

P.S. 111 PTA NEWS

April 9, 2017

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 Wednesday **April 19th** at **5:45pm**, we will have our next general membership meeting.

The agenda includes a vote on the budget for Teacher Appreciation day, vote on liability insurance for the volunteers for the PTA including its executive members, and a vote on PTA sponsorship for the National Chess Championship. We also have on the agenda updates on air conditioners, the Nominations Committee, the Talent Show, and an update on Dollar Dance Days.

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.

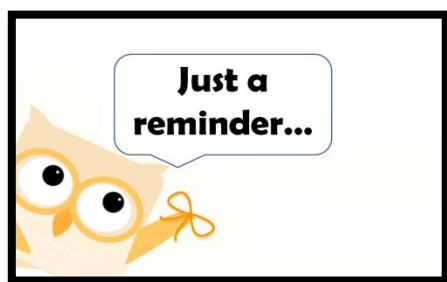
One-time events needs are assisting with Krispy Kreme pick up by parents the afternoon of May 9th and 10th, helping with Teacher Appreciation Day on Monday May 1st, and in the evening of May 25th for our Talent Show.

If you are interested in ANY of the volunteering opportunities email Maria Ortiz or Judith Farmer. Thank you for your support!



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

zcosme@schools.nyc.gov



- Fifth grade parents please make sure that graduation fees are paid ASAP.
- 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 or ask in the main office. Each box is \$60.
- The Original Works deadline was extended. Please submit order forms and art by Friday April 21st. Also, if you want to submit and additional art piece, use very bright colors on white paper and submit with order form. Accepted form of payment is cash or check / money order payable to **PS 111 Parent Teacher Assoc. Inc.**
- The Shoe Drive is currently underway – led by 5th grade teacher Nicole Miller. Please donate gently worn or new shoes. Donations of shoes and sneakers will be accepted until the end of April.
- Our children return to school on Wednesday April 19th.
- The next Family Friday is Friday April 21st.

Updates



There was a public hearing at PS 111 on Thursday April 6th regarding the likely co-locating school, NYC Charter School of the Arts (CSA). Most of the attendees were from the CSA and no one spoke in opposition to the school being re-located at our site.



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

The winners for participatory budgeting will be announced in May.

Thank you to all who voted!!

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



Class Parent Rep's: Thank you to those who attended a meeting or made time to find out more via phone!! You are very much an integral part of helping to move this school forward.

Ms. Rivera's 1st grade class still needs a Class Parent Rep! Anyone reading this interested in demonstrating your leadership skills? Interested in putting some additional experience on your resume? If so, reach out to PTA Co-Vice President Carmen Neal at classparent1@111pta.org.



At least two parents volunteered for the library! The school needs one additional **library volunteer**. If you are interested in helping out too please email president1@111pta.org or zcosme@schools.nyc.gov

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



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.**

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 and clicking on the Amazon smile banner.

Original Works deadline was extended to Friday April 21st. Your children’s art work was or will be sent home. 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 with their artwork and the payment of check or money order payable to PS 111 Parent Teacher Assoc. Inc.



Our Talent Show is coming up on May 25th. We would like to hold a raffle and auction. We are asking that all families contribute or ask others to contribute something. For example, a gift certificate to a restaurant for \$50 or more, services such as cleaning, private lessons, or a salon cut/style, or event tickets, a gift basket, or any new items.

Krispy Kreme will begin in April after spring recess. During our last selling period, we made close to \$8,000 and that was with only 15%-20% of students/families selling. We can earn more. This time, you can also sell KK gift certificates.

We are still at about 25% of our goal. You have donated over \$9,700 to our **Direct Appeal!!!**

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.

Upcoming in our next issue...

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

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!

You are invaluable to us.

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