Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meeting– October 17, 2018- 9:00 am

**Angela Nguyen** -Parent greeted and Pledge of Allegiance

Principal Announcements (Mr. Tony Wu):

* P.S. 170 (Grades 3, 4, & 5) performed extremely well on last year’s ELA/Math state exams! Overall, our school did better than New York City schools and other schools in the District.
  + ELA scores increased by about 12%
  + Math scores increased by about 11%
* Classroom teachers in every grade will have 1 extra period each day to work with students that need extra instruction
* An afterschool enrichment program will be created for select students who will work on special science projects throughout the year
* We encourage all students to always work hard in school and encourage parents to spend plenty of time with their children. It is important for parents to help their children in schoolwork. Grade 3 students will be taking the state exams for the 1st time, so it is encouraged that you strive to do your best!

Dean Announcements (Ms. Therese Mulkerrins):

Town Hall:

**Safety Program at P.S. 170:**

* Our school has a **Building Response Team** & holds monthly **Safety Meetings** (comprised of the school’s Custodians, Safety Officers, Guidance Counselors, Principal, Assistant Principals, Dean, PTA President, Nurse, and Cafeteria Food Staff) in which problems that are seen are discussed to find safe solutions for all students
* By law, it is required that P.S. 170 hold **12 safety drills** each school year. Teachers include in their lessons information about being safe. It is important for children to feel safe at school, which is why these drills are practiced regularly and taught in a child-friendly manner.

1. **8 Fire Evacuation (Alarm) drills** – Staff and students practice evacuating the school and walk to the outside perimeter of the building & await further direction
2. **4 Soft Lockdown drills** (no imminent danger known in building) – All entrances & teachers’ classes are locked and shades are pulled; students stay in a quiet area away from doors, maintain silence, and await speaker announcements for further direction

* **Bus Safety drills** are also being taught to all students. Although not every student rides the bus to school, this safety information is important since there will be bussed field trips outside of P.S. 170. Children should always wear seat belts.
* **Street-walking safety:** Always cross the street on the designated cross-walk (under the direction of the school guard) so that all drivers are able to see you pass by. It is encouraged that Parents point out to their children the familiar places, businesses, restaurants, etc... near their home and along their route to school so that kids will be prepared in case they have to walk home by themselves after school when they reach 5th grade.
* **Safety drills not practiced** in P.S. 170:

1. **Shelter-in** – (no danger inside building, but possible danger outside of building) – Nobody leaves/enters school. School day continues normally. An announcement is made in school when drill is “lifted” (over)
2. **Hard Lockdown drills** (imminent danger is known in building) – Police Department is involved. All entrances & teachers’ classes are locked; students stay in a quiet area away from doors, maintain silence, and await speaker announcements for further direction. An announcement is made in school when drill is “lifted” (over)

* Every classroom is equipped with a phone so that any Teacher can call the main office or anywhere in the building. The **Building Response Team** has walkie-talkies and is able to communicate to team members during drills. Every teacher and room have a copy of the **General Response Protocol (GRP)** instructions for all evacuation drills.
* Every Teacher has a key to their classroom & will lock their doors if there is any imminent danger

**PTA Announcements (Angela Nguyen, Recording Secretary):**

Letters were mailed home informing Parents of vacancies within the PTA Executive Board. New candidates came forward and an **Expedited PTA Executive Board Election** was held on October 17, 2018. Opportunity was given to families interested in running in the election, but no one stepped forward. Introduction of the Nominees was done by the Nominating Committee members:

Wayne Kam and Angela Nguyen. Families all voted in favor of the following parents to represent as the new **2018-2019 PTA Executive Board**!

**Zaineb Almontajer & Lee Mei Yap – Co-Presidents**

**Dagalina Pakin – Treasurer**

**Donna Johnson – Recording Secretary**

Title I Representative Announcements (Ms. Kristi Pollack, AP):

P.S. 170 is a **Title I school** (based on school’s ethnic composition and economic standing) which means we receive extra funding to make sure we meet student’s educational goals and increase parent involvement.

* **Parent involvement** includes actively being involved in your child’s education by making it clear to your child that you:
  1. believe that education is important
  2. are aware of what is expected from him/her in school
  3. are involved in regular communication with teachers/school staff
  4. are involved in his/her educational and extra-curricular activities outside of school
* Title I Events that will be held to promote parent involvement include Parent Engagement Workshops, Family Events, Family Reading Nights, & Spring Recess trip
* Please read Student Compact & Parent Survey on the school’s website
* For any questions/concerns, please reach out to Ms. Pollack or Ms. Aby (Parent Coordinator)
* The parents can see the School Compact, Policy, and Survey at schools website [www.ps170.com](http://www.ps170.com)

Parent Coordinator Announcements (Ms. Abigail Figueroa, Rm. 110):

* We would like to thank and give our appreciation to Ms. Angela Nguyen for her dedication, work, and involvement to P.S. 170’s PTA!
* We would also like to thank 2 parents for their involvement in fundraising, chaperoning for trips, and for their commitment to participating in PTA’s subcommittee group: Rosa Herrera & Janett Alonso!
* Please see Ms. Aby (Rm. 110) if you are interested in getting involved with the school
* Please create a NYC student account for your child (account will be used for all grades K-grade 5). You will be able to view child’s progress, grades, and state exam performance.
* Please see P.S. 170 website for any updates regarding First Friday events & Family Engagement Workshops.

Upcoming Family Engagement Workshops:

* 1. Parenting group (Oct. 22) – registration is under process
  2. Social/Emotional Learning (3 sessions) – please inform Ms. Aby if interested

Upcoming Events:

* **Picture Day –** Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018 (Kindergarten – 3rd Grade) & Friday, Oct. 26, 2018 (4th & 5th Grades) at 9:00 am: Please complete picture forms and include appropriate payment
* **Pumpkin Patch** – Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018 (all grades): all children are allowed to wear costumes but please do not send your child to school wearing face masks or very scary face painting.

3rd Grade Assembly Performance