



# 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 last meeting

On the morning of Wednesday **March 15<sup>th</sup>** we had our general membership meeting.

At this meeting, we talked about what the next step would be with the air conditioning and held off on a vote in order to meet with additional contractors. We also held off voting on obtaining liability insurance for the PTA until the next meeting. Krispy Kreme kick off will be April 19<sup>th</sup> and this time around we will have gift certificates as an option! Finally, we will be having an auction with the Talent Show and

will need support from you all! More information will be sent home and be in future newsletters, emails and phone blasts.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> or April 1<sup>st</sup> at 1pm - for an hour or two. Other options are assisting with Krispy Kreme pick up the afternoon of May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, helping with Teacher Appreciation Day the afternoon of May 1<sup>st</sup> or during the day on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and in the

evening of May 25<sup>th</sup> for our Talent Show.

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



- There will be a Community Meeting held by our school regarding the possible co-location of the Charter School at our site. The meeting has been rescheduled for **Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm in the auditorium.** Please join if you have questions or comments to share.

- ELA testing is this coming Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for the 3-5<sup>th</sup> graders. Students need a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast each day.
- Parent/Guardian surveys are coming due. Last year we had 74% response rate and this year aim to have 90%. Please take 5min. to complete the paper survey or complete it online at <http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability/tools/survey/default.htm>
- Fifth grade parents please make sure that graduation fees are paid ASAP.
- Finally, there are still boxes of World's Finest Chocolate bars to sell. You may text Parent Coordinator Zaida Cosme at 347-563-5213 for a box.



**Air conditioning for our library** has been added to the **Participatory Budgeting** ballot. This is a process where discretionary funds from City Council Member Corey Johnson's Office pay for items community members vote on.

**To vote you have to be 14 years old or older and living in the community;** so that means parents, friends, neighbors, or family living in Council District 3! Voting will be March 25 to April 2, 2017. **You fastest and easiest way to vote is online** at [www.coreyjohanson.nyc/pb/](http://www.coreyjohanson.nyc/pb/) you may also view this site for more information.

To read more about air conditioning in public schools view this [article](#).



**Class Parents:** In the next 24 hours you will be receive an email about a meeting we are going to hold for you on Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am. Hope you can attend!!

**Additionally, we are still in need of ONE class parent; Ms. Rivera's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class.**

For more information / interest about the appreciated role of class parent contact PTA Co-Vice President Carmen Neal at [classparent1@111pta.org](mailto: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 **two parents** expressed interest who could give a few hours per week so if you are interested in helping out too please email [president1@111pta.org](mailto:president1@111pta.org)



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.

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Finally, please keep in mind **the Principal's newsletter** goes out the first week of every month.

## Parent Mixer



On Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> the PTA hosted a Parent Mixer at Jasper's. The response from the parents who attended was very positive. Therefore, the PTA is discussing holding another Parent Mixer. Suggestions are welcome.

Please email ideas to [president1@111pta.org](mailto:president1@111pta.org) and / or [president2@111pta.org](mailto:president2@111pta.org)



## 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](http://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 by visiting

[www.111pta.org](http://www.111pta.org) and clicking on the Amazon smile banner.



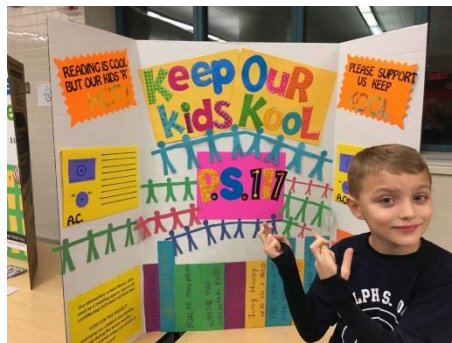
**Original Works** is underway. Ms. Galvin has started the art pieces with the students and the substitute Art Teacher has continued. Your children's art work should be sent home with order forms in about 2 weeks' time. Parents/guardians, family and friends will be able to purchase a variety of different 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 14<sup>th</sup>.



Finally, **Krispy Kreme** will begin in April after spring recess. Spring recess is from April 10<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. Fliers will go home with more information in backpacks in the next several weeks.



Principal Gilligan at early voting for participatory budgeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>.



2<sup>nd</sup> grader Julian in front of our board at early voting.

## Upcoming in our next issue...

- Info about our next PTA meeting.
- Reminders about any upcoming events.
- Updates about Direct Appeal.



PTA Co-President Trevor Richardson with his family and City Council Member of District 3, Corey Johnson.



PTA Co-Secretary Kim Parker and Co-President Maria Ortiz at the Parent Mixer.

## Direct Appeal donors:

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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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