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TAG PTA Newsletter -- June 2016 Edition

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TAG June Highlights

The Membership Committee had a very successful new parent picnic at Central Park on June 18th. We had great participation from new and current TAG families and we are very excited to welcome the newest members of the TAG community this September.

TAG Yearbooks We still have a few Yearbooks for sale. Please go to the TAG PTA website to order your copy, purchased Yearbooks can be mailed to

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., June 28th Last Day of School

Thurs., September 8th First Day of School (early dismissal for Kindergarten students)

Fri., September 9th First Full Day of School for Kindergarten Students

Mon., September 12th School Closed (Eid al-Adha)

you at no cost!

First Day of School: Please note that it will be September 8th (Thursday). Kindergarten will have early dismissal that day and the first full day of school for all students is September 9th.

Tues., September 13th First TAG PTA Meeting (8am and 6pm)
Location TBD)

The First Day of School is a very nervous and exciting time for new parents and children. We need as many TAG families as possible to be available during the first day of school to help our new families . To find out how you can help that day, and if you have any further questions for this important day, please email the Membership Committee at membership@tagscholarspta.org.

Fundraising Committee Update

The Fundraising Committee, under the excellent and dedicated leadership of **Catherine Levine**, has met and exceeded its goal of raising \$165K for TAG in the 2015-2016 school year! We had a very successful end of the fundraising season with the TAG Talent Show and Carnival. Special thanks to all the Fundraising committee members and all those who volunteered for fundraising events throughout the year, without your help we would not be able to put on these important events that mean so much for the TAG community. Great job to all!

TAG AUCTION

This year's auction was a great time & a major success. We raised over

\$23,000 for TAG! However, there are still some items left! We also want to congratulate Kathleen Richie of 4-210 (Ms. Dolginko's class)...Kathleen is the Dior gift box winner!!

DAVE & BUSTERS WINNER

Congratulations to Afiya Harris (K-113) for being the top seller of Dave & Buster's Power Card sales. She won a \$100 Amex gift card, a dress down day, lunch and dessert courtesy of the TAG PTA. Also a round of applause to the runner ups & winners of lunch with dessert, and a dress down day: Zion Porter (3-123), Gwendolyn Simon (4-210), Damoni Linen (4-210) and Nicole Manning (5-213).



UNITED HEALTHCARE DONATION

We would like to thank Jason Watts, Community Relations & Outreach Specialist at the United Healthcare Community Plan for the very generous donation of \$550 to help TAG reach its Fundraising goals for 2015/2016. The TAG Community thanks you!

PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY WINNER

Congratulations to Milan Gittens from Ms Jafri's class 1-121 who got the extreme honor of acting as Principal for the Day! She showed excellent leadership skills as she assisted Ms Cesar in her many busy morning tasks. This unique experience was auctioned off at the PTA's Silent Auction benefit gala. Maybe next year the winner could be you!





Enrichment Committee Update

Enrichment at TAG seemed to gain momentum during the spring months! The ***middle school thespians*** were busy learning selections from *Romeo & Juliet* and *Macbeth*. The SONYC Y program partnered with NYChessKids to pilot a very lively Monday afternoon ***chess program***. And, not to be forgotten, ***debate*** season ended with middle school students making up half the team's contingent that participated in the NYCYDL statewide championships (Pictured-Rocia Prass and Khandker Shabnan Habib).



TAG's first outing to the ***Girl's Math Olympiad*** included two, 4-member elementary

and middle school teams. One of the elementary teams made it as far as the finals!
(Pictured: Elementary-Maya, Mirabelle, Megan, Angel, Cecily, Eliza, Rocia, & Ondine; Middle School-Sumaya, Ella, Nusrat, Beatrice, Kemi, Medina, Ismath & Carey)



The **chess club** was out in full-force throughout April, May and now June. There were MANY individual and team accolades as the scholars competed in local tournaments at PS 116, Anderson, Chapin, Spence, and Columbia Grammar and Prep. TAG was also represented at the **all girl's Nationals tournament** held in Chicago. TAG hosted a **first annual chess tournament** in May, and to finish the season, the chess club team took home a top team award #1!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (Pictured: Candy Huang, Claire Huang, and Sebastian Rosado)



In April, the entire TAG community was able to attend an assembly with ***Misty Copeland***, the first African American Female Principal Dancer with the American Ballet Theater. After introducing herself, and telling the story of how she became a ballerina, Ms. Copeland generously invited the students to ask her the questions they had prepared in advance. Special thanks to parent Adrienne Schulte for bringing Ms. Copeland to TAG--it was an experience our children will never forget.





Scholars participating in afterschool piano program ended their year with an enjoyable ***spring piano recital*** at St. Philips Church in Harlem.

New Victory Theater has limited scholarship opportunities for eligible students interested in their summer workshops. Please click on the link for further information <http://www.newvictory.org/Workshops>

Parent Corner: As we close out the school year, and we move our attention towards planning for the upcoming school year, we would like to ask for your continued support in making enrichment possible for the scholars. If you can help with any of the following activities listed below, please email enrichment at enrichment@tagscholarspta.org

We hope to hold our second annual ***field day*** for TAG in June 2017. However, we need a parent planning team to make this possible!

Math Club- request for parents to support ***math club*** offerings at TAG for the 2016-17 school year!

Basketball-***Help with locating gym space*** (local to TAG) so we can launch both a boy's and a girl's middle school basketball team for 2016-17!

To help us plan for the upcoming school year, please complete a SHORT survey that will help us gauge the numbers of students who are interested in participating in the various enrichment activities:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/enrichment2016_17



From PTA Co-Presidents Anand Raghunath and Trina Edmundson

Dear TAG Families,

The PTA Executive Board would like to thank you for your generous support this year. We have successfully been able to fund the following areas because of you:

- Paid for Singapore math
- Paid for Debate Team expenses
- Paid for Basketball Team expenses & coach
- Paid for Kindergarten assistant teacher
- Paid for 1st Grade assistant teacher
- Paid for Middle School theater program
- Paid for Assistant Physical Education teacher
- Paid for Elementary Music teacher and music program expenses
- Paid for Teachers' appreciation lunch
- Donated funds for 5th grade moving up celebration
- Donated funds for 8th grade graduation
- Paid for In-curriculum chess

- Paid for Math Olympiad competition
- Paid for TAG Field day
- Paid for Middle School lockers
- Donated funds for chess tournament

We hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer and we look forward to your continued support in 2016-2017!

Best,

Trina & Anand

Contact the TAG PTA Executive Board

We have **NEW** Board Members for 2016-2017 (**in bold**), please welcome them and help us do even more for our TAG kids! Please don't hesitate to reach out to anyone on the board with your questions, ideas, and concerns.

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