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

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Dear TAG Family,

We hope that you had a restful winter break and are ready to get started with Spring time at TAG. March is a very busy month for the TAG PTA, we have a full schedule of PTA committee meetings, a TAG Dine Out (run by our fundraising committee) and the enrichment committee is supporting the TAG's middle school team as they prepare for a citywide NYCUDL tournament. This is also the time of year where we as a PTA start to think about our budget priorities for next year. We would encourage any interested parents to attend enrichment and budget committee meetings and consider submitting proposals, including budget lines, for programs for the upcoming school year. It is a great way to get familiar with the process of bringing great enrichment programs to our children at TAG. We would also like you to take this opportunity to think about PTA committees you may want to join for the upcoming school year. We welcome all parents in the various committees and we hope that parents will fill the committee chairs that will become vacant in June. Please contact the Chairs of any committees you are interested in joining and see how you can actively participate. The PTA needs as much assistance as the TAG parent body can offer! Ready to jump in? Consider volunteering for an event like our Gala (coming up in April) or Field Day (in May). Your time and commitment is appreciated and volunteering is the best way to get started in the PTA and work up to a leadership position. We thank you again for all your contributions to the TAG PTA and the school. Together we can work to make TAG the best learning institution possible for our kids.

Regards,

Anand Raghunath &
Trina Edmundson
TAG Co-PTA Presidents



FUNDRAISING

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL GALA!

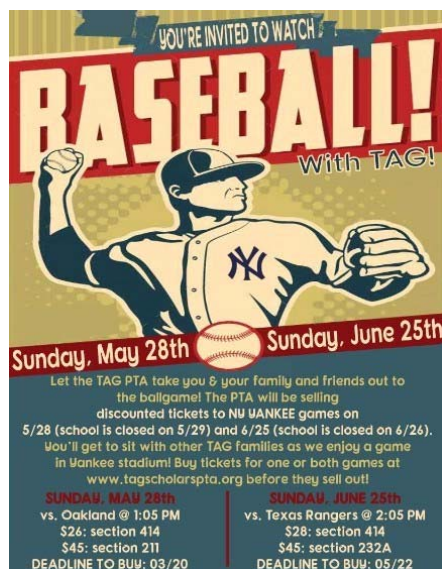
The 5th ANNUAL GALA is approaching! All parents will soon receive their invitations for this memorable night being held on Saturday, April 22nd. Mark your calendars now! In previous years, many parents have donated hotel stays, sports tickets, employer-donated goods & services, food/refreshments for the event, and more! Donations are needed this year as well. If you or your company would like to make a donation, please contact Trina Edmundson at te801@hotmail.com. And remember the PTA is a charitable organization with 501(c)(3) status, your donations are tax deductible.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED! Sign up at

www.tagscholarspta.org/volunteer.



Baseball with TAG!



ENRICHMENT

Our students were busy in February!

On Valentine's Day the middle school theater students performed *Romeo and Juliet*. Since last fall, students rehearsed weekly with teaching artists, Farah Bala and Brandon Burton from Shakespeare in the Schools.

Theater participants	
Janiyah Coqueran	Ricardo Coates
Timothy Kim	Syanne Castro
Idalys Gutierrez	Salena Cheeseboro
Romeo Silverio	Journey Coates
Caylie Pacho	Makkas Nugent
Kemi Iyageh	Casey Gutierrez
Sydney Johnson	Maya Semanek
Minicea Hockaday	Talia Hayes
Journey Coates	Yanka Sikder



Reviewing a scene with Brandon the teaching artists



Practicing the sword fight with Farah the teaching artist



Practicing sad scene!

DISTRICT 4 SPELLING BEE CONTEST

Cecily Gross (6th grade)	1st place
Makail Akbar (6th grade)	3rd place
Ramatoulaye Bah (8th grade)	5th place



Makail Akbar, Cecily Gross, Ramatoulaye Bah

DEBATE TOURNAMENT Results-February

On Saturday, February 4, TAG's Middle School debate team participated in a tournament hosted at Midwood High School. Congratulations to Rocia Prass (6th grade). She took 19th place in the in the Maverick in Open Public Forum Category debating the resolution- *The United States should lift its embargo against Cuba.*



Rocia Prass

On March 11th and 12th, the middle school debate team will participate in the citywide NYCUDL tournament. They will debate the resolution about repealing the Affordable Care Act!

GREATER SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

The TAG chess team sent 21 players to this year's 51st Annual Greater NY Scholastic Chess Championships at the Brooklyn Marriott. This is a competitive tournament and despite some disappointing losses, our players did

well. Chengtian Cai and Ezra Lui helped TAG place 20th in the very competitive K-1 Under 400 team section and Ezra Lui (1-121) placed second in the unrated section. Claire Huang tied for 3rd in the U600 Primary section (K-3), coming in 15th place after tie-breaks. The TAG team placed 16th out of 36 teams overall.



Ezra Lui, 1st grade with his second place trophy



Students reviewing their games with coach John Hardin

MATH COMPETITION

At the beginning of February TAG scholars participated in a math competition at Stuyvesant HS, consisting of individual and team problem-solving rounds, plus an oral round.

TAG took 11th place out of 33 of Manhattan's top private and public schools, and won Best New School. Brandon Lou (6th grade) won the award for the Top 6th Grader overall.



The MathCounts team in the photo from left to right is: Laith Bahlouli (8th), Raymond Leu (8th), Tanya

For the second year in a row, TAG will send a team of middle school girls to the Girls' Adventures in Math (formerly Girls' Math Olympiad) at the Speyer School in April 2017.

Gross (TAG Parent, Math Coach), Cecily Gross (6th), Ella Shin (8th), Sumaya Hafizur (8th), Anis Choudhury (8th), Tasnimul Rafid (8th), Zuhayr Hoque (7th), and Brandon Lou (6th)

After-school Piano

Thanks to our parent volunteers for capturing these glimpses into Wednesday and Thursday after-school piano.



Joseph Lepore w/Wednesday Piano



Nick Burst w/Thursday piano



Nick Burst w/Wednesday piano



Joseph Lepore w/Thursday piano



Sami Bucella w/Wednesday piano

After-school Mandarin



*Mandarin on Friday's with Christine Kaplan,
Shu Cao Mo and Drew Gibson*

Field Day—Save the Dates:

Tuesday, May 16th (grades K-2)

Thursday, May 18th (grades 7-8)

Monday, May 22nd (grades 3-6)

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

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

Winter/Spring enrollment

Enrollment for spring chess is now open! Flyer is on the PTA website
(<http://www.tagscholarspta.org/>)
and the bulletin board.

MEMBERSHIP

On February 4th the Membership committee organized an Ice Skating meetup at the Aviator Center in Brooklyn. Scholars and their parents were joined by Ms. Cesar and Mr. Dasca!



We were also very happy to host our very first Coffee and Tea with Ms. Cesar on February 10th. Ms. Cesar and our Latin teacher, Mr. Akiva Saunders facilitated a parent workshop entitled “Why Latin at TAG?”



Black History Month



TAG celebrates Black History Month: 1st grade parent Rasheeda Harris decorated our bulletin board to celebrate the important achievements of Black Americans in American history.

COMMUNICATIONS

Come visit the newly redesigned TAG PTA Website at <http://www.tagscholarspta.org/>. New features include **pictures of TAG students** in action (go see who's featured!) as well as a **"Store"** link, which is your one stop shop for all PTA event tickets and TAG wear.

While you're at our new site, sign up for our **NEW Parent Directory!** You can choose how much of your own info to share with the TAG community and find contact information for other families at TAG. Use the handy chart provided to select the correct graduation year for your child so that your child's current grade will be correctly identified and will update each year automatically. Go to Parent Participation on the PTA Website and click "Sign up with the PTA".

PTA CALENDAR

March – April

Tue, Mar 7, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	General PTA Meeting
Thu, Mar 9, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Fundraising meeting
Thu, Mar 9, 11 am – 6 pm	Parent/Teacher's Conference
Sat, Mar 11 and Sun, Mar 12, 2017	Debate Tournament
Sun, Mar 12, 2017	Daylight Saving Time starts
Tue, Mar 14, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Grants Committee Meeting
Thu, Mar 16, 4 pm – 8 pm	TAG's Dine Out
Thu, Mar 16, 6pm – 7pm	Executive Board Meeting
Mon, Mar 20, 2017	Deadline to buy Yankees tickets for May 28th game! (Visit the Store on the PTA website)
Fri, Mar 24, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Enrichment Committee Meeting
Fri, Mar 31, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Communications Committee meeting
Tue, Apr 4, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Grants Committee Meeting

Tue, Apr 4, 6 pm – 7 pm	General PTA Meeting
Thu, Apr 6, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Fundraising meeting
Fri, Apr 7, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Membership Committee 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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