



Newsletter for Late April 2023 With a Little bit of May Thrown In

Here's Some of the Stuff That's in All Those Emails You Keep Getting.

(We know there are a lot. We are sorry.)

- **Hey. This Friday there is no school. I'm just making sure you know that.**
 - **THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST THERE IS NO SCHOOL (EID-AL-FITR)**
- **"So my kids have Friday off for Eid, but I don't know that much about the holiday. Is there some school event where I could learn about it?"**

Oh, you bet there is. The Eid celebration is on April 27th in the garden, right after school. Join us for a completely free celebration where you can learn about Eid, have snacks, and make crafts.

- **MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU (as you head to school to talk about report cards with your child's teacher)**

Mark your calendars for MAY THE FOURTH, which is report card night. Keep an eye out for your teacher's e-mails regarding sign in sheets. Bonus points to any teacher who plays the Imperial March while parents walk into their classroom.

- **MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU (ok, there are two things for this date, but you're already at school for the report card thing)**
Mark your calendars for MAY THE FOURTH, which is an in-person PTA meeting at 5:30PM in the auditorium. Talk to us (your school's PTA!) about possible future events or fundraisers. Ask questions and get involved. Do you hope to see specific events happening in 2024? Do you want this newsletter to have fewer random 90's references?? Come and let us know these things!
- **The last dress down day in April is:**
-APRIL 28TH! Have your kids wear their fanciest SpongeBob knee socks and their best purple glitter cardigan. (Or whatever is cool now! I'm out of the loop!) [Here's the official list of all the dress downs.](#)
With another one just added for tomorrow (Thursday the 20th!) to raise money for Student Activities.
- **Earth Day in the Garden on April 22nd**
Earth day is April 22nd, and what better way to celebrate than by joining us in the garden to get your hands dirty with some grade A, premium earth. Be there at 10:30.
- **Earth Day Trash Cleanup is also April 22nd at Mary Benson**
Already at the Garden and want to keep Earth day going a little longer? Join a group of students at **Mary Benson Park from 2-4PM** while they clean up the glittering halo of trash that surrounds the park and surrounding area. All kids must have an adult with them. Cleanup tools provided and middle schoolers get community service hours.
- **Conti Kindness**
There will be another Conti Kindness meeting on Wednesday, April 26th at 8AM in the Auditorium. Mr. DeCarlo should be sending an e-mail to confirm

the date (with a link to the book we're reading and a Google Kindness Survey) so please keep an eye out!

- **Want to profess your endless gratitude to a PS5 teacher? Volunteer for the teacher appreciation lunch on May 5th!**

Looking to thank the people who teach your children all day so that you can do work that doesn't involve nineteen hyperactive 7-year-olds? Aren't we all. Volunteer to help at the teacher appreciation lunch on May 5th. (Or if you can't volunteer for the lunch but still want to thank them, grab some things off your teacher's amazon wish list, or take a peek at [this link](#), if it's working now. Any of these is really appreciated). But if you'd like to volunteer for the lunch specifically, e-mail us at JerseyCityPS5PTA@gmail.com for details.

- **Want to be involved in the PTA?**

An election committee is forming, with PTA elections to be held in early June. If you want to be involved with a fantastic group of perpetually exhausted people who're trying to brainstorm ways to make our school better, get in touch with us. JerseyCityPS5PTA@gmail.com. All positions are up for re-election. If you absolutely do not want to volunteer time for the PTA but want to help us in another way, [here's the link for that too](#).

- **Our PTA won an award.**

The PS5 PTA has been selected to receive the New Jersey PTA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion award. Thanks to everyone who's come to celebrate with us in the garden and thanks to everyone who's approached us with all the ideas for various celebrations. Please keep them coming.

That's it. Hope everyone had a good break and you're all enjoying the insane allergies and wildly fluctuating temperatures.