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THE MONTHLY NEWS

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“RESPECT **FOR** ALL BEGINS WITH RESPECT **TO** ALL”

Dear Parents/Guardians,

PS/MS 164q is a “**UNIFORMED**” school. All students must wear their uniform every day. 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.

The Parent Coordinator is back in the building!!! Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. We will be hosting many informational workshops and events and I hope to see many of you at them.

An involved parent is an informed parent. Remember, children do what they see not what they are told. Be a positive model for your child and show them the importance of a quality education.

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.
- ⊕ Become an involved parent and attend Parents Association meetings.

Homework Help:

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

Lunch Forms

Free school lunch forms were sent home. All parents must fill out School Meals application online or return the application to the school. By law every family must fill out a lunch form, even if you do not wish your child to have the school lunch or send lunch with your child.

- You can also fill out the form online at www.schoolfoodnyc.org.

Spelling Bee Contest has begun

All students in grades 1-8 are actively participating in 164's First Annual Spelling Contest. Have your child to continue to read, practice and spell each night until the testing begins. You will be notified by your child's teacher the exact number of words your child spelled correctly.

Parents, please continue to send your sponsor/donation sheets; every donation will help publish our next issues of the PRIDE Post.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Grades PreK - 5 November 16, 2017
 - Grades 6-8 November 16, 2017
- 🌸 Afternoon session will begin at 12:30 – 2:30
🌸 Evening session will begin at 4:30 – 7:30 pm

Middle School Fair

Will be held on October 18, 2017

Parent Workshops and Meetings

- 🌸 **PTA meeting** will be on **October 10, 6:00 PM**
- 🌸 **Title 1 Parent Workshop** will be on **October 10 at 6:30 PM.**
- 🌸 **Cyberbullying/Internet Safety Workshop** will be on **October 17, @ 6:00 PM**
- 🌸 **Parents vs Teachers Softball Game** will be held on **October 26, @ 3:00 PM**

Parent Association News

- The General Membership meeting will be on October 10 @ 6:00 PM. If you have any questions you can contact the PA at ps164pa@gmail.com. Future dates are:
 - November 14 @ 6:00 PM
 - December 5 @ 6:00 PM
 - January 9 @ 6:00 PM
 - February 13 @ 6:00 PM
 - March 13 @ 6:00 PM
 - April 10 @ 3.30 PM
 - May 8 @ 6:30 PM
 - June TBD

Title 1 Parent Advisory Council Meetings

Join us for a discussion on how parent involvement funds are used and to express what you would like to see at PS/MS 164 in regard to parent involvement. The schedule for October is:
October 10@ 6:30 PM

School Leadership Team Meetings – All Meetings are at 4:00 PM

The schedule for the year is as follow:

- October 23
- November 20
- December 18
- January 22
- February 12
- March 19
- April 23
- May 21
- June 18

Community Education Council (CEC) Meetings – All Meetings start at 6:30 PM

- This meeting is being held at 30-48 Linden Place.
- The next open meeting will be on Monday October 16, 2017

Upcoming Dates

October 10 Parent/Teacher Association General Membership Meeting 6 PM
Title 1 Parent Workshop Meeting 6:30 PM
11 Picture Day PreK – 7th Grade
12 Picture Day 8th Grade
23 School Leadership Team Meeting – 4 PM

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). www.schools.nyc.gov/Offices/mediarelations/consentforms/default.htm

Middle School News

- Middle School Fair will be held at JHS 185 which is located at 147-26 25th Drive, at 5 – 7:30 PM
- Please log on to Jupitered.com where you will be able to see in detail your child's school Grades and work (missing assignments, test scores, etc.)
- Grade 8 will be measured for caps and gowns on Wednesday, January 10th at 9 am. If your child will be absent from school that day, please contact me prior to 10th with your child's height.
- There will be a borough wide High School Forum on Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15 at Francis Lewis High School which is located at Utopia Parkway and Booth Memorial Avenue from 11 am to 3 pm.
- High School Applications are due on Wednesday, November 1. All Application must be submitted to the guidance counselor Ms. Schneider.

Urban Advantage – Grades 7 and 8

Urban Advantage (UA) is a science initiative to assist middle school students with their 7th and 8th Grade independent investigation. Urban Advantage (UA) is open to class 701, 702, 731,821, 822, 831, and 7/891.

- ✿ There are workshops for the parent coordinator and parents. If anyone is interesting in attending a workshop, please contact the Parent Coordinator.
- ✿ Families of the above classes are eligible to attend cultural institutions.

Reminder

- **Queens Botanical Garden** will be hosting Family Science Day & Halloween at the Garden on Sunday October 29th, 2017 located at 43-50 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11355. Use Your UA Family Science Day Flyer for Admission to Family Science Day and Halloween at the Garden. Feel free to go in costume. UA Vouchers do not include parking

UA Only Activities 1-4pm

- Giveaways
- Pizza Gardens
- Honeybees and Beeswax Candles
- Mystery Boxes
- Potatoe Stamps
- Making Scents of Plants
- Fill The Bill
- The Herbal Kitchen

Parent Information

- Information is available for parents/guardian of ELL students. Please follow the link to the Department of Education website:
www.schools.nyc.gov/Academics/ELL/FamilyResources/default.htm.

Resources for Children with Special Needs, Inc.

Includenyc 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, at (212) 677- 4650 ext. 20. Should you have any questions?

www.resourcesnyc.org

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 is arriving to school on time every day. 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.

•Free Breakfast Schedule is:

Monday through Friday – 7:40 AM for all students

Alley Pond Environmental Center (APEC)

VISIT THE ALLEY POND ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER FOR A LIVING – LEARNING EXPERIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN NEW YORK CITY.

Their nature trails traverse ponds, salt marshes, forests and meadows where visitors will see shore birds, migrating flocks, and a variety of small animals. Or, visitors can attend one of APEC's many nature oriented programs for children and adults. Please explore their website to learn more. APEC is dedicated to establishing awareness, understanding and appreciation of the environment and to preserving nature in an urban setting.

The building is open 7 days a week, except for major holidays. Monday - Friday APEC is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and they have varying hours on the weekend. Call ahead if coming in on a weekend. Please check the APEC calendar for closures. Walking trails are open from dawn to dusk, year 'round. Pre-registration is required for all programs. Please call (718) 229-4000 they are located at 228-06 Northern Blvd, Douglaston, NY 11362
www.alleypond.com

Queens Library Events in October 2017

Throughout the fall, all our libraries will be offering free educational workshops and programs for everyone who needs them. Please take a look inside for more details, and to find out about what else is happening at Queens Library. I hope you'll take advantage of one or more of our offerings. Visit Queens Library Events in October 2017 at
http://www.queenslibrary.org/sites/default/files/events/events_this_mth.pdf

Things to do in New York City Best things to do in the fall

On the hunt for some stellar things to do in the fall here in NYC? The weather may be cooling down, but Gotham's cultural scene is just heating up! This guide will help you find the best things to do during the season of all things pumpkin spice, including the hottest festivals, NYC street fairs, and seasonal events happening at some of the best New York attractions. Visit <https://www.timeout.com/newyork/things-to-do/things-to-do-in-new-york-this-fall>

