



P.S. 111 PTA NEWS

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Special Edition

P.S. 111's PTA Newsletter

This is a special edition of the PTA bi-weekly Newsletter because this issue is for December 18th and January 1st. The next full issue will be January 15th of 2017!

Are you reading the paper copy of this newsletter? Do you prefer to receive this bi-weekly newsletter in email? If so, please email the PTA Co-Presidents. You will find that info at the end of this newsletter. Additionally, if you have questions, comments or suggestions, please email the PTA Co-Presidents. Thanks for reading!

Fundraising Activities

Currently the PTA has the **Direct Appeal Campaign, AMAZON Smile, and Box Tops**. Details for each can be found on page 2.

Many companies and organizations you work for are willing to support schools and MATCH donations. Please ask.

Also, keep in mind our PTA is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

Our next meeting

On Wednesday **December 21st at 5:45pm** in the library is our next general membership meeting. Our guest speaker is **111 Alumni Delores Rubin**, who is also the Chair of Community Board 4. At this meeting we will also have childcare, and Krispy Kreme donuts and coffee! You do not want to miss this meeting!

Last but not least, we will vote to add the teachers to the bylaws. **Please see our website to view the proposed amendment to the bylaws.**

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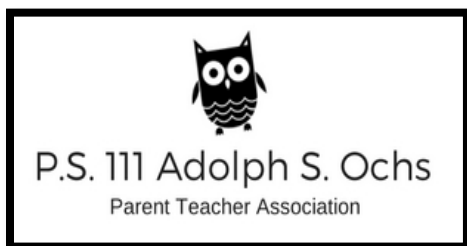


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Our **Direct Appeal** is still underway. Our generous parents have donated over \$5,000! Please view the end of this newsletter where we thank the parents who have donated. Our goal is to reach \$30,000! In-kind of new items will be accepted also!

We have asked that each family GIVE a tax deductible donation of \$111 for each child that attends P.S. 111. You may contribute via check, money order, or on our website at 111pta.org, or contribute in installments. Please give what is comfortable for your family.

Remember, there will be a **pizza party** for the class with the most parents contributing to the Direct Appeal by **December 31st** ***regardless*** of the amount the class contributed! The pizza party will be on Friday January 6th!

The next two fundraising efforts cost you nothing extra and raise money for us!

First is **Amazon Smile**. When you, friends and family shop at smile.amazon.com we raise \$\$\$ for our school! To contribute go to "smile.amazon.com" next select **PS/IS 111 Parent Teacher Association Inc.** as your organization of choice, then shop! Every time you shop on Amazon Smile moving forward, PS 111 receives a contribution.

Second are **Box Tops**. Box Tops are found on hundreds of product packages and are worth \$.10

each for our school. Winter collection sheets for Box Tops are coming home in backpacks soon. Please turn in completed sheets (with unexpired Box Tops) and any Bonus Certificates to your teacher. There is also the collection envelope on the PTA bulletin board at the school's entrance for convenient drop off. See Box Tops website for a list of products.

Winter Wonderland

On Thursday December 15th Winter Wonderland was held. Though it was bitterly cold that evening – many of you came out anyway!

We want to thank you all for coming to support our school. The following parents supported by baking or volunteering their time to help! Thank you.

George Benakis, Joanna Jiang, Eileen Vuong, Troy Neal, Grecia Piezzo, Izumi Aoki, Alma Ardolic, Arista Kenneally, Sandra Lopez, Linda Chung, Maria Moyer, Carmen Riera, Al Rodriguez, Yoko Akashi, Gosia Miller, Hayley Schultz, Kim Parker, Judith Farmer, and Zaida's husband Joe. Last but not least to all the staff who volunteered their time for this event - Thank you so much! Any other parent who supported this event not named above, thank you as well.



Staff volunteering at Winter Wonderland to help our children design their own cookies.



The arts and crafts tables at Winter Wonderland.



Winter Wonderland snowman photo stand in.

Class Parents



We currently still are in need of a few class parents. Are you curious what a class parent entails? Contact PTA Co-Vice President Carmen Neal at classparent1@111pta.org for information.

Classes who still need a class parent are Ms. Rivera's 1st grade class, Ms. Garrett/Ms. Thomasino's 5th grade class, and Ms. Connerly's 5th grade class.

New & Updated Information

In our last issue our first grade teacher Ms. Romero wrote a call for donations asking for

Four chargers & 4 cases for Ipad 4th Generation and 3 chargers & 3 cases for Ipad 2.

Please email her at ERomero2@schools.nyc.gov if you can donate or have questions.

Cool Culture

Written by parent Sara Noda:

Cool Culture is FREE entry for Pre-K & Kindergarten families (and their guests) to go different cultural institutions throughout NYC, such as museums and zoos.

All families please keep an eye out to sign up for our organized

Museum Exploration trips so that you can also take advantage of this awesome program. Advance sign up will be required. All trips will take place on the weekends.

This program is currently being offered to our students through generous funding by our PTA.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Ms. Ramirez at JRamirez5@schools.nyc.gov.

Winter Recess

School is closed from Monday December 26th through Monday January 2nd. All students and staff report back to school on Tuesday January 3rd. Enjoy your Holiday!

Upcoming in next issue

- Our 12/21/16 PTA meeting.
- Reminders about upcoming events.
- Direct Appeal update.
- Class Parent update.
- New Information.



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.

Thank you to donors of our Direct Appeal:

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