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TAG PTA Newsletter - Nov 2014

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NOVEMBER IS “iPLEDGE” MONTH!!!

Parents are encouraged to contribute to the school through this PTA fundraising drive, as best as they can. We are lucky at TAG. Many parents pay thousands to educate their children—but ours receive an excellent education tailored to gifted students for free. The funds raised this year will be directed toward:

- * Singapore Math in curriculum
- * Music program for K-3rd grades and purchasing musical instruments
- * Physical Education Plus

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTA PRESIDENT

Dear TAG Families,

The first two months of the school year have flown by, and a lot has been happening at TAG. Many new parents have joined us, bringing new ideas and energy to the PTA committees. The committees have been busy these past two months, drafting exciting proposals for future programs and brainstorming ideas for supporting the programming we already

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Oct 31st:
Start of iPledge

Tuesday, Nov 4th:
School Closed
(Election Day)

Tuesday, Nov 11th:
School Closed
(Veterans Day)

Wednesday, Nov 12th:
Membership
Mtg @ 5:30pm
(in library)

Friday, Nov 14th:
Fundraising Mtg

for K-8th grades plus recess support
*** Chess in curriculum** for K and 1st grades
*** Middle School Debate team**
*** Hiring an assistant teacher** for K and 1st grades
*** Lockers for Middle School**

Every contribution matters, whatever the size. Not only does everything add up, but when the PTA applies for grants, the first question is often, "Do you have the financial support of your community?" If we can show them our participation rate is close to 100%, our application is taken very seriously.

To make a tax-deductible donation, please make checks payable to "TAG PTA, Inc.," put "PTA-iPledge Drive" in the note line, and return it to your child's teacher or drop it in the secure lock-box located in Room 106 OR pledge online at www.tagscholarspta.org, where you also have the option of setting up recurring monthly donations via PayPal.

Don't forget to ask if your company offers corporate gift matching.

have through direct fundraising and grants. Whether it's the Emily Jenkins author visit, the successful PTA-funded Singapore Math program, the start of the new K-3 music program, PEP's amazing work at TAG, or the continued great work of PTA-funded Kindergarten assistant teacher- Ms. Luk, we are clearly off to a great start!

Certainly there is more work to be done, and the coming months will see us working together to solve the space challenges, to improve TAG's playground with the city's help, and to ensure that our children get not only the best, but the best-rounded education available in NYC.

Sincerely,

Jason Gots
PTA President, 2014-2015

@ 8am & 6pm
(in library)

Monday, Nov 17th:
Picture Day

Tuesday, Nov 18th:
PTA Mtg @ 6pm
(in cafeteria)

Thursday, Nov 20th:
Exec Bd Mtg @ 6pm
(in library)

Friday, Nov 21st:
Enrichment Mtg
@ 8:00am
(in library)

Tuesday, Nov 25th:
Budget Mtg
@ 8:00am
(in library)

Tuesday, Nov 25th:
Communications
Mtg @ 5:45pm
(in library)

Thursday, Nov 27th:
School Closed
(Thanksgiving Day)

Friday, Nov 28th:
School Closed
(Thanksgiving Break)

ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Here are a few updates on some of the programs the Enrichment committee is working on:

PEP Grades 6-8 Expansion Success!

PEP (Physical Education Plus) continues its amazing work at TAG, bringing two additional teachers to support TAG's new phys ed teacher, and bringing organized play to our kids at recess!

**Funded by the 2013 iPledge Campaign*

K-3 Music Instruction Begins!

Our amazing new music program has begun, in the capable hands of Ms. Basia Revi, an internationally renowned opera singer who has performed at Carnegie Hall and been a Teaching Artist with the Metropolitan Opera. With passion, energy, and deep commitment, she is laying the musical foundations in rhythm, melody, and movement for our K-3 students that will prepare them for instrumental music with Mr. Faulkner. All K-3 students now receive one period of music instruction per week!

**Funded by the 2013 iPledge Campaign*

Chess in Curriculum has Begun!

Students in grades K-1 have started their in-curriculum chess instruction taught by the renowned NYChess Kids!

**Funded by the 2013 iPledge Campaign*

Hip Hop Dance Classes Begin!

3-5th graders started Hip Hop dance at TAG on October 23rd! This weekly after-school class instructed by a Lorenz Dance Studio teacher will run through December and is a great way for TAG scholars to engage in a high-energy, fun, active form of dance!

AUTHOR VISIT



On Friday, October 24th

DEBATE ABOUT IT



A group of TAG students, in



PICTURE DAY

Picture Day will be held on **Monday, Nov 17th**. Forms will be going home via backpacks in the next few days. Any students who miss picture day will get to take their pictures on the re-take day; that date is to be confirmed. Volunteers are needed for Picture Day anytime from 8:00am-1:00pm. To sign up, [email Pamela Simon at pamsim777@gmail.com.](mailto:pamsim777@gmail.com)

THE NOV 18th PTA MEETING

The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov 18th at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. This one is especially important for parents to attend since we'll be:

- Holding an expedited election for the **2014-2015 Secretary (or Co-Secretary)**

TAG welcomed a special visitor, award-winning children's book author Emily Jenkins. Emily read aloud to the Kindergarteners and talked about the job of being a writer. The kids were thrilled to know that she often works all day in her PAJAMAS! 1st – 5th grade classes learned about how a seed idea can grow into a story. The children were interested in the idea of creative flow and the fact that Emily's office is often messy. Emily talked about characters and feelings, and how characters need to have problems that get solved. She also stressed that a seed idea may grow into a small sprout, but usually each story has to be rewritten 5 or 12 or even 24 times before it's finished. Many thanks to Principal Cesar, TAG teacher, staff and the PTA for making the author visit a success.

...also, TAG parents can thank Emily if they suddenly find their child's room in a state of disarray – they are just trying to tap into their creative flow. For more information about Emily, visit <http://www.emilyjenkins.com/>

ATTENTION TAG CHESS PLAYERS!

TAG 2nd grade parents Tam and Jenny Phung are compiling the 2014-15

grades 2-4, participated in Summer Debate Camp, hosted by the New York City Urban Debate League ([NYCUDL](#)) and held at Hunter College. The students spent the week learning the rules of debate, and researching whether the government should have the right to spy on people! Parents were invited on the final day to watch the great debaters & the children were judged by lawyers from the Brown Rudnick law firm! The NYCUDL holds elementary school debate tournaments year-round. **The next elementary tournament for students in grades 2-5 will be held on Saturday 11/08** from 9am-12pm at One World Middle School, 350 Baychester Ave, Bronx, NY, 10466. The debate topic will be "Large cities are the best option for raising children." No experience is necessary and introverted children are encouraged to get involved. NYCUDL staff is very supportive so no worries, no stress. **The registration deadline is Wednesday, 11/5.** To register, email TAG parent William Castro at osteoclasto@hotmail.com with your child's name & grade.

dates of all the Sunday tournaments that they host. Please email tam.phung@gmail.com if you have questions and interested in being on the

position. We need a secretary in order to be a functioning PTA, so this is vital. Read more about the PTA secretary's role on the [website](#).

-Electing a parent SLT member for the upcoming vacancy. Read more about the SLT and get the meeting dates on the [website](#) (password: scholarparent)

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, great! Just attend the meeting and nominations will be taken from the floor. Even if you aren't interested in running, it's still important to attend since we need quorum in order to conduct the voting.

SPREAD THE G&T WORD IN THE BRONX

P.A.C.E. (the Parent's Alliance for Citywide Education) is organizing a **gifted and talented recruitment open house in the Bronx on November 5th** to bolster the number of

tournament schedule to share with other interested parents, in the hopes of attending NYC Scholastic chess tournaments with other TAG players. Typically, the tournaments are on Sundays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and are accessible by subway or bus; the cost is \$40 per tournament. Beginner to advanced players are welcomed! It's a competition but they try to encourage participation by giving out trophies and medals to most kids. Check out the [NYChess Kids registration site](#), which provides the locations and

mailing list to keep updated on upcoming events and expanding the chess program for TAG.

NOMINATE TAG & MS. C

Since 2002, **THE BLACKBOARD AWARDS** have been honoring excellence in education in New York City by celebrating schools, principals and teachers. Last year TAG won an award for Outstanding Grade School. **Nominate TAG & Principal Cesar for The Blackboard Awards by November 10th!** It only takes a minute on blackboardawards.com.

Bronx children who apply for G&T schools. They are looking for Bronx G&T parents who can participate in the forum and give their feedback on the G&T program. Interested in helping out? [Reach out to TAG parent Gavin McCormick at garbinowitz@gmail.com](#).

Have feedback or an event/ article you'd like included in the monthly newsletter or the weekly digest? Email it to: communications@tagscholarspta.org

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