



WEDNESDAY NOTICE



June 2, 2021

**WE WISH YOU ALL A WONDERFUL SUMMER,
and to our families who are leaving us
this year, we bid you all a fond farewell!
Please stay in touch. We will miss you very much!**

THANK YOU

Munira Musadek and Andrea Retzky

**for creating an unforgettable *Spring PCDS Newsletter*
and a special thank you to Andrea, its editor, for THREE years!
Documentation of the 2020-2021 school year will forever be cherished.
Thank you to everyone who helped!**

**Thank you to Gena and John Delbridge, parents of alumnae Annie and Maddie,
for their continued printing support and Mimeo for the printing.**

(Everyone should have received a Newsletter from your teachers!)

What a year it has been!

**We have many parents to thank for their extraordinary support
during this "unprecedented" school year! We could not have
done it without the outstanding leadership of**

Salma Khan, Kristen Mleczek and Maria Welch,

our dedicated P.A. Co-Presidents, for TWO years!

**You have graciously helped, supported, and advised us through a year
none of us will ever forget! Your thoughtfulness throughout the two years
has been extraordinary. You welcomed us back each year with
"Back to School Survival Kits" for the teachers and staff, hosted in-person
and Zoom PA meetings, surprised us with a new outdoor school banner,
organized volunteers for Outdoor Learning and outdoor PA coffees.**

**You were generous with your time and attention to the entire
PCDS community and we are deeply appreciative!**

Many thanks to

Claire Flynn, our **P.A. Treasurer**, for **FOUR** years!
Claire has diligently managed all financial details of the Parents Association and will continue to do so next year.

Livia Cheung and Lucille Tung Wong,

our **Teacher Appreciation** Co-Chairs, who thought of ways to make the teachers and staff feel special throughout the year. It is difficult to put into words how grateful we are for their endless acts of kindness. They organized incredible lunches and a fabulous Sidewalk Catered Breakfast with a stunning chalked walkway of beautiful messages. We were surprised with cupcakes, received fantastic monogrammed tote bags before the holiday break and we cannot forget the most beautiful Teacher Appreciation Luncheon outdoors at Tavern on the Green! Thank you to Livia, Lucille and our generous Parents Association!

Caroline Hudelson

for finding a way to keep our beloved **Used Clothing Sale** alive during a Pandemic! Caroline and THRED^{UP}, an online consignment store, coordinated details so the PCDS community could clean out their closets and continue to raise money for the school!

Adrienne Israel, Preeti Salvi and Lucille Tung Wong,

who Co-Chaired our first **Virtual Book Fair** due to the pandemic. They organized a fabulous **WEEK** of virtual events and launched the first PCDS Book Fair website! There were three days of Story Time, two days of outdoor in-person Coffee, Books and Art, a special Parent Evening, "Art with Adam" and a LIVE performance by **Laurie Berkner** via YouTube. We can't thank you enough for your time and skills needed to execute a hugely successful weeklong event! And a special thank you to Preeti and Lucille for Co-Chairing the Book Fair for a **SECOND** time!

Kristen Mieczko, Laura Pietropinto and Maria Welch

the Co-Chair HEROES of our **Virtual Spring Fling**, "A Breath of Fresh Air"! Never in the history of our school have two PA Presidents co-chaired the Benefit. Along with Laura's support and your team of volunteers, you coordinated the numerous details to create a memorable night that brought our community of teachers, staff and parents (present, past and future) together for a hugely successful event! It exceeded all of our expectations, thanks to you and your team!

PCDS Outdoor Learning Volunteers

Thank you to all who showed up in the early mornings and middays to assist the teachers with setup and breakdown of a safe outdoor classroom! Ray Angelo, Kathryn Bach, Rachael Bachleda, Ishmeen Badesha, Jay Blount, Kate Blount, Edward Cong, Elaine Cong, Brendan Driscoll, Martha Driscoll, Andy Fernandez, Nick Ginsberg, Andrew Hudelson, Eugene Kim, Geoffrey Lauprete, Rob Meenan, Yosuke Nishibayashi, Andy Plaisted, Nina Strauss, Sud Yeleswarapu

Our Board of Directors

Thank you for the stylish PCDS Fleece Jackets and hats! They were a welcome layer of warmth for Outdoor Learning. Thank you for your continued devotion and loyalty to our school! Todd Albright, Lee Allison, Mike DeFlorio, Renata Garcia, Cinthia Fernholz Gil, Oscar Gil, Asim Grabowski-Shaikh, Kumar Kadiyala, Jon Kaufman, Ken Kitkowski, Kate Lockwood, Dimitrije Mitrinovic, Assaad Nasr and Betsy Newell (*ex officio, Head of School*).

and LAST but not least,
THANK YOU to all of our **CLASS PARENTS** who graciously
helped their teachers throughout the entire school year
and organized "Zoom Class Cocktail Parties"!

Connie Classon and Jennifer Kim - Class 2T
Stephanie Gilliard-Paulson and Adrienne Israel - Class 3T
Martha Driscoll and Jean Risolo - Class B1
Kelly Josephite and Nina Strauss - Class B2
Angie Nguyen and Kailuo Wang - Class B3
Bo Young Lee and Jennifer Passero - Virtual Class
Kate Lauprete and Christine Moy - Class B5
Emily Bronstein and Preeti Salvi - Class 103
Qian Gao and Lauren Gilbertson - Class 203

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!
We realize we have not been able to name every parent.
We would like to thank all of you for your considerable talents
and many hours of hard work.

Note from PA Co-Presidents

Dear PCDS Community,

We did it! We prepped for the worst, hoped for the best and exceeded our own wildest expectations. Our children have flourished this past year, and we can breathe a collective sigh of relief as we head into summer vacation and begin to feel excited and optimistic for a return to our regularly scheduled event programming in the fall. Before we head off on long awaited vacations, however, we wanted to pause and thank this entire community for all that you have done to make our two years as PA Presidents so rewarding. Working with each and every one of you has made these two years truly wonderful. Our community is amazing because of YOU! Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

To our amazing teachers, it is impossible to express our gratitude for all that you've done to keep the school doors open during a pandemic and to keep our children thriving this year. Memories of the backbreaking outdoor learning set up and the risks you all took to be with our children will be forever impressed in our minds. Thank you for being so supportive of the PA as we all navigated through daunting uncertainty the past two years.

To our administration - wow! We are constantly in awe of all that you do to keep the school running smoothly and our community united. You were an amazing support to us throughout these two years, and we loved the opportunity to work with you. We are so lucky to have you at the helm.

To our departing families, we will miss you dearly and wish you all the best as you move to ongoing schools and new adventures. We are excited for opportunities to reconnect with you at in-person alumni events next year! We know you are off to great places, but always remember PCDS is here with the doors wide open to welcome you back.

To our new and returning families, we're so excited for the amazing events our new board is already planning for next year and can't wait for all of you to have the opportunity to connect in-person and fully experience what makes PCDS such a special community.

And finally, to our new board – Laura, Caroline, Martha and Claire – we know we leave the PA in the best of hands and know that you will re-energize our community and bring back the fun! We hope this community supports you in the way they supported us, and we wish you all the best as you take on this role.

It has been a tremendous honor to serve as your PA Presidents the last two years. We wish you all a wonderful summer break and look forward to staying in touch!

Warm regards,
Salma Khan, Kristen Mleckzo, and Maria Welch

This lovely poem was from Charlie Kellen in Class 3T

On school mornings, I can't help but smile--
I get to play, see my friends, and learn new things for a while.
Even on days when I'm feeling shy,
I see Ms. Keenan at the door, turn around, and say BYE!
It's time for play-doh, books, and pretend!
It's time to do partner work with a friend!
It's time to ride tricycles, paint, stay on track--
And then, my favorite, it's time for a SNACK!
Of course, when it's sunny, the park's where we play,
If it were up to me, we would stay there all day!
Running and learning and climbing up things,
Sometimes we freeze dance, sometimes we sing!
We've come so far since those days in September,
When we all seemed so small--can you even remember? And
now look at us, with all our big-kid features,
All because we have the best TEACHERS!

Love, Charlie



**As a parent,
what do you do after your daughter's
college graduation ceremony?
You email a photo to her preschool!**

**Drew Lewis and Paige Coolidge
at Harvard University's
2021 graduation,
PACCDS alumni and
best friends since the Fours!**

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's Annual Fund!

It is not too late to donate.

You have until June 30, 2021.

Donations can be made by check or online [Click Here](#)

**** PCDS ID Badges ****

For parents and caregivers who will not be returning to PCDS next year, please drop off your ID Badges in the basket at the school door on 76th Street. THANK YOU!

**The school building will be closed as of
Thursday, June 10th
for construction and installation
of a new HVAC system.**

**If you need to contact the office over the summer,
please do so by email.**

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To the Families of Park Children's Day School

As many of you know this is my last year at PCDS as my wife and I are moving to Cape Cod where I will be painting/creating stories full time. While we are so excited for this new adventure, there is much of this city that I will miss deeply and at the top of that list is the community of friends, families and children at PCDS.

It has been an absolute honor to be a part of your children's education over the last thirteen years. To experience their moments of joy, discovery, struggle and triumph is something that I will always be proud of. I have nothing but beautiful and hilarious memories of these amazing students and teachers. I'm not saying goodbye for if we have learned anything from the pandemic, it's that we can connect virtually anytime, and the Cape isn't that far away. So if you're reading this, you're invited for a visit. I'll have the stuffed clams and chowder ready.

Thank you all for being a part of the amazing team that is PCDS, and most of all thank you for letting me be a part of that team.

Much love,
Justin (aka Mr. Hansen)

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My Summer Commission List is open and I would love to bring your favorite place to life in a timeless watercolor landscape painting. I can even feature your loved ones in the piece should you want to capture a magical moment. You can see other commission options at <https://www.justinlaroccahansen.com/?p#/commissions/>



Register for Summer Art Bunch

Spots available from June 28th through July 30th

(The first two weeks are full)

Summer Art Bunch was created and is taught by Christine Barber and Margie Keenan. The program is tailored for children 3 through 5 years old.

Please visit our website for details and registration

www.summerartbunchnyc.com

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