

# Public School 154

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*Access Creates Opportunity*

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you to all the families that were able to join us for the “Meet the Teacher” on Thursday, September 12, 2019. This time was dedicated for parents to be able to meet their child’s teachers and learn about the curriculum expectations for this school year. If you were unable to attend this event, we have Parent-Engagement Time every Tuesday from 2:30-3:00. Reach out to your child’s teacher if you would like an appointment. It would be a good idea to get to know your child’s teacher before Parent Teacher Conferences in November.

**OUR INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS** this year is to support students in making their thinking visible so that they are able to demonstrate their understanding. Students are able to make their thinking visible through their writing, through tasks and projects and through their discussions. As we work towards raising visibility in our students, we are increasing their access to the content.

**FIRST FRIDAY** – This month we will be launching the return of First Fridays. First Fridays is time for parents to visit classrooms and participate in instruction. Parents are then invited to the auditorium for a light breakfast and a workshop. Doors will open at 8:15am for the classroom visits and the workshop will begin at 8:45am. We would like to use the October First Friday to support parents in understanding how Thinking Maps are used to promote students thinking and academic vocabulary. The October First Friday is scheduled for Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there!

**FAMILY INCOME INQUIRY FORM** – Please remember to complete your Family Income Inquiry Form, which is formerly known as the School Lunch Forms. Although, school lunch is free for all NYC Public School children, these forms are used to determine Title 1 funding for each school. Money received goes towards instructional resources and supplies and after-school support programs. We will be hosting our annual Title 1 Meeting on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss these funds.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE P.S. 154 CANDY SALE.** We need your support for our annual Candy Sale. Each year we host a candy sale in hopes of raising additional funds to put towards school events such as assemblies, dances, carnivals and classroom resources. Please reach out to your family and friends and encourage them to purchase one item from the candy sale brochure. The purchase of one item could go a long way. We are looking forward to having a successful fundraiser. All completed candy envelopes should be brought to school on **Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and through the end of the week.**

**P.S. 154 FAMILY NIGHT EVENT.** We will also be hosting our first **Fall Harvest**, which is scheduled for Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. On this night, we have fun activities such as games, caramel apple making and arts and crafts. The cost of admission is \$5.00 for children, which includes all of the activities and a treat. Parents attend for free.

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

NO SCHOOL – Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>  
FIRST FRIDAY – Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
NO SCHOOL – Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
NO SCHOOL – Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>  
STOP & SWAP – Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>  
FALL HARVEST – Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>  
TITLE 1 MEETING – Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>  
STORYBOOK PARADE – Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Sincerely,

Pamela Gathers-Bullard,  
Principal