



P.S. 111 PTA NEWS

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PTA Newsletter

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!

Our last meeting

On Wednesday **February 15th** in the library at **5:45pm** is our next general membership meeting. At this meeting we will update you on recent and upcoming events or efforts, discuss a Nominating Committee and we will vote on a budget for the Talent Show. We will have an agenda shorter than usual as there is a Community Education Council (CEC) meeting in our school auditorium at 6:30pm. You are encouraged to attend the CEC meeting. They offer childcare and food!



There are **many** opportunities to help out at PS 111 - during the school day or after school. At this time the school or the PTA is looking for parents or guardians who can assist in the cafeteria during lunchtime, cleaning out the science lab on a weekend or one day after school, maintaining the library, being a Girl Scout leader, or being a class parent. The upcoming school events parent assistance would be valued is the Friendship & Love event, Krispy Kreme delivery, Teacher Appreciation Day, or the Talent Show.

Please reach out to Zaida Cosme, the PTA Co-Presidents, or PTA Vice-Presidents if you are interested. See the end of the newsletter for email addresses.



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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.**



You have donated over \$8,650 to our **Direct Appeal!!!** We have reached slightly over 25% of our goal of \$33,000. This is our yearlong initiative and for all who have donated - thank you.

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. You may also donate in kind donations of new items.

You will see your name at the end of the newsletter if you donated.



With our next 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 at smile.amazon.com; by shopping. Just select us as your organization of choice.



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.



Original Works is underway. Ms. Galvin has started the art pieces with the students. Parents/guardians, family and friends will be able to purchase a variety of different items with their child's art printed on them. As soon as they are complete they will be sent home with the ordering packets; due by Friday April 7th. 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 April after spring recess instead of March. Spring recess is from April 10th through the 18th. Fliers will go home in backpacks in April with more information.

Class Parents



The role of the **class parent** is to serve as a liaison between the classroom families, the classroom teachers, and the Parent and Teachers Association (PTA).

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

Currently we are still in need of two class parents; **Ms. Rivera's 1st grade class & Ms. Garrett / Ms. Thomasino's 5th grade class.**

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

New & Updated Information

Principal Gilligan and the PTA will be hosting a **Town Hall** meeting. It will be Monday February 27th at 8:30am in the auditorium. Fliers were sent home for parents to note their questions or concerns for the Town Hall. Please return by Friday the 17th.

The PTA's website: www.111pta.org



Next, Principal Gilligan is looking for a **library volunteer** or volunteers to give a minimum of 15 hours a week towards assisting with maintaining the library. If you interested in helping out with this please email him.

egilligan@schools.nyc.gov



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 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 reach out to Mr. Gilligan.

egilligan@schools.nyc.gov

The Principal's newsletter goes out the first week of every month.



Due to inclement weather the **Friendship and Love event** was canceled on February 9th and the NEW date is Thursday February 16th, from 5:30pm through 7:00pm.

Thank you to parents who volunteered to bake or volunteer and if you be interested in volunteering and / or providing desserts please contact Zaida

Cosme and PTA Co-President Maria Ortiz.

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Next, The PTA executive board and the school administration have been working extremely hard regarding the **A/C replacement** process. Much research has been done, and we remain doing so in order to find the best option. Additionally, Principal Gilligan has applied for 2 large grants that will provide funding to cool a common space at our school. We will keep you informed as additional progress has been made.

Coat Drive

Thank you to all who gave coats to the coat drive. About 150 were donated! These went to families in our school community and the rest to the Covenant House residents in our community.

Also, thank you to Ms. Miller, the Eco Club, Zaida Cosme, and the Moore family for organizing this event and/or assisting with organizing the coats.

Upcoming in next issue...

- Highlights from the PTA meeting.
- Reminders about any upcoming events.
- Updated amount of Direct Appeal contributions.
- New Information.

The school's website: www.ps111adolphsochs.org

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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! Including financially supporting our school! You are invaluable to us.

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