



WEDNESDAY NOTICE

October 8, 2025



Calendar Reminders

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

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

Friday, October 17th: **Family Friday**- in the Gym 8:20am

PA Meeting & Coffee - in the Sanctuary (immediately following Family Friday)

Mom's Night Out is TONIGHT!



[Click Here](#)
to
purchase
your
tickets.

Welcome to our Newest Baby!

Veer Shah

Congratulations to big brother Shakti in Class B2
and to the proud parents, Puja and Neel!



**** School ID Badges must be worn at all times
while you are in the school building! ****

All parent and caregiver badges have been printed.

If you or your caregiver does NOT have a current **2025-2026 ID badge**, please contact Amy Nakano at anakano@parkchildrensdayschool.org. Thank you!

Caregiver Orientation is this FRIDAY!

at 9:00am (after drop-off) in the sanctuary

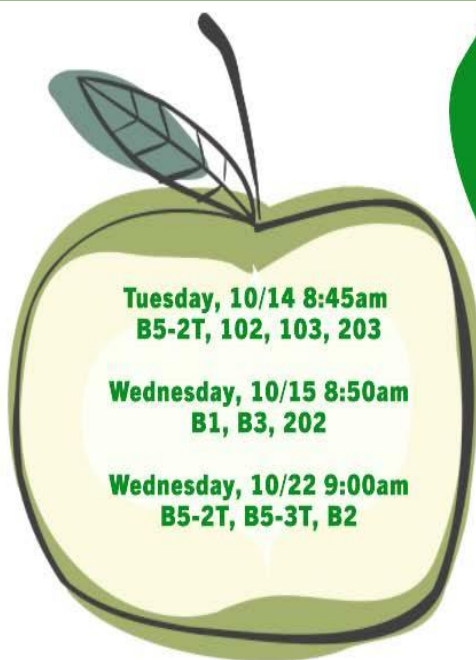
Any parent, grandparent or nanny caring for a child at PCDS is welcome to attend this informative session with Rhonda White, our Education Director.

We hope your caregiver will be joining 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 immediately to Patti or Fiona if have not already.
A head count is needed for seating, coffee, breakfast items and materials.*

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
CLASS COFFEES**



**Tuesday, 10/14 8:45am
B5-2T, 102, 103, 203**

**Wednesday, 10/15 8:50am
B1, B3, 202**

**Wednesday, 10/22 9:00am
B5-2T, B5-3T, B2**

**Please join us in the Sanctuary for coffee with our new director
Pamela Stark. If you are not able to make it on your designated day,
please feel free to drop in on another.**

Hosted by the PCDS Parents Association

Red Bag due this Friday!



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.

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 [Support ADA — African Dream Academy Foundation](#)

Thank you! Please do not put checks in the bag.

Make their holiday a dream!

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!

It is sure to be 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!

Sibling Alert!

If you have a child who will be applying to PCDS for FALL 2026, please complete an application in your Finals site account **by October 31st**.

A parent tour and child's visit are not required, just the application!

We welcome siblings, and PCDS families do not have to apply to other schools. Children who will be 2 years of age by September 2026 are eligible.

Please email Patti to confirm that your child is on our sibling list so that we may inform new applicants how many spots will be available in our Toddler and Threes classes.

Meet Leni Winn, PCDS's Parenting and Child Development Consultant



Leni is a licensed clinical social worker and instructor and supervisor in a post graduate therapy and analysis training program.

Leni will host the below

Parent Discussion Groups and one **Caregiver Discussion** this year.

In addition to the Discussion Groups, Leni is available to meet with parents individually, spends time in the classrooms and consults with PCDS teachers.

Leni is at PCDS on Wednesdays from 8:30am to 12:00pm.

To schedule time with Leni, email her at lenword1@gmail.com

Parent Discussion Groups

from 9:15am to 10:00am in the Library

Wednesday, October 29th: NEW BABY: Helping Your Child/Children with all the adjustments. What to expect.

Wednesday, November 5th: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: What to expect, and how to prepare to get the most of the conference?

Wednesday, November 19th: LIMIT SETTING FOR THE PRE-SCHOOLER: When, Why and How to say "NO"

Wednesday, December 3rd: GUILT FREE PARENTING: Is it possible?

Wednesday, December 10th: SCREEN TIME: How much is too much?

Wednesday, January 28th: HOW TO RAISE A CONFIDENT CHILD: Dos and Don'ts

Caregiver Discussion Group

9:15am to 10:00am in the Reception Room (off the lobby)

Wednesday, January 14th: CAREGIVERS, COFFEE and CONVERSATION: Difficulties of Disciplining Other People's Children



**** 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 18th** 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.

NYC Public School Kindergarten Zoom

Pamela will offer a Public School Kindergarten focused Zoom later in the Fall.

This will be for parents with children born in 2021.



The NYC Public School Kindergarten (and Kindergarten Gifted & Talented)

Admission Dates for 2026-2026 school year:

Tuesday, December 9, 2025: Kindergarten Application Opens

Friday, January 23, 2026: Kindergarten Application Closes

Tuesday, March 31, 2026: Kindergarten Offer Release

To learn more about the process, [Click Here](#)

Open House

Special Music School (K-8)

Kaufman Music Center / Abraham Goodman House
129 West 67th Street, New York, NY 10023
(212) 501-3390

Special Music School (M. 859) is a K-12 public school that provides students with an intensive music education program with fully-funded lessons, music classes and ensembles along with academics.

In-Person Open Houses: Tuesday, November 4th at 2pm & Thursday, November 20th at 5pm
at the MLK, Jr. Educational Campus – 122 Amsterdam Avenue

Virtual Zoom Open House: Wednesday, December 10th at 5pm
[Register Here](#)

BULLETIN BOARD



monica + andy

Shopping~Philanthropy~Fun!

Join Friends as we team up with children's clothing brand Monica and Andy for a fun afternoon of shopping.

Proceeds go to mothers in need.

Refreshments, puppeteers, friends, & fun for all ages!

Sat. Oct 18th 11-5

410 Columbus Ave
New York, NY 10024

The poster features a light blue background with faint cloud patterns. At the top left is a baby in a pink onesie. In the center are icons of an elephant, a pink 'X', a heart, and a city skyline. At the bottom left is a baby in a striped onesie, and at the bottom right is a baby in a pink onesie.

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!