



P.S. 111 PTA NEWS

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P.S. 111's PTA Newsletter

Happy New Year to you all!

If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please email the PTA Co-Presidents. Our contact information can be found at the end. Thanks for reading!

Fundraising Activities

Our present fundraising activities are the **Direct Appeal Campaign, AMAZON Smile, and Box Tops**. Details for each can be found on page 2.

Also, keep in mind many companies and organizations you work for are willing to support schools and even MATCH donations. Please ask your employers. Keep in mind our PTA is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

Our last meeting

Our last meeting was in the evening on **December 21st**. We had childcare and our guest speaker was Delores Rubin, Community Board 4 Chairperson who is also alumni (1975-1981). Fun fact: Her mother was the PTA president when she attended our school!

At the December meeting **we voted to officially include the Teachers as part of the PTA!** This means the teachers can also vote during PTA general membership meetings. These meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month. See the schedule on the PTA bulletin board.

We also voted to have dance classes for a number of our students funded by our Krispy Kreme sales. Please be on the lookout for more information.

Finally, Ms. Ramirez (KG) discussed two fundraising ideas for the school that she would lead Original Works and Paint Night. More information will be sent in the next few weeks via backpack.

Our next meeting

On Wednesday **January 18th at 8:30am** in the library is our next general membership meeting. Our guest speaker will be Representative Eli Szenes-Strauss from the office of NYS Senator Brad Hoylman of the 27th District.

We will be voting on the budget for the upcoming Talent Show in May, as well as the budget for the upcoming parent teacher mixer that will be held in the community.

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Fundraising

Our **Direct Appeal** is our yearlong initiative. You, our generous parents, have donated over \$8,300! Our goal is to reach over \$30,000 – and in-kind donations of new items will be accepted also! At the end of this newsletter we thank each of you individually for your donations.

For those of you interested in giving \$111 you may contribute via check, money order, or via PayPal on our website at 111pta.org – and you may contribute in installments. Please give what is comfortable for your family.

A generous parent offered to pay for a pizza party for the class with the most contributions by 12/31/16 regardless of amount. The pizza party was scheduled for earlier this month but it will be postponed until February. You will be informed of the class that won and the winning class teacher will decide which date the pizza party will be.

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

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, PS 111 will then receive a contribution.

Second are **Box Tops**. Box Tops are found on hundreds of product packages and are worth \$.10 each for our school. See Box Tops website for a list of products. 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.

Cool Culture

Cool Culture cards arrived in December for Pre-k and Kindergarten families. The Cool Culture Card gives up to 5 guest admission to many of NYC's most popular museums for FREE!

If any pre-k or KG family has not received one you may contact Ms. Ramirez; see her email below. Families that *did not* apply still have *one more chance to apply*. You can see Ms. Ramirez for an application within the next few days, by or before Friday January 20th. She will be hosting a Cool Culture family orientation, tentatively set for the first week in February. Please be on the lookout for a flier and a phone blast.

JRamirez5@schools.nyc.gov.

New & Updated Information

Our 111 is a generous community and in that belief Ms. Romero has asked for...

For Ipad 4th Generation

- Chargers (4)
- Cases (4)

For Ipad 2

- Cases (3)
- Chargers (3)

Perhaps you have one of these items at home? Please email Ms. Romero to let her know or ask any questions

ERomero2@schools.nyc.gov

Coat Drive

Ms. Miller (5th grade) is leading a coat drive for our neediest students and for the Covenant House in our community. Please donate gently used or new winter coats, scarves, gloves, or mittens into the boxes in the lobby of the school UNTIL February 3rd. Thank you for your support of our students and youth in our community.

Girls Scouts

We would love to begin Girl Scouts again. We need about 2 parents interested in volunteering about one day per week.

There are several benefits to young girls detailed under "research" on their website which include confidence, leadership skills, and civic engagement.

If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to

Mr. Gilligan or PTA Co-President Maria Ortiz.

Class Parents



Thanks to all who have stepped up! There are class parents in almost every class!

We aim to have 100% participation and have class parents in every class. Currently we are still in need of two class parents; Ms. Rivera 1st grade class & Ms. Garrett / Ms. Thomasino's 5th grade class.

For more information about the awesome and appreciated role of class parent contact PTA Co-Vice President Carmen Neal at classparent1@111pta.org.

Upcoming in 2 weeks

- Update about the general membership meeting
- Reminders about any upcoming events.
- Updated amount of Direct Appeal contributions.
- 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! Including financially supporting our school! You are invaluable to us.

Thank you to donors of our Direct Appeal:

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