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THE MONTHLY NEWS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Kindergarten Registration for students who will be turning 5 will be ending on **January 13, 2017**. **PreK Registration** will begin on **Monday January 17, 2017** until **Friday, February 24, 2017**. If you know of anyone who has a child who is eligible to register, please pass this information on.

Homework Help:

- Dial.a.Teacher – 1-212-777-3380
Monday thru Thursday – 4 to 7 PM

Parent Workshops

Discipline code and safety workshop

Title 1 Parent Advisory Council is holding a “Discipline and Safety Workshop” for all parents/guardians. The workshop will be held on **Tuesday, January 10th** in the school auditorium at 9 am and at 6 pm. The goal of the workshop is to inform you on the different levels of infractions and the possible disciplinary/interventions responses.

Parent Book Club

There is still time to Join “The Parent Book Club” if you are interested in joining; please contact the Parent Coordinator at Amarra4@schools.nyc.gov so that we can reserve a space for you, space is limited. The Book Club is schedule to begin on **Thursday, January 12, 2017**. The meeting time will be determined by the responses received by the parents.

Middle School News

- All 8th grade students will be measured for their cap and Gowns on Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 11:00 PM. Please make sure your child is in school that day.
- Please log on to JupiterGrades where you will be able to see in detail your child’s school work (missing assignments, test scores, etc.) If you have any questions you can contact our child’s teacher and make an appointment to speak with them during school wide Parent Engagement time.

- **2nd Marking Period for Grades 6, 7 and 8 ends February 3, 2017**
- **3rd Marking Period for Grades 6, 7 and 8 begins February 6, 2017**
- **3rd Marking Period for Grades 6, 7 and 8 ends March 31, 2017**
- **4th Marking Period for Grades 6, 7 and 8 begins April 3, 2017**
- **4th Marking Period for Grades 6, 7 and 8 ends June 2, 2017**

Report Card Distribution for grades 1 through 8 is Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017.

Urban Advantage – Grades 7 and 8

Urban Advantage (UA) is a science initiative to assist middle school students with their 8th grade exit projects. Students in grades 7 to 8 will be receiving vouchers to visit various educational institutions throughout the school year.

- There are workshops for the parent coordinator and parents. If anyone is interesting in attending a workshop, please contact the parent coordinator.

School Leadership Team Meetings –

The schedule for the year is as follow:

January 23
February 13
March 13
April 24
May 15
June 5

Parent Association News

- The General Membership meeting will be on January 10 at 6:00 PM. If you have any questions you can contact the PTA at ps164pa@gmail.com.
- The Executive Board meeting will be on January 11 at 5:30 PM.
- D25 Leadership Team meeting will be on January 9, at 9AM

DOE

- Panel for Educational Policy will meet on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at the Taft Educational Complex 240 E 172nd St. Bronx, New York 10457

Community Education Council (CEC) D25

- The next open meeting will be on Wednesday, January 4th at 7:00 PM at 30-48 Linden Place Flushing, New York 11354.
- The Community Education Council meets the first Wednesday of every month.

Parent Information

- Information is available for parents/guardians of ELL students. Please follow the link to the Department of Education website:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/Academics/ELL/FamilyResources>

- Follow the link below for translated glossaries for math, science and social studies.

http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/metrocenter/center/technical_assistance/program/language_rbern/resources/glossary

Resources for Children with Special Needs, Inc. is a citywide advocacy and information organization for parents and professionals looking for services for children with disabilities. They invite parents and staff to their free events such as workshop series and the annual Special Camp Fair. Please feel free to contact Gary Shulman, MS.Ed. @ (212) 677- 4660 should you have any questions. www.resourcesnyc.org

Upcoming Dates

January	4	Inside Broadway Week 5 Community Education Council D25 meeting 7PM at 30-48 Linden Place Flushing, New York 11354
	5	8 th Grade Cap-n-Gown measurements Inside Broadway Week 5
	9	8 th Grade Bake Sale
	10	Parents Association General Meeting (PTA) 6PM Discipline Code & Safety Parent Workshop 9am & 6:30 pm
	11	PreK Vision Screening
	12	Winter Wonderland Party Prek-5 th grades 5-7:30PM
	13	Last day of Kindergarten Registration
	16	School Closed – Martin Luther King Day
	17	PreK Registration Begins
	23	School Leadership Team Meeting – 4:00 PM CSD 25 President’s Council meeting 6:30 at 30-48 Linden Place Flushing, New York 11354
	27	Winter Arts Festival for grades PreK, 2, 3, 4 & 5 th

My Account

Is an on-line program where parents can see their child’s biographical data, lateness and absences, report cards and New York State test scores. If you have not received the Account log on information or have misplaced it, please contact the Parent Coordinator.

Things to do in New York City

- If you friend Queens Valley school on Facebook, you will get information from NYCgo that are posted to our feed. You can sign on to our Facebook page through our school website which is: www.psms164.com.
- The Noguchi Museum Family Programs:
 - Art for Families – Children ages 5 to 11 – Saturdays and Sundays from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm – Registration begins January 4th.
 - Art for Tots – ages 2 to 4 – Saturday and Sundays 10:30 to 11:45 am –General Registration open January 4th.
 - Open Studio – all ages – First Sunday of every month – 11 am to 1 pm.
32-37 Vernon Blvd, Long Island City, NY 11106; www.noguchi.org, 718 204-7088 x230

Alley Pond Environmental Center (APEC)

228-06 Northern Blvd, Douglaston, NY 11362 www.alleypond.com

Pre-registration is required for all programs. Please call (718) 229-4000 All Ages

Queens Library Events at Flushing Main Street

The Queens Library know that a great deal of your growth and learning occurs beyond the classroom walls, and they will continue to serve as a critical resource and partner for young people and families as you seek knowledge, inspiration and success. Visit Queens Flushing Library Kids Events in January 2017

<http://www.queenslibrary.org/events?page>

Urban Park Rangers – The Urban Park Rangers offer free programs for children who reside in New York City. To receive the quarterly newspaper, listing all the events in city parks, please click on the link below: www.nycgovparks.org/rangers

For more information on city parks go to www.nyc.gov/parks

Media Consent Forms

All students were given a Media Consent Form to be filled out by the parent/guardian. In order for the school to allow any pictures to be taken of students, we must have a signed copy of the consent form. Permission is only for pictures that are taken at PS/MS 164 by staff or family members for use in the school or at home. No pictures will be used outside of PS/MS 164. Students who do not return the form will not be allowed to participate in any activities in the school where pictures may be taken. We need to have a form for each child as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the parent coordinator. (Click on link to print out a consent form).<http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/mediarelations/consentforms/default.htm>

REMINDERS

- The school doors will open at 8:05 AM and close at 8:10 AM. All students must enter through their designated door. **NO STUDENT SHOULD ENTER THE SCHOOL THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR UNLESS THEY ARE LATE.** Students who enter the building after 8:15 will need to fill out a late pass.

It is imperative that you make sure your child arrives to school on time everyday. Students arriving to school prior to 8:05 AM will have to wait outside until doors open. Please note that there is no one outside to supervise your child.

- Please note that the door to the school cafeteria will not open until 7:40 AM Monday through Fridays.
- PS/MS 164q is a “UNIFORMED” school. All students must wear their uniform everyday. If you are not sure what the uniform is or need information on where to purchase one, please email me. Parents will be called if their child is not in uniform.

Lunch Forms

- Every family must fill out a lunch form, even if they do not wish their child to have the school lunch.
- Lunch bills will be sent out on the first of each month, each bill consist of the amount used for the previous month.

Communication

Communication between home and the school is very important for your child's success. What can you do to help?

- ⊕ Make sure that the information on the blue card is always up-to-date.
- ⊕ Ask your child if they have received any notices from the school
- ⊕ Contact your child's teacher if there is an issue.
- ⊕ Stay in touch with the Parent Coordinator to find out what is going on in the school.
- ⊕ Check JupiterEd.com at least once a week to see your child's data.
- ⊕ Become an involved parent and attend Parents Association meetings.

Please log on to PS/MS 164 website at least once a day to find out what is going on. Also follow us on facebook and twitter. www.psms164.com

Please friend Queens Valley School on facebook and stay up to the date on events going on. Also found out about events going on in NYC throughout the year from posts from "TimeOutKids".