

WEDNESDAY NOTICE October 1, 2025



Calendar Reminders

Thursday, October 2nd: School Closed for Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 8th: Mom's Night Out

Friday, October 10th: Caregiver Orientation (after drop-off)

Monday, October 13th: School Closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day

AFTERNOON ADVENTURES for Threes began TODAY!

There are still spots available in the Threes and Fours!

If you are interested, please contact Fiona.

Afternoon Adventures meets on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday until 2:30pm. Children from the same program will gather and eat their own lunch together.



Moms, please check your email.

Paperless Post invitations have been sent.

RSVP via
Paperless Post.
Click Here to
purchase your
tickets.

Caregiver Orientation

Friday, October 10th at 9:00am (after drop-off) in the sanctuary

Any parent, grandparent or nanny caring for a child at PCDS is welcome to attend this informative session with Rhonda White, our Education Director.

Please invite your caregiver to join us for coffee and an orientation meeting. Rhonda White will give a brief overview of our philosophy and ways to work with preschool children. This is an annual event and is always a lot of fun!

It is very important that you RSVP no later than Friday, October 3rd to Patti or Fiona if your caregiver will be attending.

A head count is needed for seating, coffee, breakfast items and materials.

SAVE THE DATE for our first Family Friday

Friday, October 17th at 8:20am in the Gym



All parents, caregivers, grandparents and siblings are invited to join us for a special magic performance by Michael Mitnick, dad of Harry in Class 102.

Michael will be back for the 2nd time and it is sure to a fun-filled way to start your Friday!

After the performance join us for breakfast pastries and coffee, at our first PA meeting of the year in the Sanctuary.



Parents Association

Please join us for our first PA Meeting of the year!

Friday, October 17th

(following Family Friday)

We will discuss all the wonderful opportunities to get involved this school year, in addition to everything we have planned for our community.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

RED BAG PROGRAM





PCDS has partnered for the 4th time with the **African Dream Academy** in Monrovia, Liberia for the "Red Bag Collection" program.

Let's give the children another wonderful holiday!

Click Here to learn more about the program!

There are now 1,500 students attending nursery through 12th grade.

Help a boy or girl from African Dream Academy receive his or her only holiday gift.

Liberia is one of the 8 poorest countries in the world and students live without electricity and running water.

To participate, please pick up a **red bag** in the school lobby beginning tomorrow, **Thursday, September 25th**.

Each bag will have a child's name, age and grade on it. Fill it with a composition book, pens and pencils.

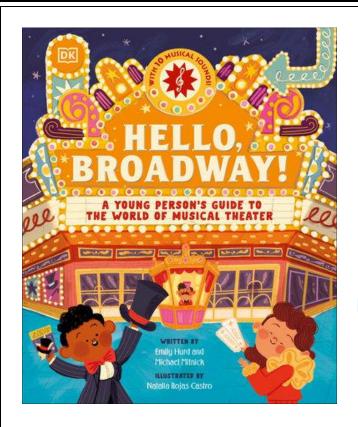
Other Suggestions: a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, Band Aids, pair of socks, hard candy, paper, markers, crayons, glue, tape, other art supplies, sunglasses, a ball, an age-appropriate paperback book to read, a flashlight, deck of cards, toys for younger children (little cars, little dolls, etc.), toiletries for older girls, headbands, barrettes, jewelry, lip gloss, deodorant, mosquito repellent bracelets.

Enclose a note or card if you like! (It's better to put less in 2 bags than overstuff one)

If you would like to contribute towards shipping, we welcome gifts of \$20 through the website <u>Support ADA — African Dream Academy Foundation</u> Thank you! Please do not put checks in the bag.

Please return your "red bag" by Friday, October 10th.

Make their holiday a dream!



Hello, Broadway! has arrived!

This wonderful book, co-written by the creative Michael Mitnick, PCDS dad, is now available!

It is a true celebration of Broadway with buttons that can be pressed to play show tunes.

This book is a must for any family, especially those living in NYC.

Run, don't walk, to your local bookstore or order online to experience

Broadway without leaving your home!



** Photographer Needed **

The Benefit Committee is looking for a parent to volunteer as a photographer at the PCDS Benefit on Thursday, January 29th.

If interested, please contact Rebecca Alcalay or Jen Kim at pcdspaboard@gmail.com.

Thank you!

PCDS SPIRIT WEAR

PCDS has partnered with **Lands' End** to offer our community a variety of adult and children's school spirit wear including sweatshirts, polo shirts, masks and more with our logo. **Click here** to access our school store and enter the **school number #900163510**.

Fall Spirit Day is Wednesday, November 12th. Order NOW!

** IMPORTANT **

NYC Department of Health Flu Vaccine Requirement

All children 6 months through 59 months of age enrolled in a NYC regulated preschool program MUST receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine by December 31st of each year.

Please submit a record of the vaccination, either on your doctor's letterhead or an updated Immunization Sheet to Fiona **by Thursday, December 18**th to ensure your child does not have to miss any school days in January.

Hunter College Elementary School

71 East 94th Street, New York, NY 10128

HCES is a tuition-free, publicly-funded K-12 school serving a diverse community of children who have been identified as intellectually talented.

Kindergarten Application for Fall 2026 is OPEN!

Requirements:

- Applicants for Fall 2026 must be born in 2021.
- Families must be New York City residents (all 5 boroughs) on the date of application submission.

To Apply: Click Here

- Deadline to apply Thursday, October 30st at 4pm

The School at Columbia University

556 West 110th Street, New York, NY 10025

Families residing in Public School Districts 3 and 5 can submit an inquiry to enter the annual lottery. The deadline for 2026-27 admissions lottery is October 31st.

Children must turn 5 years old by August 31, 2026 to enter Kindergarten in 2026

No application fee or required testing

If you are interested in applying, please Click Here

Any questions, please contact admissions@theschool.columbia.edu or 212-851-4216.



Is anyone in need of a desk?

Betsy's old desk is available!

It measures: 48" wide \times 24" deep \times 32" high

If interested, please contact Patti or Fiona.

Open House

The Cathedral School

1047 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10025 (213) 316-7510

Open Houses: Thursday, October 16th from 6:00-8:00pm Saturday, November 1st from 10:00am – 12:00pm **Register Here**

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BULLETIN BOARD



Please check out the nearby UWS Monica + Andy store on Saturday, October 18th!

A portion of sale proceeds will be donated to Friends of NYC NFP, an organization that supports low-income, first-time moms.

There will be fun for kiddos, and the merchandise is perfect for Halloween, the holiday season, or that much needed baby gift.

Two PCDS moms
(Colleen McQuillan and
Gitika Mohta) serve on the
Board of NYC NFP and would
love to see you there!



DAWN & JOE PHOTOGRAPHY

Dawn V. Nguyen, a former PCDS teacher, is partnering with her husband Joe DeAngelis,

a New York City based photographer with over 20 years of experience, to offer limited-edition in-studio mini sessions!

These sessions are short but sweet — the perfect way to capture joyful, stress-free portraits before the year slips away.

Ideal for families, couples, or professionals on the go.

New Dates Added: October 25 & 26

- ✓ 10-minute session (up to 6 family members)
- ✓ 5 high-resolution, professionally retouched images
- ✓ Online proofing gallery with the option to purchase more
- ✓ Full print release print and share anytime, anywhere

Spots are limited and filling quickly, book your session today!

Book directly at: www.dawnjoephotography.com



Full-Time Caregiver Needed

A current PCDS family is looking for a full-time caregiver to start as soon as possible to help care for their 2 daughters.

This person should be kind, nurturing, adaptable and know how to keep the children engaged through games, books, singing, etc.

Their responsibilities will include but not limited to, light housekeeping, tidying rooms, making healthy meals, picking up from school, helping with dinner time, etc.

Please email or text me directly at kyrhee812@gmail.com or 917-453-1867 to discuss. Thank you.

To place ads in the PCDS bulletin board, please send an e-mail to: pcds@parkchildrensdayschool.org by Sunday prior to each week's Wednesday notice! Thank you!