



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**. **Upcoming are Original Works and Krispy Kreme**. 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

On Wednesday morning **January 18th** was our last general membership meeting. Our guest speaker was Eli Szenes-Strauss, Deputy Chief of Staff for NYS Senator Brad Hoylman covering the area of P.S. 111.

We voted on the budget for upcoming Parent Teacher mixer that will be in March. We also discussed the Talent Show for May 25th and information obtained at that point regarding dance classes. Both will be discussed further at the next meeting.



On Wednesday **February 15th** at **5:45pm** in the library is our next general membership meeting. Further information about this meeting will be in the next newsletter.



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Fundraising

Sharing with excitement – you all donated over \$8,500 to our **Direct Appeal!!!** This is our yearlong initiative and for all who have donated - thank you. You will see your name below if you donated and if it not there, email PTA Co-President Maria Ortiz (email below).

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 the amount that was contributed. Drum roll please - and the class with the most contributions was...Ms. Romero's class!!

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

With our next fundraiser we earned slightly over \$50 from the first half of the school year;

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.

With our last ongoing fundraiser led by parent Hayley Schultz– we have February and March to get

as many **Box Tops** as possible. You can get them from family and friends too! 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 a collection envelope on the PTA bulletin board at the school's entrance.

Finally, an upcoming fundraiser is Original Works being led by Ms. Ramirez!

Original Works is underway. Ms. Galvin has started the art pieces with the students. As soon as they are complete they will be sent home with the ordering packets. Families will be able to purchase a variety of different items with their child's art printed on them. Our goal is to have all the orders placed and shipped to the school before Mother's Day May 14th.



Finally, Krispy Kreme will begin during March and the delivery date will be late March. Fliers will go home in backpacks in March.

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!

We will be having our first Cool Culture School outing on Sunday, February 5th at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (MET). We will be going for their Lunar New Year celebration. We will be meeting at 11am on the steps of the MET.

A memo for Pre-K and K families was sent asking for families to host upper grade families that would also like to attend.

The parent orientation date needed to be pushed back and should be before Mid-Winter Recess. If you have questions please contact Ms. Ramirez. Her email is

JRamirez5@schools.nyc.gov

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's 1st grade**

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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.

New & Updated Information

First, Principal Gilligan and the PTA will be hosting a **Town Hall** meeting to listen to your comments or concerns. It will be February 27th at 8:30am in the auditorium.



Next, Principal Gilligan is looking for a **library volunteer** or volunteers to give a minimum total of 15 hours per week (or more) of their time. Are you interested in helping out with this? For more information or questions please email him.



Finally, Principal Gilligan would love to begin **Girl Scouts** again. We need 1 or 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.

egilligan@schools.nyc.gov

The **Principal's newsletter** goes out the first week of every month. Be on the lookout for it during the first full week of February.



Thursday February 9th from 5:30pm through 7:00pm the school is hosting a **Friendship and Love event**. Would you be interested in volunteering and / or providing desserts? If so, please contact Zaida Cosme or PTA Co-President Maria Ortiz.

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president1@111pta.org



Next, the PTA executive board and the school administration have been working extremely hard regarding the **A/C replacement** process. Great strides have been made, and it is very exciting that we may finally be able to get this accomplished! Much research has been done, but there are still hurdles to overcome. Additionally, Principal Gilligan has applied for 2 grants that will provide funding to cool a common space at our school. We will keep you informed as additional progress has been made.



In light of recent events, we remind our parents that we have an excellent support staff in place. Our counselors, **Darice and Stephanie**, are available to discuss your child's emotional

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health and general well-being, and can also make a referral if you require outside support.

Coat Drive

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

Upcoming in 2 weeks

- Highlights from the agenda for the next PTA meeting.
- Reminders about any upcoming events and updates about past 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.

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