



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 of the newsletter.

Thanks for reading!!

Our NEXT meeting

On the morning of Wednesday **March 15th in the library at 8:30am** will be our next general membership meeting. Please join us!

We will be discussing updates on the Air Conditioning, Krispy Kreme, and Liability Insurance for PTA volunteers. We will also be voting on the next step with the Air Conditioning after being presented with two options we have as a community. Finally, we will also discuss and plan next steps for our Talent Show Auction.

VOLUNTEER
all that's missing is U!

There are many opportunities to help out at PS 111. **Specific regular needs** are in the cafeteria during lunchtime, maintaining the library, or being a Girl Scout leader. See page 3 for more info.

One-time events needs are organizing the science lab on a Saturday - March 21st or April 1st at 1pm - for an hour or two. Other options are assisting with Krispy Kreme pick up the afternoon of May 9th and 10th, helping with Teacher Appreciation Day the afternoon of May 1st or during the day on May 2nd, and in the evening of May 25th for our Talent Show.

If you are interested in ANY of the volunteering opportunities email Maria Ortiz or Judith Farmer.

In case you missed it



On **Tuesday March 7th from 5pm to 6:30pm** the PTA hosted a Parent Mixer at Jasper's on 9th and 51st Street. Thank you to those who attended and for your donations. Also, a BIG shout out to our Principal Mr. Gilligan, our 2nd grade teacher Ms. Ruggiero, PTA Co-Secretary Nicole Hunt, and parent volunteer Laura Voss – thank you for caring for our kid's while we mingled.



There was a Town Hall meeting **February 27th at 8:30am in the auditorium.** Overall, parents who attended asked questions about school facilities. The next Town Hall is tentatively set for September.



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.**



We are still at about 25% of our goal. You have donated over \$8,650 to our **Direct Appeal!!!** This is our yearlong initiative and

to those 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.



With our easiest 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.



Original Works is underway. Ms. Galvin has started the art pieces with the students and the substitute Art Teacher has

continued. Your children's art work should be sent home with order forms in about 2 weeks' time. Parents/guardians, family and friends will be able to purchase a variety of different items with your child's art printed on them. Order forms must be sent to school 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 in April after spring recess. Spring recess is from April 10th through the 18th. Fliers will go home with more information in backpacks in the next several weeks.



Calling all parents and teachers: If you are interested in being on the **Nominations Committee** to recruit people for the Executive Board of the PTA - or have questions about what this entails - please let us know by Wednesday March 15th.

Next, cooling our library has been added to a **Participatory Budgeting** ballot. This is a process where discretionary funds City Council Member Corey Johnson has and 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 this week.



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.



Principal Gilligan remains 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.

Next, Mr. Gilligan would love to begin **Girl Scouts** again. Only one or two parents interested in

volunteering about one day per week is needed.

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 email him.

egilligan@schools.nyc.gov

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

Upcoming in next issue...

- Info about the last PTA meeting.
- Reminders about any upcoming events.
- Direct Appeal contributions update.
- 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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