
THIS WEEK!

at MNS

At A Glance...

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- December 11 Lunch Club Begins
- December 12 SLT Meeting (7:30 AM)
Kindergarten Winter Concert (8:45 AM)
- December 13 First Grade Winter Concert (8:45 AM)
Parent/Child Wingspan Workshop for Grades 3-5 (6-7 PM)
Wahlburger's Fundraiser
- December 14 Second Grade Winter Concert (8:45 AM)
- December 16 Educational Light Chess Tournament
- December 18 Third Grade Winter Concert (8:45 AM)
- December 19 Fourth Grade Winter Concert (8:45 AM)
General PTA Meeting (7:15 PM)
- December 20 Fifth Grade Winter Concert (8:45 AM)
- Dec 25 - Jan 1 Winter Recess - School is closed

Friendly Reminders...

- Collect your **Fall Online Auction winnings** at Drop-Off on December 13/14.
- Donate a toy to a child in need. The **MNS Cares Holiday Toy Drive** continues!
- Order your **Photo Day photos** by December 20!
- Last chance to [buy your Knicks tickets](#) to the **first MNS outing to MSG** before prices go up on December 15!
- Save the date! **PreK Carnival Playtime by Gate Hill Day Camp** on Saturday, January 6 followed by **Gaga Madness for K-5**.

THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11

LUNCH CLUB



Lunch Club begins tomorrow, **Monday, December 11**. On your child's assigned day(s), please remind him/her that they have lunch club. The suggested donation is \$20 per club. Donations can be backpacked in a sealed envelope addressed to "Lunch Club". Cash or checks made out to "MNS PTA" are accepted or you can donate through [Neon](#).

WINTER CONCERTS

Join us at Winter Concerts, an annual MNS tradition where you can hear the results of your child's hard work in Music class all semester long. Concerts will be held at **8:45 a.m.** in the fourth floor Auditorium on the following days:



Kindergarten: Tuesday, December 12

First Grade: Wednesday, December 13

Second Grade: Thursday, December 14

SLT MEETING



The MNS School Leadership Team meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 12 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.

GRADES 3-5 PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOP ON WINGSPAN ARTS THEATRE PROGRAM



The Parent/Child Wingspan Workshop for Grades 3-5 will take place on **Wednesday, December 13, from 6 to 7 p.m.** The topic of this workshop is the PTA-sponsored Wingspan program. Our MNS Wingspan Instructor, Jono will work with families in helping you experience Wingspan for yourself! To help us prepare for this unique and fun event, please sign up online at this [link](#). For more information on the MNS partnership with Wingspan, please click [here](#).

WAHLBURGER FUNDRAISER



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*One Family, Our Story,
Our Burgers*

Mark your calendars for **December 13, From 4 to 11 p.m.** Show your PS 290 flyer when placing your order and 15% will go back to the school. Flyer to follow. *Are you a 3-5 grade parent attending the Wingspan event at school with your child? Make the evening even more fun by grabbing a bite to eat before or after!*

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Educational Light, the PTA's vendor for the Third Grade Chess Enrichment Program and After-School Program, will host a Chess Tournament on **Saturday, December 16**. This immersive chess experience gives students an opportunity for in depth analysis of their games by one of Educational Light's Chess Masters, Tactical Training and "Best Move Challenges". Please click [here](#) for more information on the tournament. Educational Light has generously agreed to give PS290 students \$10 off the registration fee using the coupon code!

**KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THESE EVENTS
THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18**

WINTER CONCERTS

Winter Concerts for the upper grades will be held the week of December 18. Concerts will be held at **8:45 a.m.** in the fourth floor Auditorium on the following days:



Third Grade: Monday, December 18

Fourth Grade: Tuesday, December 19

Fifth Grade: Wednesday, December 20

GENERAL PTA MEETING



The next General PTA Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, December 19 at 7:15 p.m.** in the MNS Cafe. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Babysitting will be available for \$5 per MNS child.

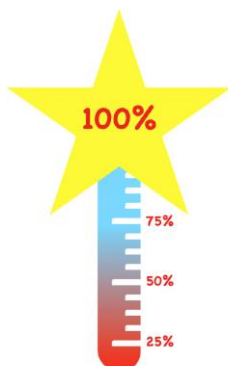
ALSO HAPPENING...

thank you!

THANK YOU to the 1st grade delegates: Shama Ahuja, Stephanie Hazelkorn and Eleanor Walsh for organizing a fun and successful animation night! **59 first graders** participated and **\$1,129** was raised for the MNS PTA! Special thank you to First-grade parent and Production Designer at Blue

Sky Studios/20th Century Fox, Michael Knapp for revealing his tricks of the trade and showing how animated movies are made!

ANNUAL APPEAL



Only 3 more weeks to get your Annual Appeal donation in before year end! All donations are 100% tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION IS AT: 36.5%
PERCENT OF OUR TOTAL \$ GOAL RAISED: 54%
TOTAL GOAL: \$375,000

GOAL IS TO RAISE AN ADDITIONAL \$175,000 TO MAINTAIN SERVICES/SUPPORT STAFF NEXT YEAR. Please click [here](#) to see where your donation goes.

DONATE [HERE](#).

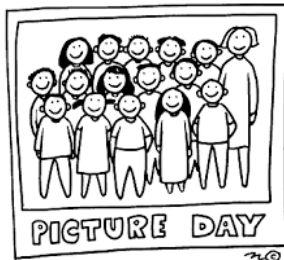
MNS CARES HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE



Support the Winter Wonderland celebration for disadvantaged, special needs NYC students. PS 290 is again partnering with P369K to support their winter

celebration this year. For more information click [here](#). **Please make a gift donation via their [Amazon wishlist](#), (generated specifically for PS 290).** Thank you!

PLACE YOUR PHOTO DAY ORDERS!



THE DEADLINE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER is December 20. Follow the instructions on your proof sheets to order your packages online. Everyone should receive a Class Group Photo within the next 2 weeks. Contact photoday@mnspta.org with any questions.

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Parents interested in tickets to **the Radio City Christmas Spectacular** can receive a **discount rate** of up to 25 percent off the ticket prices by clicking on this [link](#) and entering the code "CHERNOW". Thank you MNS parent leader Robyn Marquis for sharing this offer from her MSG contact with the MNS community!

SAVE THE DATE!



PreK carnival playtime fun on Saturday, January 6 at school, hosted by Gate Hill Day Camp. Enjoy games, bounce castle, gaga, art projects, camp fun and more! \$25 per family IN ADVANCE. \$30 per family AT THE DOOR. All profits go to MNS! [RSVP online](#) by **January 3**.

Also Save the Date for a special **Gaga Madness event for grades K-5** at school on **Saturday, January 6**. Gate Hill Day Camp brings GAGA to MNS! Healthy competition, sportsmanship and teamwork are the core of this fun-filled and exciting activity. Gate Hill brings the inflatable pit and the coaches. Your kids provide the excitement!! More details coming soon.

DOE/NYC ANNOUNCEMENTS

KINDERGARTEN ADMISSION

Admission to Kindergarten is now in progress! NYC families of children born in 2013 can apply to Kindergarten until January 12, 2018. Click on this [link](#) for more information.