



P.S. 111 PTA NEWS

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PTA Newsletter

If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please email the PTA Co-Presidents. Our contact information can be found at the end. Thanks for reading!

Our last meeting

On Wednesday **February 15th** in the library **at 5:45pm** was our last general membership meeting.

We had a short agenda for this meeting. We discussed various volunteering opportunities, including being on a Nominating Committee for the Executive Board (EB) of the PTA and we voted on the budget for the Talent Show for \$600.

At 6:30pm there was a district 2 schools meeting in the auditorium; the Community Education Council Meeting. The highlight of the meeting was a discussion about lead in the water

at schools. Two officials from school facilities, who are in charge of testing and resolving these issues, attended the meeting. According to what they stated and what we were informed via written notice, there were 5 faucets found with high levels of lead; none that are actively used for drinking water by our children. It was stated at this meeting this issue should be resolved possibly by the end of the school year.

VOLUNTEER
all that's missing is U!

There are **many** opportunities to help out at PS 111 - during the school day or after school. At this time the school or the PTA is looking for parents or guardians who can assist in the cafeteria during lunchtime, cleaning out the science lab on a few Saturday's or a few Tuesday's after school, maintaining the

library, being a Girl Scout leader, or being a class parent. The upcoming school events parent assistance would be needed is Krispy Kreme delivery, Teacher Appreciation Day, or the Talent Show.

Please reach out to Zaida Cosme, the PTA Co-Presidents, or PTA Vice-Presidents if you are interested in ANY of the volunteering opportunities. See the end of the newsletter for email addresses.



Please view "What's New" on page 3 for more information about this, the Parent Mixer, and the Town Hall.



Fundraising

Many companies and organizations you work for are willing to support schools and even MATCH donations. Please ask your employers. Keep in mind **P.S. 111 PTA is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.**



You have donated over \$8,650 to our **Direct Appeal!!!** We have reached slightly over 25% of our goal of \$33,000. This is our yearlong initiative and for all who have donated - thank you.

We asked families to give \$111 per child that attends PS 111, but please give what is comfortable for your family. You may contribute via check, money order, or via PayPal on our website at 111pta.org – and you may contribute in installments. You may also donate in kind donations of new items.

You will see your name at the end of the newsletter if you donated.

The PTA's website: www.111pta.org



With our next fundraiser **Amazon Smile** – give nothing other than shopping with **PS/IS 111 Parent Teacher Association Inc.** as your selected organization that Amazon will give to! We earned slightly over \$50 from the first half of the school year. Your friends and family shop can also support us at smile.amazon.com; by shopping. Just select us as your organization of choice.



With our last ongoing fundraiser led by parent Hayley Schultz– we have February and March to get as many **Box Tops** as possible! You can get them from family and friends too!! Box Tops are found on hundreds of product packages and are worth \$.10 each for our school. See Box Tops website for a list of products. Please turn in completed sheets (with unexpired Box Tops) and any Bonus Certificates to your teacher. There is also a collection envelope on the PTA bulletin board at the school's entrance.



Original Works is underway. Ms. Galvin has started the art pieces with the students. Parents/guardians, family and friends will be able to purchase a variety of different items with their child's art printed on them. As soon as they are complete they will be sent home with the ordering packets; due by Friday April 7th. Our goal is to have all the orders placed and shipped to the school before Mother's Day May 14th.



Finally, **Krispy Kreme** will begin during April after spring recess instead of March. Spring recess is from April 10th through the 18th. Fliers will go home in backpacks in April with more information.

The school's website: www.ps111adolphsochs.org



Class Parents



We DID IT...almost.

Thanks to all who have already stepped up!

Currently we are still in need of ONE class parents; **Ms. Rivera's 1st grade class.**

The role of the **class parent** is to serve as a liaison between the classroom families, the classroom teachers, and the Parent and Teachers Association (PTA).

For more information/interest about the appreciated role of class parent contact PTA Co-Vice President Carmen Neal at classparent1@111pta.org.

New & Updated Information



On **Tuesday March 7th** from **5pm to 6:30pm** the PTA is hosting a Parent Mixer at **Jasper's on the corner of 51st Street and 9th Avenue.** Please look for the backpacked notice.



Reminder: There is a **Town Hall** meeting tomorrow - **Monday February 27th at 8:30am in the auditorium.**



Next, Principal Gilligan is looking for more **library volunteers** to give a total of about 15 hours a week towards assisting with maintaining the library. So far **one parent** expressed interest who could give a few hours per week so if you are interested in helping out too please email him.

egilligan@schools.nyc.gov

Finally, Principal Gilligan would love to begin **Girl Scouts** again. We need 1 or 2 parents interested in volunteering about one day per week.

There are several benefits to young girls being involved including confidence, leadership skills, and civic engagement. For more info view the Girl Scouts website under "research."

If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to Mr. Gilligan.

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The **Principal's newsletter** goes out the first week of every month.



The **Friendship and Love event** was held on Thursday February 16th.

Thank you to parents who volunteered to bake or volunteered of their time!

Next, The PTA executive board and the school administration have been working extremely hard regarding the **A/C replacement** process. Much research has been done, and we remain doing so in order to find the best option. Additionally, Principal Gilligan has applied for 2 large grants to support this effort.

Finally, cooling our library has been added to a **Participatory Budgeting** ballot. This is discretionary funds that City Council Member Corey Johnson has which constituents 14 years old and up living in the

community may vote on. Voting will be March 25 to April 2, 2017. There will be more info about this backpacked.

Upcoming in next issue...

- Info about the next PTA meeting.
- Reminders about any upcoming events.
- Updated amount of Direct Appeal contributions.
- New Information.

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Thank you to all the volunteers who give of their time and service to support the PTA, the school staff, and our children! Including financially supporting our school! You are invaluable to us.

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