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TAG PTA Newsletter - Jan 2015

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DINE OUT WITH TAG!

Click below to print out a flyer to bring with you on Jan 23rd.
TAG families & friends will be in the private event space.



PTA MEETING RESCHEDULED

Friendly reminder that the January PTA meeting was **rescheduled to Tuesday, January 13th at 6pm in the cafeteria**. As usual, we'll be having a potluck so please bring a dish or beverages to share. See you then!

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATES

- The **next fundraising meeting** will be held on Friday, Jan 16th at 8am in the teachers' lounge and at 6pm in the library.

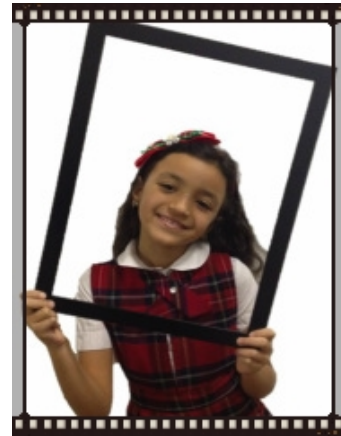
- TAG's **Annual Silent Auction** is coming! The big event will be held on the evening of Saturday, April 25th. Be on the look out for further details. In the mean time, if you, your family/ friends, or job would like to donate any items or services for the auction, [reach out to Trina Edmundson HERE](#).

- The fundraising committee will be doing a **Valentines Gram** in February. Details and forms will be sent via an email from Ms. Bruno, backpacks, and on the PTA bulletin board. Get ready to show your love!

- **Dave & Buster Power Card** forms are due February 23rd. Remember, the TOP selling student will receive a \$100 American Express Gift Card, delicious lunch & dessert, and a Dress Down Day! The 5 top-selling students will enjoy a delicious lunch & dessert plus a Dress Down Day!

- Yes, we know all TAG students are academically gifted but now they get an opportunity to demonstrate their talent! The **TAG Talent Show** will take place in May but auditions will begin the end of this month. Look out for further details, but in the mean time if you have ideas for group performances or would like to volunteer to work on the talent show please [email Catherine Levine HERE](#).

- The **iPledge** campaign was a success! Thanks to the generosity of the parents below ([click to enlarge](#)), over \$70,000 and 500 volunteer hours were raised! And congrats to **the three winning classes, 1-119 (Liu), 3-117 (Donnelly), 1-121 (Jaffri), who will get their ice cream party, dress down day, & surprise gift on January 16th.**



PICTURE DAY RE-TAKES

Student pictures were distributed in December. If your scholar missed the original picture day or you are unhappy with the pictures you received, **re-takes will be done on Wednesday, Feb 4th.** Ms. Additional details will be sent via Ms. Bruno.

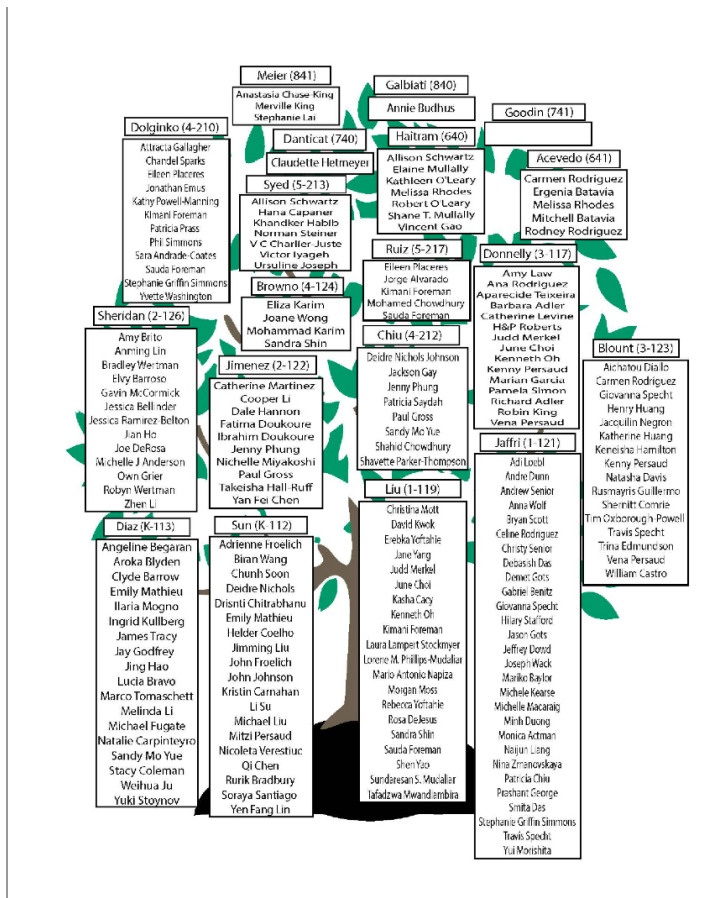
UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, Jan 13th:
PTA Mtg @ 6pm
(in cafeteria)

Thursday, Jan 15th:
Exec Bd Mtg @ 6pm
(in library)

Friday, Jan 16th:
Dress Down day & ice cream party for winning iPledge classes
(1-119, 1-121, 3-117)

Friday, Jan 16th:
Enrichment Mtg



@ 8:00am
(in library)

Friday, Jan 16th:
Fundraising Mtg
@ 8am & 6pm
(in teachers' lounge @ 8a
& library @ 6p)

Saturday, Jan 17th:
TAG Ski Trip
(depart from TAG @7am)

Monday, Jan 19th:
School Closed
(Martin Luther King Day)

Monday, Jan 19th:
Last day to nominate
a teacher for Big
Apple Awards
([Schools.nyc.gov/
BigAppleAwards](https://schools.nyc.gov/BigAppleAwards))

**Wednesday, Jan
21st:
Membership Mtg
@ 5:00pm
(in library)**

Thursday, Jan 22nd:
Budget Mtg
@ 8:00am
(in library)

Friday, Jan 23rd:
Dine Out With TAG
@ 6:00pm
(Joe's Crab Shack, 2349
Frederick Douglass Blvd
on 125th St)

Tuesday, Feb 3rd:
PTA Mtg @ 6pm
(in cafeteria)



İPLEGE İPAD WINNER!

Congratulation to TAG parent Mr. Debasish Das (class 1-121) on winning the iPad during the iPledge raffle!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTA PRESIDENT

Dear TAG Families,

Welcome back from a long, most likely jam-packed, and hopefully somewhat restful holiday recess! For me, at least, it's a relief - after all the visiting and presents, and eating, eating, eating - to see my son getting back into the normal routine of his life at TAG. The first morning of the first day back was surprisingly painless!

Coming up in just a few days is our January 17th ski trip to Shawnee, PA. The first round of tickets sold out so quickly that a second has been added. Organized by the PTA's Membership Committee, this is a great opportunity for the TAG community to get together and have some serious, non-academic fun.

The PTA will be busy this January—you'll see a survey soon soliciting your opinions about the future of our after school programs. Among other things, we'll want your thoughts on a few concrete strategies that could solve our space issues and allow us to expand our enrichment programs in 2015.

Best wishes for a great start to 2015, and the spring semester at TAG!

Jason Gots
TAG PTA President, 2014-2015



FROM THE PTA WELLNESS SUB-COMMITTEE

A group of parents in the enrichment committee have joined together to form the wellness sub-committee. Their role is to inform TAG parents about health-related programs and opportunities. This month, they are highlighting the **Occupational Therapy (OT) Program**. TAG is fortunate to have an occupational therapist on-site: Mr. Bruce A. Williams, OTR/L (pictured on left). Mr. Williams is the Senior Occupational Therapist for all four schools in the Tito Puente Education Complex. He described the role of the school-based OT as helping to ensure success for each child, by addressing the following issues as needed: correct grasp, fine motor skills issues, visual tracking, motor attention, perception skills, adaptive equipment/use of technology, sensory processing (noise, touch, touching others), correct posture and position. Mr. Williams specializes in therapeutic play and working with students with math anxiety and low self-esteem. He believes that ADD/ADHD are over-diagnosed these days, and that more attention to the above skills, combined with introducing yoga or other physical activity during the school day, can help children to focus on their work and succeed academically. If you think your child could benefit from working with Mr. Williams a written request should be submitted to your child's primary teacher to begin the process. Feel free to visit Mr. Williams daily from 3pm - 4pm in his office next to Ms. Bruno's.

TAG 2nd GRADER CHESS CHAMP!

Congratulations to TAG 2nd grader Amelie Phung, who competed in the 2014 K-12 Chess Nationals in Orlando, FL! Amelie finished 45th of 166 2nd graders, with 4/7 points. She was the 4th girl overall, and 1st from NY! Amelie also had the pleasure to play the top seed from CA who is rated 1772. And she met Grand Master Var Akobian, top 5 in the US, and famous for his online chess videos. Amelie recently joined the Marshall Chess Club and will invite TAG chess players to have friendly games. Please email TAG parent Tam Phung [HERE](#) if you are interested in your child participating in chess tournaments.



NOMINATE A TAG TEACHER!

Last year, Ms. Donnelly, one of TAG's third grade teachers, was the recipient of the **Big Apple Teaching Awards**, where she was recognized as one of the best 10 teachers in the city. Let's nominate another TAG teacher for this honor! Head to schools.nyc.gov//BigAppleAwards to **nominate a teacher by the Monday, Jan 19th deadline!**

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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