

PS199 PTA General Meeting Minutes - APPROVED
January 13, 2017

December PTA meeting minutes were not posted in time for review. We will vote on the December and January minutes at the February meeting.

Calendar

- Parents as Partners — January 26, 2017
- Fitness FUNdraiser (Breakaway Hoops) — January 27th, 6pm PS199 Gym
- Stars on Stage Auditions (4th/5th graders) — February 3rd, 6pm
- Diversity Program — February 4th
- Movie Night — February 10th, 6:30pm
- No School (Winter Break) — February 20th-February 24th

Auction

- Ticket Pre-sale ends today! If you don't have yours yet you can buy them this morning.
- Solicitations - wrack your brains and think of donations that you think you or your friends would like to bid on.
- ps199pta.org/auction, auction@ps199pta.org

Fitness FUNdraiser

- January 27th, 6-7pm in the gym. Breakaway Hoops basketball clinic. \$20 per child, and 100% goes back to the school. Limited to 60 children.

Diversity Event

- The Shadow Box Theatre, How the Turtle Got Its Shell, 1pm, 100 tickets available \$5 per ticket. Appropriate age range K-3 grade.

4th grade state test presentation — Ms. Chung, Ms. Hanshew, Ms. Gregorek

- Slides are available on the PTA website, and by clicking [this link](#).
- Schedule & Dates
 - NYS ELA: March 28, 29, 30
 - NYS Math: May 2, 3, 4
 - NYS Science Test: May 24-June 2 (practical component)
 - NYS Science Test: June 5th (written)
- Test Prep materials online at www.engageny.org. Please refrain from using 2015 and 2016 tests because they are used in the classroom
- Before the test
 - Our curricula in ELA and Math are aligned to the standards assessed on the tests, so the students do get additional test prep in the classroom about test-taking strategies
 - Get a good night's sleep
 - Eat a healthy breakfast
 - Give your kids compliments and build confidence
 - Remember, the test is untimed! If your child finishes early teachers encourage the students to reread and recheck their work.

2nd grade math algorithms — Mr. Rockwitz

- Starting in kindergarten and up to second grade students are allowed to make up their own addition and subtraction strategies. They are fearless!
- The kids get to work with manipulatives, hands-on tools for developing number sense.
- Starting in second grade students learn the standard algorithm, but they are still allowed to use their own strategies.
- Partial Sums for addition — many kids naturally develop this strategy on their own, and are delighted to find out that it has a name!

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- Expand and Trade for subtraction
- Partial sums and Expand and trade really drive home place value. Kids can use the standard algorithm (carrying, borrowing) once they have a good understanding of place value.
- Everyday Math website has tutorial videos, digital manipulatives examples of trading the

Meeting adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted,

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