

PS 34 Eco-Schools: *News and Updates*

by Tina Wong



Dear PS 34 families,

If you are new to the school, my name is Tina Wong and I am your full-time **Sustainability Coach** at PS 34. My position was made possible by a grant awarded to the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) from the Greenpoint Community Environmental Fund (GCEF)*. My role is to support and collaborate with the school and the local community to green our school's culture, curriculum, and infrastructure utilizing the **NWF Eco-Schools' Framework and Pathways to Sustainability**. For more information on Eco-Schools, please visit: www.nwf.org/eco-schools. Hope to meet you soon.

My returning parents, welcome back! Last year, our 2nd year of the program was another successful one. Some of the highlights:

- Achieved over 80% waste diversion from landfill
- Received the Green Flag Award from NWF
- Installed 3 water filling stations to reduce plastic bottle waste
- Installed a garden at American Playground
- Produced our 1st Eco-Fashion show

For 2017-2018 school year, I would like to invite you to join the PTA Green Team to support Eco-initiatives and activities at the school. The **first meeting will be held on Monday, October 30 at 2:30p** in the new STEM Lab, Rm 102. Come find out how you can be involved.

If you haven't done so already, sign for Class Dojo and support **PS34's Paperless Initiative**. Help the school save money, time and the environment. Virtual notices also helps up be more efficient and up to date on communicating with you. For questions or support, contact your parent coordinator, Deise Kowalski.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next family event!

~Tina Wong

Upcoming Eco-Events:

Friday, October 13, 2:30p-4:30p – "Fairies and Gnomes" Garden Party / Workshop in Frontyard:

Join the PTA Green Team to help winterize our schoolyard garden. All ages welcomed. Fairy wings, gnome hats, apple cider donuts and garden gloves will be provided! RSVP: wongt@nwf.org

Monday, October 30, 2:30-3:30p – PTA Green Team Meeting in Rm 102:

Meet your PTA Green Team Leaders and Garden Keeper and discuss / share eco-ideas, initiatives, events and programing you'd like to see at our school.

Past Eco-Events:



On Sep 21, over 20 families joined us on our 1st Eco-Family **Field trip to North Brooklyn Boat Club** to take a canoe tour of Newtown Creek.



Eco-Family **Summer Fun Days** at Brooklyn Bridge Park – Jul 14. (1 of 4 trips.)

For more information on PS34's Eco-Programs and how you can be involved, email me at wongt@nwf.org



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