
TAG PTA Newsletter- May 2018

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**TALENTED AND GIFTED SCHOOL FOR YOUNG SCHOLARS PTA NEWSLETTER : : MAY 2018**

PRESIDENTS' STATEMENT

We hope you are all doing well and enjoying the warmer weather after a long winter. It's hard to believe, but we are now in the final two months of the 2017-2018 school year and we have a lot to do before we close it out. We would like to remind all parents that the final two General PTA Meetings are extremely important and we request as many of you to attend as possible (dates are in the calendar at the bottom of the email). Please be aware that we will be unveiling the 2018-2019 TAG PTA budget in our May General Parent Meeting, and then we will have a month-long period for public comment before finalizing it in the June General PTA Meeting. Your participation in this process is crucial to helping us form a budget that we are all proud of and also meets the most crucial needs of our children. Also at the May General meeting, we will be holding our final vote on the new PTA Bylaws. The proposed bylaws can be found [on the PTA website under About TAG PTA](#).

In our June General Meeting we will be holding votes on the budget. Please keep in mind the final budgets are approved by the parents at the General Meeting, so again spread the word to your fellow parents to make sure we get the maximum attendance possible. Also in the June General Meeting, we will be holding elections for a new PTA Board for the 2018-2019 school year, and ALL positions are open (from President to Committee VP's). We encourage as many parents as possible to step forward to take up these important positions, please look out for emails

FUNDRAISING

TALENT SHOW



We still need many volunteers and food donations to make this a memorable night for all! Sign up [HERE](#).

THE BENEFIT

Thank you to all those who attended the Benefit on April 28. Check out photos [HERE](#) (password: scholarparent)

BUDGET

from the Nominating Committee to understand the process and important dates that will be coming up. In addition to these important PTA institutional events for May and June, there are also other great activities such as Field Day, Multicultural Day, and the Welcome Picnic that will be taking place, and you can find the details on those in the committee sections below.

Lastly, in March, the TAG PTA received notice that we had lost our 501(c)(3) status. We are working diligently to reinstate our status and expect to have gathered all the information and filed the appropriate forms in May. More details are available [HERE](#) along with contact information for questions.

Regards,

Nina Reiniger & Anand Raghunath

TAG PTA Co-Presidents

The PTA budget process has begun for the 2018- 2019 school year! The Budget Committee has had planning meetings and will be presenting a recommended budget and all parents will have a chance to vote on it at the June 12th PTA. Have questions about the budget? Feel free to [email the Budget VPs](#). And don't forget you can check out the 2017-2018 PTA budget [HERE](#).

ENRICHMENT

FIELD DAY SHIRTS UPDATE!

Field Day shirts were given to teachers this week so your child should have brought them home. As previously mentioned, thanks to the generous donations from parents, EVERY student received a shirt. We ordered enough for scholars to get one shirt so please make sure they are not misplaced because we cannot give replacements. All students should wear their shirt on their respective Field Day. Questions/ concerns? Email parent [Pamela Simon](#) [HERE](#).

FIELD DAY IS NEXT WEEK! VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

Parent volunteers are needed to make sure the event is a success again this year. **We ESPECIALLY need volunteers for Tuesday, May 15th.** Please sign up [HERE](#) to help that day or the others, even if your child is in another grade.

CALLING ALL PARENTS!
THE PTA NEEDS YOU TO VOLUNTEER FOR

FIELD DAY

Grades K-4	Grades 5 & 6	Grades 7 & 8
May 16th	May 15th	May 17th

Event Dates: May 22, 23, 24

Planning for TAG's 2018 annual Field Day is in the works. Field Day will be a great event that will build school spirit AND get tag scholars excited about physical activities **but we need parent volunteers to make field day a success!** volunteers are needed to:

- ★ Join the field day committee to finalize Field Day plans ★
- ★ Organize activities & equipment ★
- ★ Manage color-coded teams ★
- ★ Man activities on field day & spirit day ★
- ★ Recruit parent volunteers ★
- ★ Promote Field Day with students & parents ★

GIRLS MATH CLUB SUCCESS!

Congrats on a great showing at the Girls Adventures in Math competition on April 13th!

Our elementary school Team 1 with Stella Hamlin, Diane He, Emily Akbar, and Aanya Khanna won 2nd place behind Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School in the elementary division at Trevor Day School. NYC-wide, they placed 5th behind Columbia, 2 NEST+m teams, and Speyer. They beat notable schools such as Hunter College Elementary, Brearley, Nightingale-Bamford, Chapin, and Metropolitan Montessori. Our elementary school Team 2 with Jade Chu, Claire Huang, Kelis Nguyen, and Annalie Merkel placed 6th at Trevor Day, also a great placement.

Our middle school Team 1 with Aniqua Chowdhury, Angel Chen, Ismath Maksura, and Danielle Que won 3rd place behind the two teams from Hunter College High School at Trevor Day. NYC-wide they placed 4th behind the 2 Hunter teams and NEST+m. This team beat notable schools like Anderson, Speyer, Trinity, Brearley, Riverdale, Nightingale-Bamford, Avenues, Booker T. Washington, Columbia Grammar & Prep, Trevor Day... the list goes on and on! Our middle school Team 2 with Mansia Momo, Alisha Rahman, Tasnim Sumaita, and Fahmida Choudhury placed 10th at Trevor Day, a very respectable showing.

Over the last 2 months these girls have not only worked hard at learning mathematical problem-solving, but also at working together with each other and team-building. The captains (Stella, Jade, Aniqua, and Mansia) have worked on leading a team, strategizing toward a goal, and maximizing the skills of each member of their respective teams. For parent coach, Tanya Gross, it has been so gratifying to see them grow in many ways!



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE PIANO RECITAL!

TAG students in the Beehive Music Academy After-School Piano Program will have their Piano Recital on Saturday June 2nd at St. Philips Church 204 West 134th Street (btwn Adam Clayton Powell & Frederick Douglass Boulevard). This recital is FREE and anyone can attend. Please spread the word and come see our children display their piano skills and give them your support!

THERE'S A TAG VOLLEYBALL TEAM?

Yes, there is! The team is comprised of Middle School girls and coached by 7th/8th grade Math teacher, Mr. Goodin. The young ladies had their first game last week. Good luck to the team during the season!



POETRY IN THE CLASSROOM

Every year, the PTA and administration support the Poets in the Classroom program at TAG! This year, two poets from CCNY's Poetry Outreach Center collaborated with 7th/8th grade ELA teacher Ms. Danticat and her talented students. This year was another success story with 14 scholars being selected to present at the annual poetry festival that was held on May 4th.



CHESS CHAMPS

The TAG Chess Team does it again! TAG first grader claimed K1 Champion in the New York State Girls Championships @ NEST+M last month; TAG Girls chess team took 6th and 10th place despite being outnumbered in their sections.

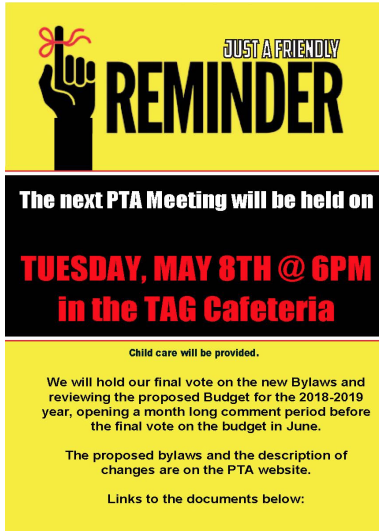
- Alexandra Phung (1st grade) was K1 Champion with a 5-0 finish. She is currently the top rated 6 yr old girl in the U.S.
- Sophie Renault (4th grade) and Alex Castro (4th grade) finished 10th with a cumulative 5.5 points in the K6 U900 section.
- Margaux Renault (K) and Alexandra Phung (K) finished 5th with a cumulative 6.5 points in the K1 Championship section.
- Ezra Lui (2nd grade) finished 4th and Peter Lin (3rd grade) finished 8th in Under 1000 section of Tournament at PS 6.

Congrats to all the kids who participated!



COMMUNICATIONS

DON'T MISS THE MEETING



**JUST A FRIENDLY
REMINDER**

The next PTA Meeting will be held on

TUESDAY, MAY 8TH @ 6PM
in the TAG Cafeteria

Child care will be provided.

We will hold our final vote on the new Bylaws and reviewing the proposed Budget for the 2018-2019 year, opening a month long comment period before the final vote on the budget in June.

The proposed bylaws and the description of changes are on the PTA website.

Links to the documents below:

UPDATED BYLAWS

The PTA bylaws mandate that the bylaws be reviewed every three years. The final round of proposed amendments were presented at the April 10th PTA meeting. These proposals will be voted on at the May 8th PTA meeting at 6pm. You can review them and the current bylaws on the "About TAG PTA" section of the website [HERE](#).



SLT SURVEY

Each year, TAG's SLT asks parents to complete a brief survey to aid in setting CEP (Comprehensive Educational Plan) goals for next school year. **You can complete the survey [HERE](#) (it only takes 2 minutes!) by May 14th.** Your responses will help shape TAG's goals for the next academic year!

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Come share your ideas on upcoming Family Engagement Committee events and how we can keep TAG families engaged, at the next meeting on 05/27 at 8:30am.

A DAY AT THE SPA FOR YOUR SCHOLAR!

**Schools are closed on June 7th*



ALL TAG FAMILIES & FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO A

Spa Day

THURSDAY, JUNE 7TH • APPOINTMENTS FROM 11AM TO 6PM
MILK AND COOKIES KIDS SPA & SALON 1196 FIRST AVE (64th & 65th st)

BOYS & GIRLS IN K-5 WILL SPEND THE DAY INDULGING IN THE PACKAGE OF YOUR CHOICE:

BFF SPA DATE (ONLY \$59.30 PER CHILD) SPA MANICURE, SPA PEDICURE, YUMMY FACIAL, ICING ON THE CAKE (MAKEUP), SPA PRODUCT TO TAKE HOME, COMPLIMENTARY MILK & COOKIE AFTER SERVICES, USE OF ROBES & SLIPPERS	ADVENTURE (ONLY \$37.80) SLIMMY BOOGER MANICURE, YUMMY FACIAL, MUD SCRUB (TO TAKE HOME), COMPLIMENTARY MILK & COOKIE AFTER SERVICES ADD ON OPTIONS: FUN HAIR COLOR FOR BOYS OR GIRLS: \$8 PER KID DELICIOUS CHARMED BRAID: STARTS AT \$15 (PRICE DEPENDS ON TYPE, LENGTH, ETC)	TAG BASIC (ONLY \$24.30) BASIC MANICURE, BASIC PEDICURE, GLITTER TATTOO, COMPLIMENTARY MILK & COOKIE AFTER SERVICES
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**BOOK YOUR CHILD'S APPOINTMENT AT 646-850-4032 OR
INFO@MILKANDCOOKIESKIDSSPA.COM**



CALLING ALL PARENTS!

Calling all Parents, Adult Family Members, and TAG Students (in need of community service hours)!!! The Family Engagement Committee has several events coming up and we need volunteers:

- Welcome Picnic June (DETAILS TBA)
- Multicultural Day June (DETAILS TBA)
- School Supplies Distribution August (DETAILS TBA)
- Other Family Engagement Events

Sign up to [VOLUNTEER HERE!](#)

ONLY 7 ROOMS LEFT! ANNUAL WATER PARK TRIP!

Only 7 rooms are left for the annual water park trip! These discounted rooms have been selling fast so don't delay in reserving your room.



MAKE A SPLASH WITH TAG!

The TAG PTA Family Engagement Committee invites all TAG Families & Friends to our annual water park trip at



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!

\$282.30 PER NIGHT

For a room up to 4 people
(\$320.45 for 5 people, \$358.60 for 6 people)
at the Poconos, PA location

* Prices include water park passes

JUNE 9th - 11th

Choose to stay either:

* 1 night on Sat June 9th/ check out on Sun June 10th

* 2 nights on Sat June 9th & Sun 10th/ check out on Mon June 11th
(PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JUNE 11th)

Make your reservation by calling
Kalahari at 570-580-6000
(Group: TAG for Young Scholars
Group ID: 2838)

These discounted rooms are first come, first served.
They sell out every year, so don't delay!



Kalahari amenities include:

- Colossal indoor & outdoor water park
- Spacious family hotel rooms
- Tons of water slides & pools
- Zip-lines & rope courses
- Delicious restaurants & snack bars
- Cabanas & swim-up bars
- And much more!!

Questions? Contact the Family Engagement Committee at membership@tagscholarspta.org.

PTA CALENDAR - MAY

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

Fri May 4	<div>● 5 – 8pm</div> <div>● 5 – 6pm</div>	Talent show rehearsal PTA Fundraising Committee Meeting Auditorium
Sat May 5	<div>● 12 – 3pm</div>	Basketball Saturdays 240 E 109th St
Tue May 8	<div>● 8:15 – 9:15am</div> <div>● 6 – 7pm</div>	Grants Committee Meeting TAG's Library General PTA Meeting TAG Cafeteria
Wed May 9	<div>● 8:15 – 9:15am</div> <div>● 2:45 – 3:45pm</div> <div>● 6 – 7pm</div>	Communiations Committee Meeting TAG's Library Winter/Spring Piano Classes Start WEDNESDAY NON-Y Students CEC D4 Meeting TAG Auditorium
Thu May 10	<div>● 7 – 9am</div> <div>● 2:45 – 3:45pm</div>	Teacher's appreciation breakfast TAG's Library Winter/Spring Piano Classes Start THURSDAY YMCA after-school students
Fri May 11	<div>● 8:15 – 9:15am</div>	Enrichment Committee Meeting TAG's Library
Sat May 12	<div>● 12 – 3pm</div>	Basketball Saturdays 240 E 109th St
Tue May 15	<div>● 8am – 2pm</div> <div>● 5:45 – 7pm</div>	5th & 6th Grade Field Day Randall's Island SLT Meeting TAG
Wed May 16	<div>● 8am – 2pm</div> <div>● 2:45 – 3:45pm</div>	Grades K - 4th Grade Field Day Randall's Island Winter/Spring Piano Classes Start WEDNESDAY NON-Y Students
Thu May 17	<div>● 8am – 2pm</div> <div>● 2:45 – 3:45pm</div> <div>● 6 – 7pm</div>	Grades 7th & 8th Field Day Randall's Island Winter/Spring Piano Classes Start THURSDAY YMCA after-school students Exec Board Mtg TAG Library
Fri May 18	<div>● 9 – 10am</div>	Spring Concert (5th & 6th Grade)
Sat May 19	<div>● 12 – 3pm</div>	Basketball Saturdays 240 E 109th St
Wed May 23	<div>● 2:45 – 3:45pm</div>	Winter/Spring Piano Classes Start WEDNESDAY NON-Y Students
Thu May 24	<div>● 2:45 – 3:45pm</div>	Winter/Spring Piano Classes Start THURSDAY YMCA after-school students
Fri May 25	<div>● 8:30 – 9:30am</div> <div>● 6 – 7pm</div>	Family Engagement Committee Mtg TAG Library Spring Concert (7th & 8th grades)
Sat May 26	<div>● 12 – 3pm</div>	Basketball Saturdays 240 E 109th St
Mon May 28	<div>● All day</div>	Schools Closed (Memorial Day)
Tue May 29	<div>● 5:45 – 6:45pm</div>	SLT Meeting Technology Room
Thu May 31	<div>● 2:45 – 3:45pm</div>	Winter/Spring Piano Classes Start THURSDAY YMCA after-school students

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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