

# P.S. 99 Queens - The Kew Gardens School

*Two Buildings, One Heart!*

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Dear Parents,

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**CONGRATULATIONS!** I am pleased to inform you that the New York State Education Department has recognized that PS99 has earned the distinction of being a **Recognition School**. This accomplishment acknowledges the achievement PS99 Kew Gardens has shown in leading New York State toward the accomplishment of educational excellence in student performance. This award celebrates New York State schools that have high academic achievement and growth. This is because of all of you, the entire PS99 community: staff, parents, and students. Together we make sure that our children are provided with excellence in education that enables each of them to reach their potential.

There were 47% of our parents participating in the “Meet the Staff” conferences on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. Thank you for taking the time to meet your child’s teacher. I hope you visit the school often and participate in our special events throughout the year.

**Lunch Forms/Payment** –Lunch is free for all students. However, the school still needs a completed lunch form returned from each family. If you prefer lunch forms can be completed online at [myschoolapps.com](http://myschoolapps.com). Remember, breakfast is free for all students and is available from 7:50-8:10AM.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER** - Please do not pick your child up from school during their lunch period or after 2PM. Lunch periods are as follows: Kindergarten, Class K/1/-207 and K1/2 is 10:40-11:30AM; Grades 1, 3, 5, 3-114 and 5/6-306 is 11:30-12:20PM and Grades 2, 4 & 6 is 12:20-1:10PM. All changes in dismissal procedures must be submitted in writing. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to our newly-elected Parents’ Association Executive Board. The 2019-2020 Executive Board consists of Ms. Gonzalez and Ms. Kessler, Co-Presidents; Ms. Rosero, Vice President, Mr. Kirton and Ms. McGirt, Co-Treasurers; Mr. Zimmer Recording Secretary and Ms. Fu Corresponding Secretary. In addition, congratulations to our newly elected School Leadership Team parent members – Ms. Velasco, Mr. Grayson, Ms. Patel, Ms. Chu, Mr. Nunez Lawrence, Mr. Beckett, Ms. Thomas (alt), and Ms. Rosero (alt). I am looking forward to working with our newly elected executive board and SLT parent members, and other members of the Parents’ Association. Also, I would like to thank the following P.S. 99Q staff members for being a part of the SLT – Mr. Sforza, Ms. Trujillo, Ms. Blank, Ms. Casey, Ms. Collins, Ms. Connell, and Ms. Parillo. I also appreciate our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Maier-Hopkins, who serves as an observer at SLT meetings.

**P.S. 99’s Peace Day** – Our first special event on September 20th was a huge success. There were 85% of our students wearing white in an effort to promote peace. The top grade for this year was our sixth grade with 100% of all students showing their belief in peace and harmony by wearing white. I am so proud of our sixth grade because they are setting an excellent example for all of our students to follow. Congratulations to grade six!

**Picture Day**- will take place on Friday, October 18th. All parents will receive a code and will be ordering pictures online. No picture money will be collected at the school. Please follow the directions on the flyer you will receive from the Parents’ Association.

**Art Gallery Visit** I am excited to share with you that our school received a special invitation through the efforts of our art teacher Ms. Fallon to visit “Neue Galerie NYC”. Students from 5<sup>th</sup> grade T.A.G will view the work of Gustav Klimt, with a focus on the Woman in Gold. Other works included in the visit will also be Klimt’s from the same time period.

**PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE P.S. 99 FUNDRAISER/CANDY SALE.** It is the Principal’s only fundraiser for the school year. All completed order envelopes should be brought to school beginning **Wednesday, October 2nd and not later than Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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. 99 are also acceptable.

Looking forward to a successful school year for all our children.

Sincerely,

Paulette Foglio  
Principal