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TAG PTA Newsletter - Mar 2015

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[PTA Website](#)**THE MASQUERADE BALL IS TOMORROW!**

Tomorrow will be a beautiful sunny day. So put on some fancy clothes, leave the house, and head to the **Masquerade Ball**. Last year, over 125 TAG families & friends spent the day with music, games, and great food. We're doing it again on Mar 7th. Tickets include a mask, unlimited games, prizes, & entry to 2 different raffles (get an extra raffle ticket if you bring your own mask). See pics from last year [HERE](#) (password: scholarparent)

[Click on the flyer to buy your tickets!](#)**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTA PRESIDENT**

Dear TAG Families,

We've got a lot going on in the coming months! Community

UPCOMING EVENTS

fun in the form of the Masquerade Ball and the Silent Auction, and community efforts as we come together to plan the PTA budget and programming for fall 2015, and as we work with the other schools in our building on plans to share the space in a way that benefits everyone. TAG's Blackrock Grant-funded debate team will continue to compete monthly in citywide tournaments, and the generous \$100,000 technology grant for which our PTA Grants committee applied last year will provide many TAG classrooms with state-of-the-art touchscreen smartboards.

Thank you to every one of the 263 people who participated in the recent enrichment survey. The information you shared with us gives us a much clearer picture of what TAG parents want from after-school and other PTA enrichment programming, and will help us enormously in our planning for next year and the years to come.

As the spring of my son's second year at TAG approaches, I am deeply thankful for the community of families and educators whose intelligence, hard work, and love makes this school such an extraordinary place.

All the best,

Jason Gots
TAG PTA President, 2014-2015



GREAT DEBATORS

Congrats to TAG scholars- Nicole Manning, Eliza Karim, Ricardo Coates, Romeo Silverio, Shannya Campbell, & Juan Diego Castro who were fantastic at debating why school suspensions should be banned. All of these students came away from the Valentine's Day Debate Tournament with trophies and bright smiles to show for their efforts.

Saturday, Mar 7th: **Masquerade Ball @**

4pm
(in cafeteria)

Friday, Mar 13th: **Fundraising Mtg** **@ 8am & 6pm** (in library)

Thursday, Mar 19th: **1/2 Day at TAG** (Parent/ Teacher Conf)

Friday, Mar 20th: **Enrichment Mtg** **@ 8am** (in library)

Thursday, Mar 26th: **Exec Bd Mtg @ 6pm** (in library)

Friday, Apr 3rd **thru** **Friday, Apr 10th:** **Schools Closed** (Spring Recess; schools reopen Apr 13th)

Tuesday, Apr 14th: **PTA Mtg @ 6pm** (in cafeteria)

FREE ELEMENTARY DEBATE!

The next elementary tournament for students in grades 2-5 will be held on **Saturday 03/21** from 9am-12pm at **PS 149, 9311 34th Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY, 11372**. The debate topic will be **"Children should be**

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATES

As of March 1st the **Fundraising & Grant Committees have raised over \$104,000.00!** Thank you to all the parents who have supported the committees' efforts!

HIP HOP DANCE CLASS POSTPONED ONE WEEK

The Saturday Hip Hop dance classes have been postponed one week; they **will start on March 14th** NOT March 7th. For more info or to register, contact Heather Godfrey at heathw154@yahoo.com

prohibited from using social media." The registration deadline is Wednesday, 03/18. To register, contact the TAG Debate Coordinator at debate@tagscholarspta.org with your child's name & grade. Children will get breakfast, lunch, and dessert, have fun, and get instructed by the top debate experts.



POOR RICHARD's PLAYGROUND NEEDS YOU!

TAG parents working to improve our park invite the TAG community to **like the Friend's of Poor Richard's Playground** on Facebook: [facebook.com/poorrichardsplayground](https://www.facebook.com/poorrichardsplayground)

DAVE & BUSTER's POWER CARD WINNERS

Congratulations to Chloe Dunn (1-121) for being the top seller of Dave & Buster's Power Card sales. She sold \$1,610 worth of Power Cards so won a \$100 Amex gift card, a dress down week, & lunch and dessert courtesy of the TAG PTA. Also a round of applause to the runner ups & winners of lunch and dessert & a dress down day: Kataura Lampert (1-119), Zion Porter (2-126), Taylor Jones (3-123), Nicole Manning (4-124).



TAG's TALENT SHOW

The big event will be held on Friday, May 8th @ 5:30pm. Kids under 4 are free. Tickets are \$5 for kids, \$10 for adults, & \$15 or \$20 for reserved seats. Buy tickets online at tagscholarspta.org/talent-show. Don't forget to bring money for the concession stand! If you have any question please contact Catherine Levine at fundraising@tagscholarspta.org

TAG's GOING TO GREAT WOLF

Join other TAG families and friends for a howling good time at Great Wolf Lodge in the Poconos. This year, you can get a discounted rate for one night (Jun 13th) or two nights (June 12th & 13th)! Rooms sell out every year, so don't delay. More details at tagscholarspta.org/great-wolf



TAG's 2015 HOWLING GOOD TIME!

Join other TAG families for another fun Great Wolf Lodge Family Trip! You & your child will LOVE winding down the water slides, playing in the arcade, lazing away in the spa, & more, while building great memories with family and TAG friends!

Rooms are limited so book by APRIL 12th before they're gone!

The Great Wolf Lodge amenities include:

- 84-degree colossal indoor waterpark
- Daily Wolf Walk and Story Time
- Cub Club craft and activity center
- Spacious family suites
- Fantastic specialty-themed restaurants
- And much more!!

\$271.40 per night, per room (6 max per room) at the Poconos, PA location

June 12th - 14th

Choose to stay either:
* 1 night on June 12th; check out on June 14th
* 2 nights on June 12th & 13th; check out on June 14th

Make your reservation at www.greatwolf.com/poconos or by calling 800.768.9653 (Group Discount Code: 1506TAGO)

+ Reservation includes water passes for each day of your stay

+ You can book your add-on PawPass & meal packages too!

Questions? Contact TAG parent Natasha Davis at (917) 224-0331 or NDavis220@gmail.com

TAG's MUSIC PROGRAM UPDATES

TAG PTA is happy to report that after submitting a letter of intent in January, TAG PTA has been invited to apply to the renowned Louis Armstrong Foundation. The proposal will be to support TAG's music program with a special emphasis on education through Jazz. Louis Armstrong Foundation funds such notable institutions as Jazz at Lincoln Center, The Manhattan School of Music and the University of New Orleans.

As part of the proposal we are working with several TAG parents who have close ties to Jazz at Lincoln Center's Master Musicians. With support, we hope to invite great Jazz masters to TAG to give master classes and perform with TAG students. In that vein, remember to **save the date of Friday, May 22nd for the TAG Spring Concert**, which will feature TAG bands, chorus and Jazz ensemble (pictured below).



THE ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

Are you craving some adult time in an evening accompanied by, delicious food, an open bar, conversation, and dancing? Want to help TAG at the same time? Sounds like you need to come to the **Annual Silent Auction on April 25th!** Individual tickets are \$65. Tables are \$165 (seats 2) and \$325 (seats 4). **The tables for 8 have SOLD OUT!** Babysitting has also sold out!

Buy your ticket [HERE](#) or by leaving a completed form and payment in the drop box in Ms. Bruno's office. We are still seeking donations of enticing items to be auctioned off. So if you or someone you know can donate services, items, or tickets to events, please contact: Trina Edmundson at fundraising@tagscholarspta.org.

The TAG PTA is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization so donations are tax deductible! Questions? Contact Trina Edmundson at fundraising@tagscholarspta.org or Catherine Martinez at grants@tagscholarspta.org

The poster has a red background with a bokeh effect of yellow and white light spots. The word 'Gala' is written in a large, elegant, gold-colored script font. To its right, 'TAG' is in large white block letters, with 'YOUNG SCHOLARS' in smaller white block letters below it. Below 'TAG' is the phrase 'requests the pleasure of your company at their' in a small, italicized white font. To the right of this is 'ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION' in white block letters, with 'ANNUAL' and 'AUCTION' on separate lines. Below 'Gala' is 'Saturday, April 25th, 2015' in a white script font, followed by '7:00 - 10:00 pm' in a smaller white script font. Below this is 'DCTV • 87 Lafayette Street, New York, NY 10013' in white block letters. Then 'ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TAG' in white block letters. Below that is a paragraph in white block letters: 'THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR TAG PARENTS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS TO ENJOY A NIGHT OF MUSIC, DELECTABLE FOOD & DANCING WHILE HELPING TAG! WE ARE ALSO OFFERING AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE ON-SITE FOR KIDS, AGES FOUR TO THIRTEEN.' Then 'TICKETS & SPONSORS' in white block letters. Below that is 'PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS OR TABLE AT: TAGSCHOLARSPTA.ORG/AUCTION OR BY COMPLETING THE FORM ON THE BACK' in white block letters. Then 'DINNER • OPEN BAR • DANCING' in white block letters. Finally, 'Classy Casual to Cocktail Attire' in a white script font at the bottom.

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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