

TAG PTA Newsletter - January 2017

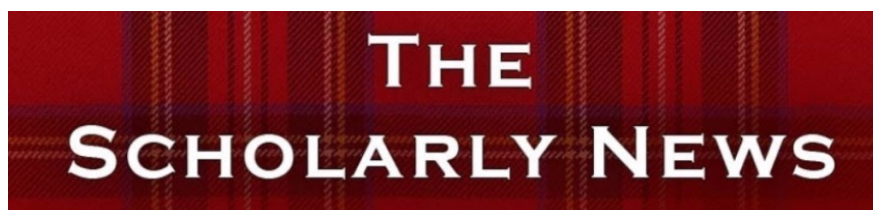
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PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Dear TAG Family,



As 2016 comes to a close, now is a good time to reflect and be thankful for where we are as a PTA and TAG community as a whole. We have worked diligently with Ms. Cesar to help fill the open TA and teacher positions and now they are all filled. It is a testament to the strong relationship we have with TAG administration that the PTA can offer assistance during challenging times and that we can work together to find solutions to problems.

Many congrats to our Fundraising team for a record-breaking iPledge drive (almost \$120K!) and other successful Fundraising events. We also had opportunities to build community through our Membership Committee activities such as Family Night

Membership Committee News

In conjunction with our annual Book a Fair, the Membership committee hosted Family Night, our annual school wide meetup for crafts, games and sport. We would like to thank all the volunteers that made it a successful event, including several 8th graders who helped setting up and with activities.

We also visited New York Common Pantry on E 109th st. Our kids donated fruit, cheese, granola bars, yogurt and homemade cookies. The Pantry is a great resource in our neighborhood and serves more than 5000 families citywide, offering a pantry service, a meal service for homeless, and other daily supports, including helping with benefits applications.



and develop a parent database through the great work of our Communications Committee. Many thanks to our Enrichment Committee for working hard to provide some wonderful enrichment activities such as Chess, Theater, and Mandarin. Our Grants Committee has been instrumental in getting us needed Technology grants.

We have many exciting events on the horizon: Ski Trips, Valentine Grams, TAG Auction, Talent Show and Field Day among other things. Please volunteer as much time as possible, the events we have coming up will need all the people power we can get. Please reach out to the various TAG committees to see where you can help. The TAG PTA has big dreams, like having TA's in every class and equipping our children with the best technology in the classroom, but we can't achieve them without the support of everyone in the TAG family.

We thank you again for all the great work and support this semester. On behalf of the TAG PTA we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Regards,

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



Join us for our play date on January 7th at 2pm, at Dave and Buster's in Pelham, Bronx, 881 Pelham Parkway, Pelham, NY. Feel free to reach out to our yahoo groups if you need a ride from the closest subway stop.

TAG families and friends are invited to ski the day away on Saturday January 28th at Camelback ski resort in Tannersville, PA. There are skier and non-skier options that include round-trip transportation, ski lessons, equipment rental, and more! Buy your tickets at <http://www.tagscholarspta.org/skitrip.html> by Jan 17th before they sell out!

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COMMUNICATIONS

The administration would like to introduce new teachers who started working at TAG recently.

- *Mr Clifton Powell Jr.* is the new **PE Assistant Teacher**, he will support Mr Wong in the gym and supervise the kids during recess.
- *Mr. James Dargan* is the new **Music Teacher for K-3rd**.
- *Ms Nakia Spencer* is the new **Kindergarten Assistant Teacher**.
- We also have a new **Technology Teacher**, *Mr Robert Duryea*.

Mr Powell, Mr Dargan and Ms Spencer are sponsored by the PTA with the funds parents have generously donated last year.

ENRICHMENT

Fall 2016 has been busy as the Enrichment Committee, with the support of fantastic parent volunteers launched after school chess, piano, and Mandarin as well as middle school debate and theater. In-curriculum activities included trips to New Victory Theater, poets in the classroom, and in-curriculum chess for grades K-1.

TAG now has new staff members: assistant Physical Education teacher, Mr. Powell, who is able to support Mr. Wong with gym classes, and Mr. Dargan, the new PTA-funded K-3 music teacher.



Mr. Powell, new physical ed. assistant teacher, with 6th grade



Rocia, Shabnan, Raymond, Shannya winners at December 2016 debate tournament.



Mellisha Clayton (Shannya's mom) wins top judge at December 2016 tournament!

Scholars continue their busy tournament schedule as the debate team participates in a January 14th tournament at the Anderson School. Shabnan earned **6th place Top team award** as a maverick and earned the **10th place top individual speaker award** in the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Middle School debate Tournament on Saturday at Hunter College Elementary School.

The chess team will participate in the Greater New York Scholastic Chess Championship at the New York Marriott in February.

Please note that most of the enrichment activities are on a fall/winter schedule. If you plan for your child to participate in the winter session of chess, you must register at NYChessKids in advance of January 6th when the new session begins.

Fundraising Announcements

DAVE & BUSTERS WINNERS!

Congratulations to **AFIYA HARRIS** for being the top seller of Dave & Buster's Power Card sales. She won a \$50 Amex gift card, a dress down day, lunch and dessert courtesy of the TAG PTA. Also a round of applause to the runner ups the winners of lunch with dessert, and a dress down day:

- Mylia Sanders
- Stella Tardie
- Nicole Manning
- Kae Baylor
- Mia Buonasera

PICTURE DAY!

The photos from Picture Day have been distributed to teachers, so you should have received them. If you have any issues, please contact LifeTouch at (877) 551-6832 so they can make alternate arrangements. If you missed picture day or are unhappy with your photos, retakes will be done in February. Look out for more details!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The fundraising committee is so close to our \$175k goal! We've raised almost \$142,000 so far. This total includes funds raised from holiday grams, Dave & Buster's power card sales, BoxTops, and all the other programs in September-December. Thank you to all the TAG families who have participated!

PTA CALENDAR January - February

Tue, Dec 27, 2016 - Mon, Jan 2, 2017	Winter Recess: NO SCHOOL
Tue, Jan 3, 2017, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Grants Committee Meeting
Tue, Jan 3, 2017, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	General PTA Meeting
Thu, Jan 12, 2017, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Fundraising meeting
Thu, Jan 12, 2017, 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm	Fundraising meeting
Sat, Jan 14, 2017	Debate Tournament
Mon, Jan 16, 2017	Martin Luther King Day: NO SCHOOL
Thu, Jan 19, 2017, 6 pm – 7 pm	Executive Board Meeting
Fri, Jan 20, 2017, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Membership Committee Meeting
Wed, Jan 25, 2017, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Communications Committee meeting
Fri, Jan 27, 2017, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Enrichment Committee Meeting
Sat, Feb 4, 2017	Debate Tournament
Tue, Feb 7, 2017, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Grants Committee Meeting
Tue, Feb 7, 2017, 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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