

# P.S. 111 PTA NEWS

June 18, 2017

Hello all.

This is the PTA's FINAL 2016-2017 school year newsletter to you. Thanks for reading!

First and foremost, the PTA wants all the Parents/Guardians who gave their time to the school or financially supported the PTA during this school year, to know your giving was greatly appreciated. Please view the end of the newsletter for more.

Next, here is a list of most of the accomplishments we were able to do because of your support:

- ✓ Designed one of the most successful fundraising drives ever - the Krispy Kreme Challenge.
- ✓ Accomplished a profitable and popular Scholastic Book Fair in the fall.
- ✓ Assisted with the fundraising of Original Works and Box Tops creating more revenue for the PTA.

- ✓ Held a 'Parent Mixer' at a local restaurant, with free cocktails, delicious food and even free child care!

- ✓ Hosted another very successful spring Talent Show.

- ✓ Implemented the school's first ever 'Silent Auction' during the Talent Show - another very successful fund-raiser.

- ✓ Supported the school's first Science Fair by providing funds and volunteers.

- ✓ Sponsored 'Dollar Dance Days', providing nearly-free dance classes to 75+ students in all grade levels.

- ✓ Funded 'Cool Culture' so PreK and K students could visit NYC museums free of charge.

- ✓ Purchased 200 black durable, high-strength, light weight chairs, for outdoor graduations, events, dinners etc.

- ✓ Purchased 10 new black matching tables for the whole school to use.

- ✓ Provided brand new A/C units in every classroom that needed them (besides the 1st Floor, which has no wiring yet).
- ✓ Were *very* active in implementing enhancements and participating in many school events and solving problems.

## BEST OF ALL...

- ✓ Have over \$20,000 remaining for next year's PTA budget.

- ✓ Successfully rallied parents and community members to vote for 111 to win District 3 Participatory Budgeting funds of \$150,000.

- ✓ Assisted Mr. Gilligan in applying for a grant with the Manhattan Borough President's Office which was approved!

# PTA Meeting

## Come join us!

Consider attending the final meeting if you available because you are automatically a member of the PTA because you have a child who attends 111. **This means you have the right to discuss and vote for things** at the monthly general membership meetings.

**Our next meeting is Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:54pm in the school library.**

Here are the highlights from the last meeting on May 17th.

Principal Gilligan discussed the increased number of enrollments we have for Kindergarten and added - we now have a gifted & talented KG!

Science teacher Ms. Guerrier reported about the Science Fair including that the 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be part of the Citywide Science Fair.

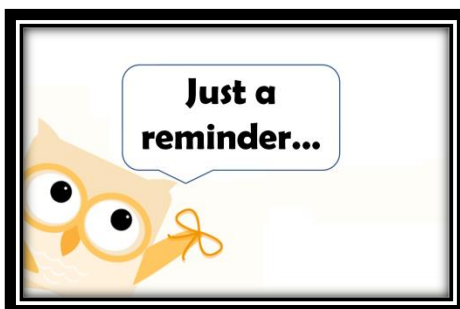
We voted to financially support the upcoming Science Fair in the amount of up to \$1,000, up to \$900 for Krispy Kreme winners and class winner, and up to \$4,500 to purchase chairs we will use for events outside on the school yard.

Updates included that the Teacher Appreciation Day went well as did Krispy Kreme sales.



There are still opportunities to help out at PS 111.

The regular need first, is in the yard during recess from 11:25am to 1:05pm and second, in the cafeteria during lunchtime.



- There are still World's Finest Chocolates available.
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> is stepping up ceremony for PreK and K.
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> is stepping up ceremony for 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> there are no classes.
- June 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:45pm will be PTA elections followed by a PTA meeting. If you are interested in being part of the Executive Board please reach out the current PTA Board ASAP.
- June 28<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school and it is half day.

## Updates



**Krispy Kreme** individual winners have won their prizes. Please view the glass case in the lobby to see what they won! Thank you Laura Voss for putting the case together!



Our Talent Show was May 25<sup>th</sup>. The children and staff who performed received certificates of participation.

## Fundraising



The school year is ALMOST OVER but some of our fundraising is year round – specifically the following three.

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



You can financially support 111 literally ALL year long with our easiest fundraiser when you shop at **Amazon Smile.** On [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) select **PS/IS 111 Parent Teacher Association Inc.** as your selected organization and Amazon will contribute financially. Please share this with family and friends as well!



Though the school year is nearly OVER anyone may contribute anytime to 111 via our website.

This school year so far you all have generously donated over \$9,500 to our **Direct Appeal!!!** Thank you.



Thank you so much to everyone who turned in Box Tops for Education this year! We were able to redeem them for over \$300!! We have seen students bring in 1 at a time all the way up to 750 at once!!! Way to go!

Summer is a great time to collect Box Tops! Therefore, in the next few days you will see plastic collection bags in backpacks. Write your child's name and grade in September.

Please save these in a place where your child can help save Box Tops. We suggest using magnets on the fridge or front door.

When you return to school in September bring your bag labeled bag.

Thank you and KEEP CLIPPING!

## Thinking Ahead



The next executive board (EB) of the PTA will be voted into their roles by ALL of you. On June 21<sup>st</sup> the expedited election for the executive board members will be held, followed by the general membership meeting.

If you have questions or interest in being involved in the PTA please contact anyone who is part of the PTA EB asap.



Thank you to all of the Class Parent Representatives who have stepped up to help out.

Next school year we hope to be able to have Class Parent Rep's for EVERY class.





One of the goals for the **next school year** will be to begin the **Girl Scouts**. We only need one or two parents to volunteer about one afternoon per week.



**Thank you to ALL the volunteers who gave of their time and service! You are invaluable to us!**

Special thanks to the following parents for their consistent time and service to our school:

- Laura Voss
- Sarah Noda
- Hayley Schultz
- Todd Miller
- Elizabeth Streat
- Krystal Johnson
- Al & Rochelle Rodriguez
- Yoko Akashi
- Fania Washington
- Maria Moyers
- George & Erasmia Benakis
- Haydee Cepeda
- Izumi Aoki
- Eileen Vuong
- ALL the Class Parent Representative's

***Thank you for your generous contributions to our Direct Appeal especially those parents who gave \$500 or more!***

**George & Erasmia Benakis, Eileen Vuong, Olya and Stephen Pappalardo, Nevin Gokalp, Lyssett Martinez, Nicole Hunt, Carmen Riera, Crystal Cortese, Zhaoxia Jiang, Sarah Noda, Tristan & Katherine Loanzon, Ranon Masliyah, Carmen Riera, Rainer and Lynda Schuman, Hancy Pierre, Rochelle Rodriguez, Karin Jenson, Michael Holman, Rey & Clementine Borgueta, Todd & Gosia Miller, Hayley Schultz, Ravi Kalathur, Celso Lopez, Izumi Aoki, Elizabeth Streat, David Neeman, Robert Moyers Esther Almonte, Jennebe Cranston, Edmond Oushku, Robin Berla, Tai Do & Edit Stelczner, Jean Dinapoli, QiCiChen, Napadol Thongmee, Paul & Grecia Piezzo, Silvana Aravena, Ryan Haney, Vincent Guanter, Trevor & Fania Washington, Troy & Carmen Neal, Michael O'Brien, Miriam Silfen, Olya & Stephen Pappalardo, Faruk Amin/Rano Mukhamadieva, Haydee Cepeda, Yi Zhou, Jia Shi, Yoko Akashi, and Linda and Matthew Chae**

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