
THIS WEEK!

at MNS

AT A GLANCE...

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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)
March 26	Bake Sale
	K-5 Fitness Night
March 26 - 28	MNS Cares Food Drive
March 28	PTA Executive Board Meeting (6 PM)
	PTA General Meeting (7:15 PM)
March 30- April 6	Spring Recess - School is closed
	Sign up for April Spring Break Camp! Details below.

THE WEEK OF MARCH 19

MNS SCHOOL STORE



GET READY FOR APRIL SHOWERS with our PS 290 UMBRELLA FUNDRAISER...

taking **orders** for **ONE WEEK only, March 19-23**. Look for backpacked flyers to come home, and order now for delivery in April. Come check out the *new Compact Reverse Umbrella design* for yourself at **drop-off** or **pick-up** on **Wed (3/21)** and **Thur (3/22)**. Need an order form? Download it [here](#).

SLT MEETING



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, 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

Please join us for a special presentation of the Funky Jazz lunch club routines on **Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m** 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

Please join fellow second graders for a high-energy, 100%-fun performance on **Friday, March 23 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** 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.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THESE EVENTS THE WEEK OF MARCH 26

BAKE SALE



Bake sale sponsored by **Fifth Grade** is happening on **Monday, March 26!** Remember to send money in an envelope/ziplock bag marked "BAKE SALE" for your child to shop with. Both food and non-food items will be available for sale. Prices range from \$.50 up to \$5.

K-5 FITNESS NIGHT

Please join PE teacher Michael on **Monday, March 26** for the next Parent-Child Fitness Class! We will be playing Ga-Ga (check out the game your kids love playing!), floor hockey skills, and Climbing the Rock Wall, Cargo Net and Ropes. This is a class that requires parent participation **WITH** your child and sneakers are required. The cost is \$15 per child in advance through [Neon](#) by March 25 or \$20 at the door.



Kindergarten and First Grade: 5:45-6:35

Second and Third Grade: 6:40-7:30

Fourth and Fifth Grade: 7:35-8:25

Please note: if you pre-registered for March 5 Fitness Night, your registration is still valid and you do not need to register again. If you cannot attend this re-scheduled date and would like a refund, please email treasurer@mnspta.org.

MNS CARES FOOD DRIVE



On **March 26-28**, we will be collecting shelf-stable food (pasta, canned beans, vegetables, fruit, peanut butter, etc.) to Benefit the [New York Common Pantry](#). Food will be collected each morning outside of school at drop-off, at the PTA meeting on Wednesday, March 28, and can be sent directly to the school via Amazon, Google Express, etc.

PTA GENERAL MEETING: ELECTION FOR RECORDING SECRETARY



At the next PTA General Membership Meeting on **March 28 at 7:15PM** in the MNS Café, there will be an Expedited Election for a vacancy in the position of **Recording Secretary** on the Executive Board. The term is from the election through June, 2018. **Nominations will be taken from the floor, followed by the election.** All current MNS parents are eligible to serve on the Executive Board, unless they are an employee of the school or have a financial conflict of interest. All parents and teachers are eligible to vote in the election unless they are supervisory staff. For more information, please contact info@mnspta.org

SPRING RECESS

School will be closed for Spring Recess from **Friday, March 30** until **Friday, April 6**. School will resume on **Monday, April 9**. Enjoy your break!

APRIL SPRING BREAK CAMP AT PS290

Benswic Sports is offering a **sports and fitness camp at PS290 from April 2-6!** See [flyer](#) for more details. **Benswic is donating 30% back to the PTA for all MNS families who register by March 23** by clicking [here](#). Note: In case of insufficient registration, Benswic reserves the right to cancel any program 2 weeks before it begins. This program is not affiliated with MNS or MNS PTA.

ALSO HAPPENING...

thank you!

THANK YOU to Kindergarten delegates: Susan Becker Gould, Alison Male and Lauren Posner for organizing the Kindergarten S'More night! **65 children** had a blast at the event and **\$1,665** was raised for the MNS PTA. Thank you to Gate Hill Day Camp for donating the gaga pit, bounce castle, 9 square in the air game grid, art projects, glitter tattoos and goody bags!

THANK YOU to Robyn Marquis for organizing a fun day for the MNS community at Madison Square Garden, and to the **149 parents and children** who attended the Knicks game!

THANK YOU to First Grade Delegates Shama Ahuja, Stephanie Hazelkorn and Ellie Walsh for organizing the staff luncheon during Parent Teacher Conferences and to Wahlburgers and Insomnia Cookies for donating the delicious lunch! The staff was very appreciative of the lunch - click [here](#).

THE MNS SCHOOL OF ROCK GALA & AUCTION



The **2018 School of Rock Auction & Gala** is almost here! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 14**. For more information, visit the [MNS Auction page](#). There will be

great food, drinks (including specialty cocktails created especially for the gala), DJ, photo booth, and live and silent auctions. Ticket prices are \$80 through 4/14 and \$90 at the door (purchase tickets [here](#)). Please click [here](#) to sign up for a volunteer slot for 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.** So far, the leading three classes are: Jamie and Chris, Paula, and Abby!

MNS SOCCER GAME



Join fellow MNS families at the school's first outing to **see New York City's own professional soccer team, the New York City Football Club (NYC FC)**, play FC Dallas at **Yankee Stadium** on **Sunday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m.**! Tickets are **\$43.50** (\$40.00 + \$3.50 processing fee) each and **a portion of the ticket price will benefit our PTA.** Buy yours through fevo.me/PS290. A limited number of seats in section 207 are reserved for our group, so get yours while they last! Is it your first time attending a professional soccer match? They last 90 minutes and play without interruption, so this **early start time won't keep the kids up too late on a school night!** Questions? Contact Robyn Marquis at soccer@mnspta.org.

MNS PTA SPRING BASEBALL GAME



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!!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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 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.

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: **tomorrow, 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.

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.