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THE SCHOLARLY NEWS

TALENTED AND GIFTED SCHOOL FOR YOUNG SCHOLARS PTA NEWSLETTER : : APRIL 2017

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Dear TAG Family,

We welcome in another Spring we would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to our TAG Gala, which will be April 22nd. This is a great night for the TAG family to get together and enjoy a night of great food, drinks and company. This is a very important fundraiser and we would love to see as many of you there as possible. This month we also enter an important phase of our budgeting process, where we will hash out our spending priorities for the next year and this is the ideal time to make your voice heard if you have a program that you support or want to see added. The next Budget Committee meeting will be April 7th at 8:15AM, so please attend if you can. The next steps in the process are to present the budget to the parent body in the May PTA monthly meeting and vote on it in the June monthly meeting, so please make it a point to attend those important meetings as well. Lastly, we do want to encourage parents who are interested in joining the PTA Executive Board or one of our many important committees to please step forward now. The current committee chairs are listed below, please contact them to find out more about our openings and where you think you can serve. The PTA can't function at its best without your support, please join us and help make TAG the best learning institution it can be!

Regards,

*Anand Raghunath &
Trina Edmundson
TAG Co-PTA Presidents*



FUNDRAISING

The 5th Annual Gala

The 5th ANNUAL GALA - an incredible TAG event is coming up on April 22nd at 6:30pm!! This is a great time to let your hair down and celebrate with your fellow TAG parents, family, and friends. The Gala is a lavish evening with unlimited food & drinks and an auction! There will be a LIMITED number of 2-person and 8-person tables available for purchase. Tables include:

- Waiter service
- Reserved seating all night
- Complimentary bottle(s) of champagne or wine
- Special recognition during the event
- Admission

Tables sell out EVERY YEAR! So don't delay because you cannot purchase a table at the door. And be sure to reserve your affordable onsite childcare separately.

There is a VIP table just for teachers! Add a \$35 donation to cover the cost for your favorite TAG teacher's table.

Get your tickets, tables, & childcare at: www.tagscholarspta.org/gala.

Donations are needed this year as well. If you or your company would like to make a donation, please contact Trina Edmundson at te801@hotmail.com. And remember- the PTA is a charitable organization with 501(c)(3) status, your donations are tax deductible. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Sign up at www.tagscholarspta.org/volunteer.



TAG'S 2017 Talent Show

Save the Date: Friday,
May 12th, 2017

Look out for more information from the fundraising committee.

Fundraising Update

The fundraising committee is so close to our \$175k goal! We've raised over \$162,000 so far. This total includes funds raised from holiday grams, Dave & Buster's power card sales, BoxTops, the Costume Party and all the other programs from September to March. Thank you to all the TAG families who have participated, we appreciate your support!

ENRICHMENT

After-school Chess

Chess Tournaments

As we spring forward into April, the scholars continue to participate in afternoon enrichments and weekend debate and chess tournaments.

Spring enrollment for Friday afternoon chess is open through April 13th



AFTER SCHOOL CHESS
 SAY YES TO CHESS FOR THE SPRING SESSION OF CHESS INSTRUCTION AT TAG. ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME.
 INSTRUCTORS INCLUDE: JOHN HARDIN, RAVEN STURT, NATALJA AGATE.

RATES:
 ONE SESSION: \$160
 TWO SESSIONS: \$240

WHERE & WHEN:
 10 WEEKS OF FRIDAYS
 AT TAG ON
 APRIL 21, 28
 MAY 5, 12, 19, 26
 JUNE 2, 9, 16, 23

TIMES:
 (OPEN TO BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE, & ADVANCED LEVELS; ALL GRADES)

SESSION 1 (NON-Y AFTER SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS):	SESSION 2 (Y AFTER SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS):
2:45P - 4P	4:15P - 5:30P

REGISTER BY APRIL 13TH AT:
WWW.NYCHESSKIDS.COM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT NYCHESSKIDS AT
 NYCHESSKIDS@GMAIL.COM OR 212-414-4130

The new session starts on Friday,
 April 21st.

The TAG chess team had a strong showing at the PS41 tournament last weekend. Danny Shing (3rd grade) finished with 2 points (out of 3) and finished in the top 5 of the Championship division; Peter Lin (2nd grade) scored 2 points (out of 4) in the Primary division; and Tristan Haugh (3rd grade) scored 3.5 points (out of 4) in the Primary division and took second place.



Peter, Danny & Tristan.

DEBATE TOURNAMENT

TAG team wins top team award at Citywide Championship

On March 11th and 12th, TAG's Middle School debate team participated in the citywide tournament at PS 161, the Pedro Albizu Campus. Both of our middle school debate teams (Rocia Prass/Shannya Campbell and Raymond Allie/Shabnan Khandker Habib) made it to the semi-finals round at the citywide debate tournament. In a nail biter, TAG debated TAG in the semi-finals, and Rocia and Shannya advanced to the finals. Rocia and Shannya took top team at the citywide tournament!!! Shannya took top

speaker. Shabnan placed 10th in the best speaker category.

TAG will participate in the state championships on April 22nd and 23rd.



Raymond, Rocia & Shannya

Girls' Adventures in Math Competition

-Thursday, April 20th at The Speyer School. Go Team TAG!!!

Looking for Parents interested in supporting Math Enrichment

Are you curious about the math team at TAG? Tanya Gross, TAG's parent math coach, would like to open her practice sessions for the Girls' Adventures in Math to parents who might be interested in shadowing her, with a view to grow the team of parent-coaches who volunteer with the math team next year. There are 4 main events in a school year: AMC8

Field Day—Save the Dates:

Tuesday, May 16th (grades K-2)
Thursday, May 18th (grades 7-8)
Monday, May 22nd (grades 3-6)

Raindates-5/19/17 & 5/23/17

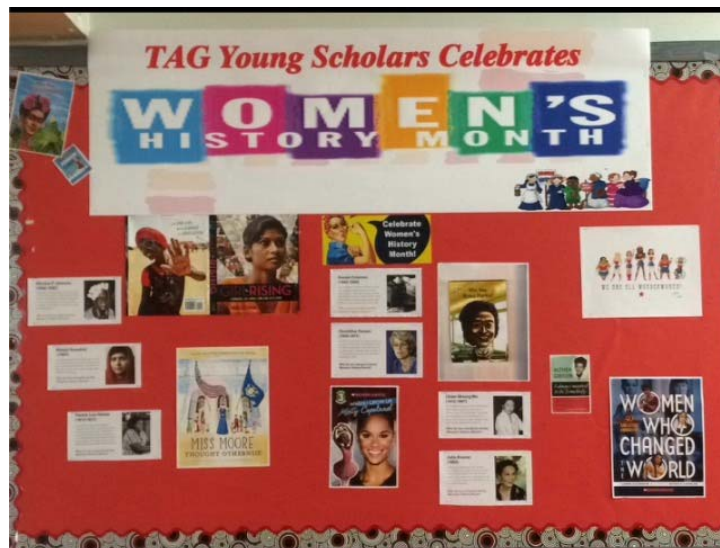
Sign up to volunteer for field day at <http://www.tagscholarspta.org/>.

(grades 4-8) in November, MathCounts and AMC10 (grades 6-8) in February, and Girls' Adventures in Math (grades 3-8) in April. So there are several opportunities to join in depending on your schedule. Please email Tanya at tanyagross@yahoo.com if you are interested.



Parent training sessions for field day: 4/4, 4/25, and 5/9
Bottled water and healthy snacks contributions-contact enrichment@tagscholarspta.org.

TAG celebrates Women's History Month



1st grade parent Rasheedah Harris arranged for Erica Arias-Vidal (TAG's Community Coordinator/Intervention Specialist) to work with four 8th Grade girls. Emma O'Leary, Ella Shin, Deandra Cornelio and Sumaya Hafizurto (with Sergeant Murdough's help)

decorated our bulletin board with images, quotes, facts and book covers about important, influential, intelligent, barrier breaking and inspiring Women.

MEMBERSHIP

Dave and
Buster’s Playdate

Several TAG families met at Dave and Buster’s on March 4th for our playdate. It was fun and the kids enjoyed the day.

MAKE A SPLASH AT
KALAHARI WATER
PARK!

Spend a night or two at the water park in the Poconos on June 10th-12th! Enjoy all the resort has to offer while hanging out with family & TAG friends! But don't delay, our reserved block of rooms at a discounted price sells out FAST! Read more about how to book your room here:



MAKE A SPLASH WITH TAG!

Join other TAG families for a fun family trip at **Kalahari WATER PARK & RESORT**. You & your child will LOVE winding down the water slides, playing laser tag the arcade, gliding along in the lazy river, & more, while building great memories with family and TAG friends!

Book by APRIL 28th before they're gone!

\$245.26 PER NIGHT

for a room up to 4 people
(\$283.41 for 5 people, \$321.56 for 6 people)
at the Poconos, PA location

JUNE 10th - 12th

Choose to stay either:
* 1 night on Sat June 10th/ check out on Sun June 11th
* 2 nights on Sat June 10th & Sun 11th/ check out on Mon June 12th
(SCHEDULES ARE CLOSING ON JUNE 12th)

Make your reservation by calling
Kalahari at 570-580-6000
(Group: TAG for Young Scholars
Group ID: 230)

Kalahari amenities include:

- Colossal indoor waterpark
- Spacious family hotel rooms
- Tons of water slides & pools
- Delicious restaurants & snack bars
- Cabanas & Swim-up bars
- And much more!!

Questions? Contact TAG parent Natasha Davis at (917) 224-8331 (cell or text) or ndavis220@hotmail.com.

PTA CALENDAR

April – May

Thu, Apr 6, 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm	Fundraising meeting
Fri, Apr 7, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Budget Committee Meeting

Monday, Apr 10 - Tue, Apr 18	Spring Recess: NO SCHOOL
Thu, Apr 20, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting
Fri, Apr 21, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Enrichment Committee Meeting
Sat, Apr 22	Debate Tournament
Sat, Apr 22, 4:30 pm – 10:30 pm	TAG's Annual Gala
Wed, Apr 26, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Communications Committee meeting
Tue, May 2, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Grants Committee Meeting
Tue, May 2, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	General PTA Meeting

More info: <http://www.tagscholarspta.org/event-calendar.html>

Contact the TAG PTA Executive Board

Please don't hesitate to reach out to anyone on the board with your questions, ideas, and concerns.

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