

# PS 34 Eco-Schools: *News and Updates*

by Tina Wong



### Upcoming Eco-Events:

**Thursdays, October 4 & 18,  
8:30-9:30a – Bi-weekly**

#### **PTA Green Team**

#### **Gatherings at Woops!:**

Meet your PTA Green Team Leaders and other eco-minded parents. Stop in to discuss / share eco-ideas, initiatives, events and programming you'd like to see at our school.



**Friday, October 5, 2:30-4p  
"Pumpkin Decorating"**

#### **Garden Party @Frontyard:**

Join the PTA Green Team in maintaining our garden + decorate a pumpkin to take home. All ages welcomed. Pumpkins, apples and garden gloves will be provided! *Limited capacity; first come, first served.*



**Monday, October 8, 10-1p  
Eco-Family Field Trip to  
North Brooklyn Boat Club:**

Celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day and take a canoe tour of Newtown Creek. Hear stories from indigenous culture and learn about our shared local history. *Limited capacity; sign up here:*

[https://ecofamilyfieldtrip.  
eventbrite.com](https://ecofamilyfieldtrip.eventbrite.com)

For more information on PS34's Eco-Programs, [wongt@nwf.org](mailto:wongt@nwf.org)

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](http://www.nwf.org/eco-schools). Hope to meet you soon.

My returning parents, welcome back! Last year, our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the program, was another successful one. Some of the highlights:

- PS34's Paperless Initiative
- School-wide No-Idling Campaign
- PreK-5 Earth Week Celebrations
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Eco-Fashion Show

For 2018-2019 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 bi-weekly "PTA Green Team Gatherings" will be held on Thursday, October 4 at 8:30a** at Woops! 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**; last year we cut our paper consumption by half. Let's strive for paperless this year! 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.

Hope to see you at the next family event!

~Tina Wong



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