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# THIS WEEK!

at MNS

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## AT A GLANCE...

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March 15 Parent-Teacher Conferences - 11:30 AM dismissal

There will be NO AFTERSCHOOL

March 16 Lunch Club ends

March 20 SLT Meeting (7:30 AM)

March 22 Funky Jazz Presentation (6:30 PM)

March 23 Second Grade Improv/Theater Night (6:30 PM)

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

- **March 15** is the last day to [purchase reduced priced tickets](#) to the **MNS School of Rock Gala & Auction**, which will take place on **Saturday, April 14** from 6:30 - 10 p.m. Please solicit donations for the auction using [this donation request form](#). **The top 3 classes to get donations will win the opportunity to 1) Pie Steve in the Face 2) Pajama Day 3) Funny Hair Day.**
- [Donate to the Annual Appeal!](#) Funds raised by mid-April will determine what programs the PTA can support next year. See details below.

**THE WEEK OF MARCH 12**

## PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES

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School is dismissed at **11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 15** 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. Please stop by the main office to meet our new Parent Coordinator, Pavel Paulino De Soto!

There will be NO AFTERSCHOOL on March 15. Afterschool will resume on Friday, March 16.

**KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THESE EVENTS  
THE WEEK OF MARCH 19**

## SLT MEETING

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The MNS School Leadership Team meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 20 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](mailto: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.

## FUNKY JAZZ PRESENTATION

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Please join us for a special presentation of the Funky Jazz lunch club routines on **Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 pm** in the auditorium. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the door or in advance through [Neon](#) by **Tuesday, March 20**.

## SECOND GRADE IMPROV/THEATRE NIGHT

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Please join fellow second graders for a high-energy, 100%-fun performance on **Friday, March 23 from 6:30-8:00 pm**. Talented professional performers will present a series of original characters, stories, skits, songs and dances based on suggestions from the audience. Our second graders will help create an original action-packed comedy show on the spot that is entertaining and unique for children. **Tickets are \$25 in advance** (through [Neon](#)) or **\$30 at door**. Dinner is included.

### ALSO HAPPENING...

thank you!

THANK YOU to Lunch Club organizers Leah Bodziony, Stacy Ostow and Grace Osei for orchestrating a fun and engaging Lunch Club. Thank you also to all the volunteers who headed weekly lunch club classes and contributed so much of their time and energy: Parent volunteers: Deborah Cohen, Michele Collette, Lauren Posner, Barri Ardizzone, Aryn Ozdemir, Barbara Beck, Susan Sonstein, Alison Male, Gillian Sarnier, Yuko Codner and Noriko Mitsumori; former parent Christina Villani; and volunteer instructors Nancy Liu ([www.nancypiano.com](http://www.nancypiano.com)) and Zac McKenna. Lunch club ends March 16.

THANK YOU to parents who donated books for Project Cicero, to the Project Cicero co-chairs Becky Dorwin-Kipnis and Barbra Goodman, and to volunteers who helped pack the books. Our school collected 32 boxes full of books for a great cause!

THANK YOU to Camp Set toga ([campsettoga.org](http://campsettoga.org)) for sponsoring clementine snacks for our after-school program students this week!!

## THE MNS SCHOOL OF ROCK GALA & AUCTION

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The **2018 School of Rock Auction & Gala** is coming up on **Saturday, April 14** and it will be fabulous - food, drinks, DJ, photo booth and more! Take advantage of the lower prices and **buy your tickets now**. Ticket prices are \$70 through 3/15, \$80 between 3/16 and 4/14 and \$90 at the door (purchase tickets [here](#)). **Please visit [this page](#) to sign up for a volunteer slot for the day/night of the gala and please help us secure more donations, especially for experiences** (hotel stays, sports, concert or premiere tickets, backstage passes, and more!). Please use [this donation request form](#). **The top 3 classes to get donations will win the opportunity to 1) Pie Steve in the Face 2) Pajama Day 3) Funny Hair Day.**

## MNS PTA SPRING BASEBALL GAME

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Please join the MNS PTA at Citi Field on **Monday, May 21** at 7:10 p.m. to see the New York Mets take on the Miami Marlins. All those attending will enjoy Baseline Silver seats and access to the Caesars, Acela and Promenade Clubs. **Regular tickets are \$35** or **“Catch on the Field” tickets are \$45** and let you go on the big league field after the game to have a catch for 20 minutes!! **(MNS only has 100 of the “Catch” tickets, which will be distributed to the first 100 to register.)** To **Buy your tickets, click [here](#)**. Let's Go Mets!!

## ANNUAL APPEAL

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Thank you to all the parents who have enabled us to be at 67% of our \$ donation goal for the 2017-2018 school year! **We need to raise another \$123,000 to hit our goal of \$375,000. If just 103 families more families contribute the suggested donation of \$1200 we will reach our goal!** Budget season is fast approaching and funds raised between now and mid-April will determine what programs the PTA can support next year, including:

- Instructional TA's
- Wingspan
- Lice Checks and much more

We are at **42% of our family participation** goal of 100%. Please consider donating today - no amount is too small! Click [here](#) to donate via Neon or backpack a check to MNS PTA with your child's name in an envelope addressed to Annual Appeal. Also don't forget many companies have generous matching gift programs (email [matchinggifts@mnspta.org](mailto:matchinggifts@mnspta.org)).

## VACANCY NOTICE: PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD RECORDING SECRETARY

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Are you able to attend the monthly Executive Board and General PTA meetings and have good writing skills? Now is your chance to contribute by communicating to fellow parents and teachers what took place at the PTA meetings and help to set the agenda! The MNS PTA is conducting an expedited election for a recording secretary **on March 28 at 7:15pm** in the cafeteria. Nominations (including self-nominations) will be taken from the floor at the meeting and the election will directly follow the nomination process. This is a wonderful opportunity to sample what it is like to be on the Executive Board as the term ends on June 30th 2018. Please email [info@mnspta.org](mailto:info@mnspta.org) for more information. All parents are eligible to hold office, unless they are an employee of the school. All parents and teachers are eligible to vote in the election unless they are supervisory staff.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Interested in MNS elections and want to help the MNS community in a limited capacity? Join the **Nominating Committee** which seeks out nominations of candidates for all offices and conducts the election process. We are currently forming the Nominating Committee which conducts the May elections. Please email [info@mnspta.org](mailto:info@mnspta.org) by **March 19** if you would like to join the committee! Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible to run for officer positions and may not be employed at MNS.

## APRIL SPRING BREAK CAMP AT PS290

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Looking for a camp option for your child over the April Spring Break? Benswic Sports is offering a **camp at PS290 from April 2-6!** If you would like to build on your child's sports-specific skill set or simply want to keep your child active and have fun in the process, Benswic Multi-Sports & Strength and Conditioning Spring Break camp includes a variety of sports such as soccer, basketball, baseball, flag football, dodgeball, kickball, capture the flag, floor hockey, and many other sports, games and a fitness program. The all-day camp is for children ages 6-11 with all ability levels. Register now because spots are limited and Benswic is donating 30% back to the PTA for all MNS families who register through this link <http://benswic.com/services/vacation-camp/spring->

[break/](#). Note in case of insufficient registration, Benswic reserves the right to cancel any program 2 weeks before it begins and this program is not affiliated with MNS or MNS PTA.

## NYC/DOE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2018 SCHOOL WELLNESS CAMPAIGN CONTEST

K – 12 New York City public school students have the opportunity to create a campaign or public service announcement (PSA) about a school health or wellness issue they care about, and win prizes! Think about an image, slogan, logo, song, or message they would like to see on a poster, bumper-sticker, campaign button, subway ad, TV or social media campaign, tee shirt, or... Download this [flyer](#) for more information. Submission deadline: **Monday, March 19**. To enter, download the [elementary \(K-5\)](#) entry form for each student and follow instructions in the [contest guidelines](#). For more information, contact [wellness@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:wellness@schools.nyc.gov).

### COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETING

The next Community Education Council (CEC) District 2 meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 21 at 6:30pm** at PS 111, 440 West 53rd Street. The CEC District 2 is the local group responsible for ensuring that public school parents and the interested public give input to the educational decision making at the district level. The CEC acts as the liaison between the public and the DOE. **The March 21 meeting will consider a resolution to Eliminate Attendance and Lateness from Middle School Admissions Rubrics. Click [here](#) for copy of Resolution.** If you would like to learn more about the CEC District 2, please visit their website at: [www.cecd2.net](http://www.cecd2.net).