

# 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 “Back to School Night” conferences on Monday, September 17, 2018. During this event, parents were able to meet their child’s teachers and learn about the curriculum expectations. 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. We will be hosting 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** – First Fridays are back! We will begin one of many First Fridays on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. At 8:15am, parents are invited into their child’s classroom to learn with them. At 8:45am, parents are invited to the auditorium for a workshop and breakfast. Each month we focus on a different topic or subject. This month we will be focusing on Thinking Maps. We hope you can join us!

**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 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss these funds.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE P.S. 154 CANDY SALE.** It is the Principal’s only fundraiser for the school year. All completed candy envelopes should be brought to school on **Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and through the end of the week.** The money raised helps to support special events for the children in the school, as well as additional resources for the classroom. If you prefer, donations to P.S. 154 are also acceptable.

**THE OCTOBER FAMILY NIGHTS** will take place on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. This year we have partnered with Korea Taekwondo for a **Family Fit Night**. Please join us for a fun night of fitness and board breaking. This event is free and will take place on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. We will also be hosting our first **Fall Harvest**, which is scheduled for Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. On this night, we have fun activities such as games, pumpkin decorating 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.

**PICTURE DAY** this year will take place on **Friday, October 26, 2018.** The PTA is always looking for volunteers to help support their school-wide events. Please reach out to our PTA if you are available to help with Picture Day. Envelopes detailing your choices will be sent home. Please follow the directions in the accompanying letter from the Parents’ Association.

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

FIRST FRIDAY – Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>  
NO SCHOOL – Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>  
FAMILY FIT NIGHT – Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>  
STOP & SWAP – Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
FALL HARVEST – Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
TITLE 1 MEETING – Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
STORYBOOK PARADE – Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Sincerely,

Pamela Gathers-Bullard,  
Principal