And don't forget to **donate to the teacher's wish list** through [Neon](#)! We really need volunteers to set up on Monday afternoon and clean up on Friday. Please sign up [here](#) to help.

SLT MEETING



The MNS School Leadership Team meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 14 at 7:30 a.m.** in the Teacher Lounge on the second floor. If you would like to address the SLT with a comment or concern, please submit your request in writing one week prior to the meeting to Robyn Marquis and Jamie Kushner at slt@ps290.org, and every effort will be made to accommodate your request. Email comments are also welcome. All are invited to attend. Please note: the SLT does not address specific questions pertaining to individual students or their classroom experiences. To learn more about the MNS SLT Team click [here](#).

FITNESS NIGHT WITH MICHAEL

Please join Michael in an evening of fun-filled exercise and games with your child on **Tuesday, November 14**. We will be playing jump rope games, basketball activities and obstacle course races. **Parent participation and sneakers are required**. The cost is **\$15 per child in advance** through [Neon](#) or **\$20 at the door**. Siblings are welcome (including MNS graduates)! Please email Michael with any questions at mmiller@ps290.org or Fitness Night Parent Coordinators Amna and Felicity at fitnessnight@mnspta.org.



5:45-6:35 p.m. Kindergarten and First Grade

6:40-7:30 p.m. Second and Third Grade

7:35-8:25 p.m. Fourth and Fifth Grade

PRE-K FITNESS NIGHT

Pre-K Fitness Night **sponsored by Camp Settoga** will be held at MNS on **Wednesday, November 15 from 6-7 p.m.** All Pre-K students and their parents are invited to an evening of fun-filled exercise and sports games: Gaga, Golf and Yoga. Registration is **\$15 per child in advance** through [Neon](#) and **\$20 in cash/check/credit card at the door**. Siblings are welcome! Please email info@mnspta.org with any questions.

HALF DAY FOR PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES



School is dismissed at **11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 16** for parent-teacher conferences. PTA-sponsored babysitting in the cafe for MNS students only will be available between 1-8 p.m. during your Parent Teacher conference.

ART SHOW

Our art teacher, Pamela Saturday and Damaris Rosen have displayed the beautiful work of our students from K-5 around the building. Please stop by before or after your conferences to see the hard work the children have been creating in the Art Studio!

Cafe: Kindergarten's hand made clay beaded necklaces, First Grade's colorful paper sculptures, and Second Grade's Super Hero self portraits on the walls.

Auditorium (and hallway): Third Grade's Super Hero self-portraits and Fourth and Fifth Grade's Art history drawings based on the Old Masters.

SECOND GRADE EVENT NIGHT



All second graders are welcome to attend the **Brian McGovern magic and comedy show** at school from **6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m** on **Friday, November 17** (drop off from 6:20 p.m.). **Please backpack your signed permission slip by Wednesday, November 15.** Tickets are **\$25 in advance** or **\$30 at the door**. Pizza included in the price. You can pay by cash, check or [Neon](#). If you are interested in chaperoning, please contact the Second Grade delegates at secondgradedelegates@mnspta.org.

**KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THESE EVENTS
THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20**

BAKE SALE



Bake sale sponsored by Fourth Grade is happening on **Monday, Nov 20!** Remember to send money in an envelope/ziplock bag marked "BAKE SALE" for your child to shop with. Allergy-free packaged food and a variety of non-food items (such as personalized MNS Folders/ Notebooks/ Pencils), will also be available for sale. Prices range from \$.50 up to \$5.

THANKSGIVING BREAK



School is closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on **Thursday, November 23** and **Friday, November 24.**

FALL ONLINE AUCTION AND RAFFLES



The Online Auction begins on **Friday, November 24** and ends on **Friday, December 1.** Keep an eye out for amazing holiday gifts including sports classes, spa packages, camp packages and many other finds! Please look out for a blast with the link to the Fall Online Auction.

Many thanks to all of you who donated to fund our Raffles Prizes this year! We raised \$2,745 and will be unveiling the fabulous fall prizes this week via backpack. Raffle tickets will also be sold the week of Nov. 27-Dec. 1 outside of school during drop-off/pick-up. Good luck to all!!

ALSO HAPPENING...

thank you!

THANK YOU to the MNS community for attending the International Festival last Saturday! **Over 350 people** attended and **\$2,771** was raised for the MNS PTA! Thank you to all the parents who brought their countries' traditions and delicious food and helped make it such a successful event, and to the International Festival co-chairs: Barbara Rocha Beck and Liz de Mello for organizing such a wonderful event.

THANK YOU to Photo Day co-chairs: Jeanette Rosner and Amit Pasman for organizing this year's Photo Day and to Barry Ardizzone, Allison Katz and other parents who helped make it smooth and successful. Remember to **order your photos by November 20 so a percentage can go back to the school!**

THANK YOU to the Fundraising Team: Allison Poster Katz, Stacey Spannedo and Adrienne Samuel for organizing MNS Spirit Day at D&B. **\$688** was raised for the MNS PTA!

THANK YOU to MNS Cares Co-Chairs: Becky Kipnis, Rachel Justus, Amit Pasman and Faith Silberstein, for collecting candy at the annual Candy Drop-off. **Four large garbage-size bags full of candy** were collected and distributed to Freedom House, a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

MNS SCHOOL STORE

SchoolStore The MNS Winter 2017 line is **HERE!** Look for order forms being backpacked home this week or download the form [here](#). **The deadline to order is Nov 29.** More details soon on which dates a table will be set up at drop-off/pick-up so you can come check out the different colors & sizes. Orders can be backpacked in with payment in a **sealed envelope labeled "School Store"**.

GENERAL PTA MEETING



The next General PTA Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, November 29** at **7:15 p.m.** in the MNS Cafe. November's General PTA meeting will include the **annual presentation by the School Safety Committee**, open to all parents in the school. Protocols and evacuation policy will be discussed, and parents will have an opportunity to discuss any safety concerns. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Babysitting will be available for \$5 per MNS child.

FIRST ANNUAL MNS OUTING TO MSG



Get them while they last: there are **fewer than 20 tickets left** to the first **MNS outing to Madison Square Garden to see the Knicks** play the Raptors on **Sunday, March 11 at 1:00 p.m.!** While our **exclusive fan experience is sold out**, please join us for a fun afternoon at the game cheering on the Knicks with other MNS families. Tickets are **\$70 each (if purchased by December 15)** and **\$75 thereafter**. Purchase your tickets via [Neon](#). Questions? Contact Robyn Marquis at basketballgame@mnspta.org.

DOE ANNOUNCEMENTS

G&T ADMISSIONS

Parent can sign up to test for Gifted & Talented (G&T) programs by **Monday, November 13!** All NYC residents in pre-K-2nd grade can take the test. Sign up [Online](#) or in person, at your child's current public school or at a [Family Welcome Center](#). For more information click [here](#).

BIG APPLE AWARDS

Celebrate **an outstanding teacher in your community** by nominating them for the sixth annual Big Apple Awards. [Nominate a teacher](#) by **November 27**. A Big Apple Awards nomination is a great way to say "thank you" to an exceptional NYC teacher. To learn more click [here](#).