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# THE SCHOLARLY NEWS

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

## **PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT**

Dear TAG Family,

The 2016-2017 school year is now heading into its final stretch. We want to thank you all very much for your generous donations throughout the year across our various fundraising events. The Annual Spring Gala was our latest event and we were very happy to see so many TAG families there and celebrating together. We were lucky to have a visit from the Manhattan Borough President, Gale Brewer, who had some very kind things to say about TAG and our community. As we head into the final two months of the year please keep in mind that we need as much volunteer help as we can get for Field Day, which will be later this month. Events like these are a lot of fun for the children but they cannot happen successfully without the volunteer efforts of TAG families. We also have our TAG Talent Show which is a great night to showcase the wonderful talents our TAG children have and we hope to see all of you there. Finally, in the spirit of volunteering, we have many open Co-Chair positions on important TAG PTA committees like Enrichment and Fundraising, as well as others. We would like to call on all parents who are interested to please step forward and take on one of these roles as we can only achieve our ambitious goals with not only your financial support, but also your volunteer efforts. Please contact the committee chairs if you are interested in finding out more.

Thank you again for all that you do to make TAG not only a great learning institution, but a welcoming and enriching community for the children as well.

Regards,

*Anand Raghunath &*

Trina Edmundson  
TAG Co-PTA Presidents



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## FUNDRAISING

### Fundraising Update

The fundraising committee has surpassed our \$175k goal! We've raised over **\$182,000** so far. This total includes funds raised from iPledge, holiday grams, Dave & Buster's power card sales, BoxTops, Costume party, Gala and all the other programs in September-April. Thank you to all the TAG families who have participated, we appreciate your support!

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#### Talent Show

Come and support our students on Friday, May 12th for TAG's fifth Annual talent show. We are excited to have new students participating as well as returning performers. Our students have worked tremendously hard on their performances and can't wait to showcase their acts on the stage. The Talent Show is one of the most anticipated events of the year and we hope to see you there.

You can purchase tickets on the PTA's website ([www.tagscholarspta.org](http://www.tagscholarspta.org)) or you can put your payment in the drop-box in Ms. Bruno's office. Please note tickets are available at the door.

#### Yankee Game!

Let the TAG PTA take you & your family and friends out to the ballgame! The PTA will be selling discounted tickets to NY YANKEE games on Sunday, May 28th (school is closed on 5/29) and Sunday, June 25th (school is closed on 6/26). You'll get to sit with other TAG families as we enjoy a game in Yankee stadium!

Buy tickets for one or both games at [www.tagscholarspta.org](http://www.tagscholarspta.org) before they sell out!

**TAG's 2017  
TALENT SHOW**  
TAG families & friends are invited to the PTA's 2017 Talent Show!

**FRI, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
(DOORS OPEN AT 5PM)  
in the TAG auditorium

Purchase tickets at:  
**TAGscholarsPTA.org**

FREE: Kids 1-4  
\$5: Kids 5-14  
\$10: Adults  
\$15: Reserved seats (rows 3-4)  
\$20: Reserved seats (rows 1-2)

**Food will be available for purchase**

Volunteers are needed! Sign up when you buy your tickets or email Fundraising at [fundraising@tagscholarspta.org](mailto:fundraising@tagscholarspta.org).

**YOU'RE INVITED TO WATCH!**  
**BASEBALL!**  
With TAG!

**Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** **Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

Let the TAG PTA take you & your family and friends out to the ballgame! The PTA will be selling discounted tickets to **NU WANKEE** games on 5/28 (school is closed on 5/29) and 6/25 (school is closed on 6/26). You'll get to sit with other TAG families as we enjoy a game in Wankew stadium! Buy tickets for one or both games at [www.tagscholarspta.org](http://www.tagscholarspta.org) before they sell out!

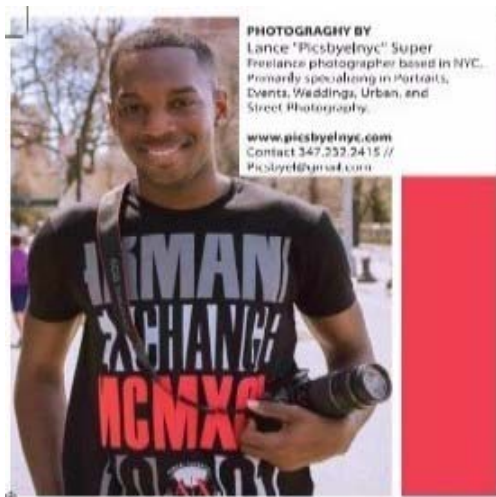
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 28<sup>th</sup></b> vs. Oakland @ 1:05 PM \$26: section 414 \$45: section 211 DEADLINE TO BUY: 03/20	<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 25<sup>th</sup></b> vs. Texas Rangers @ 2:05 PM \$28: section 414 \$45: section 232A DEADLINE TO BUY: 05/22
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<p><b>SUNDAY, MAY 28th</b></p> <p>Vs. Oakland @ 1:05 PM</p> <p>\$26: section 414</p> <p><b>Only a few left for May!</b></p>
<p><b>SUNDAY, JUNE 25th</b></p> <p>Vs. Texas Rangers @ 2:05 PM</p> <p>\$28: section 414</p> <p>\$45: section 232A</p> <p><b>DEADLINE TO BUY: 05/22</b></p>

Gala Acknowledgment

Special Thanks

	<p>Thanks to Marylyn's Catering Filipino Cuisine for donating Filipino food to our Gala. Please email Marylyn to cater your event, they also service small parties, and sell lunch/dinner plates for individuals! Check them out!</p>
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Thanks to "PicsbyEINyc" Lance The Photographer who captured all the awesome moments at our Gala. Please follow him on IG, and contact him if you need a photographer.



[MarilynMarin@gmail.com](mailto:MarilynMarin@gmail.com)

## Online Auction

Online bidding for several Auction items is still open. Click here:

<https://cbo.io/bidapp/index.php?slug=TAGgala2017>

Once you Register to bid, you will be assigned a "Bidder Number" that is you. That's your log in (username). When you click on another time, or on another device, you simply type in your bidder # and it will prompt you to put in the password you created.

DON'T miss out on this awesome opportunity to purchase some really nice items (camp packages, children's clothes, celebrity autograph items, fun times in New York bundles, classes, sessions, music, art work, shows and more!), all while supporting TAG!!!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

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## ENRICHMENT



The school year is winding down, but TAG students are staying busy participating in tournaments around the city, state, and country!

## Debate Tournaments –NYCUDL State Championships

Exceptional results from Team TAG! The middle school debate team participated in the New York City Urban Debate League State Championships, held on Saturday and Sunday at In-Tech Academy in the Bronx. The tournament took place over two days, and on Sunday, after the first 5 rounds, top speaker awards were announced. Out of 94 teams (approximately 188 students), Shabnan Khandker Habib (7th grade) was awarded 19th place and Shannya Campbell (6th grade) 11th place in top speaker awards. Shannya and Rocia Prass (6th grade) moved on to the elimination rounds; they placed in the top 16 and received top Octafinal plaques. These two teams have been invited to the American Debate League Championships in May!



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## Girls' Adventures in Math Competition

TAG sent four teams to the Girl's Adventure in Math (GAIM) competition at the Speyer School. TAG Middle School teams Wins 1st Place! Congratulations to Sumaya, Ella, Emma, and Cecily for winning the middle school competition! The elementary team of Mirabelle, Megan, Rodoshi, and Fahmida - made it to Round 2, coming in as one of the top 6 elementary scores on Round 1 (with a number of ties) on Thursday, April 20th.



*Coach Tanya Gross, Emma-8th grade, Ella-8th grade, Sumaya-8th grade, and Cecily-6th grade*



**Back row:** Rodoshi Islam, Sanjana Alam, Eliza Karim, Fahmida Choudhury, Emma O'Leary, Tanya Gross-parent/coach, Seoyoung Shin, Suraia Ali, Sumaya Hafizur, Ramatoulaye Bah

**Front row:** Kemi Diver, Megan Lee, Mirabelle Zhang, Aanya Khanna, Amelie Phung, Jade Chu, Cecily Gross

## Chess Tournaments

Over spring break, Alexandra Castro (3rd grade) placed 8th in the Swiss B section of the All Souls Top Level chess tournament. She was the only girl in her section!

Amelie Phung tied for 8th place out of 126 at Girls Chess Nationals in Chicago. She has also qualified for the U.S. Chess team for U10 World Youth hosted in



Brazil this summer.



## CCNY Poetry Festival —May 12<sup>th</sup>

Poets from CCNY Poetry Outreach Center worked with all of TAG's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students last fall. Nineteen students, from the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes, have been selected to read their poems at the Poetry Festival, held at Aaron Davis Hall on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Safia Ellington</b> <i>"No Offense"</i>
<b>Leah Friedman</b> <i>"Snow"</i>
<b>Candy Huang</b> <i>"Sick"</i>
<b>Cliff Adler</b> <i>"Chaos 100 Years Later"</i>
<b>Danica Catral</b> <i>"Room"</i>
<b>Torosa Tasnika</b> <i>"Broken Promises"</i>
<b>Cruz Warshaw</b> <i>"Welcome, Happy Oyster!"</i>
<b>Charlay Sledge</b> <i>"The Man got soap-drops..."</i>
<b>Alexa Jones</b> <i>"The Date"</i>

## Field Day—Save the Dates:

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

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

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



<b>Leonard Phung</b> "Poetry"
<b>Jabeen Sami</b> "Autumn's Red & Auburn"
<b>Bryan Huang</b> "God"
<b>Melisande Nabage</b> "The Confused Eraser"
<b>Kevin Kurti</b> "A Friend"
<b>Navid Zunaid</b> "Krispin the Dog"
<b>Nazib Sikder</b> "Untitled"
<b>Hisham Chowdhury</b> "Sonnet"
<b>Lola Musslewhite</b> "Kingdom"
<b>Rifah Saba</b> "Untitled"



Final Parent volunteer training session  
for field day: 5/9 (3:30 pm and 6:00  
pm)

Bottled water and healthy snacks  
contributions-contact  
[enrichment@tagscholarspta.org](mailto:enrichment@tagscholarspta.org).

## MEMBERSHIP

The membership committee would like to invite you to join us at some of our biggest events of the year: our annual waterpark trip, to Kalahari resort (book your room here: <http://www.tagscholarspta.org/camelback.html>) and our annual **New Families Welcome Picnic**. The picnic will be on June 17th in the Dana Discovery Meadow in Central Park (at 110th and Lenox). It's a fun day for all our families and a great opportunity to meet new families.



**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 28<sup>th</sup> before they're gone!**

**\$245.26<sup>PER NIGHT</sup>**  
 for a room up to 4 people  
 (\$283.41 for 5 people, \$321.56 for 6 people)  
 at the Poconos, PA location

**JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 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 CLOSED 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) 224-0331 (cell or text) or ndavis220@hotmail.com.

## PTA CALENDAR

### May

Thu, May 11, 8:15am – 9:15am	Fundraising meeting
Friday, May 12, 2017	CCNY Poetry Festival (5th & 6th grades)
Fri, May 12, 5pm – 8pm	TAG Talent Show!
Tue, May 16, 2017	PTA Field Day: Grades K-2
Wed, May 17, 2017	PTA Field Day: Grades 3-5
Thu, May 18, 2017	PTA Field Day: Grades 6-8
Fri, May 19, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Membership Committee Meeting
Mon, May 22, 2017	Deadline to buy Yankees tickets for June 25th game! (Visit the Store on the PTA website)
Wed, May 24, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Communications Committee meeting
Fri, May 26, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Enrichment Committee Meeting
Sun, May 28, 2017	See the Yankees with TAG, 1:05pm game vs Oakland

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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