

PS/IS 111 Adolph S. Ochs PTA Newsletter

111pta.org

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Welcome, new and returning families!

IMPORTANT: Special Election, Nov. 25

On November 25 at 8:30 a.m., we will have a very brief meeting in the cafeteria in order to hold special expedited elections. We will elect a new **PTA vice president**, who will be responsible for assisting the co-presidents and assuming their duties at their request or in their absence. (Patrice Duffy-Jacobson, our former vice president, became co-president after the resignation of Milan Shah, whose child transferred out of the school.)

We also need to fill **four parent/guardian openings on the School Leadership Team** (SLT). These SLT members will work with Principal Gilligan, the PTA co-presidents and four teachers to help develop the school's Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP).

All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend this election. Nominations will be taken from the floor. For more details, please visit 111pta.org. Coffee will be served.

Next PTA Meeting: Dec. 16, 8:30 a.m.

The goal for the PTA is to make sure that every student and family at PS 111 has a hand in shaping the school. If we can get 100% participation, our community will be as strong as it can be.

We know everyone has busy lives, but please consider attending a PTA meeting if possible. If you know other PS 111 families, encourage them to attend as well. Every voice matters!

Bookmark these websites

The PTA is involved in more activities than we can fit into a single newsletter, but fortunately our newly revamped website is filled with resources for our families. Please visit 111pta.org for more information, including:

- PTA News and Announcements
- Meeting Minutes and Notices
- Events Calendar
- Fundraising (now accepting PayPal donations)
- Educational Resources for Parents
- And MORE!

Also, the school's official website boasts a new and improved look. You can find it here: ps111adolphsochs.org

Pssst! Get the word out about our school

After checking out our own websites, head over to insideschools.org to see an updated review of the school. Either search for "PS 111 Adolph S. Ochs" or follow this link: insideschools.org/component/schools/school/45

Remember, prospective families rely on these reviews to help them decide which schools to attend. Sharing your positive experiences in the comments section will likely attract more of the fantastic families we have come to know and love. So don't just read — let the world hear what you like about us.

Movie night!

PS 111's annual movie night is December 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium. It's free and open to all enrolled students and their families.

Our students need YOU!

Many thanks to all the generous family and community members who have given their time and financial support to the school. Whether you volunteer, donate, or both, your efforts are critical toward helping every student succeed.

Please donate by December 31! The PTA's first major fundraiser has an important goal – to have at least half of our 400 families contribute a tax-deductible gift of **\$20** to the PTA by December 31, 2015. If we meet this goal, a PTA supporter has promised to contribute **another \$1,000!** That would bring the total to \$5,000, which would make a huge difference to the PS 111 community. All gifts will go toward enhancing your child's educational experience with afterschool and enrichment programs. Please consider pledging \$20 – or \$40, if you can afford it, to help cover those who may not be able to donate. Any amount at all would help.

You can pledge with a credit card, debit card or Paypal account by visiting 111pta.org – just click on the yellow "Donate" button – or you can leave a check payable to "PS/IS 111 Parent Teacher Association, Inc." in the PTA mailbox in the administrative office. For more details, read the Fundraising Committee Letter in the Documents section of 111pta.org.

Got skills? Join a committee!

Every good PTA needs volunteers – and ours is no exception. PS 111 has a diverse student body and community, and the PTA would love to make use of any special skills you may have.

The PTA Executive Board has established several committees, and each one needs input and help from volunteers. If you have an interest in a particular area, please contact one of the committee chairs below. Don't be shy – you don't need to be an expert in any of these areas. Everyone is welcome!

Communications

email: communications@111pta.org
Sarah Noda, co-chair
Trevor Peterson, co-chair

Fundraising

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Karin Jenson, co-chair
Maria Ortiz, co-chair

Wellness

email: wellness@111pta.org
Patrice Duffy-Jacobson, co-chair
Dianna Mohammed, co-chair

Technology

email: technology@111pta.org
Todd Miller, chair

Safety

email: safety@111pta.org
Judith Farmer, co-chair
Katherine Loanzon, co-chair

We look forward to building the PS 111 community during the upcoming year, and making sure our kids are safe, happy, learning, and of course, having fun! Thanks for reading.

PTA Executive Board

Co-President Tristan C. Loanzon (email: tristan@111pta.org)

Co-President Patrice Duffy-Jacobson

First Vice President OPEN [your name could go here!]

Co-Treasurer Dianna Mohammed (email: dianna@111pta.org)

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Co-Secretary Judith Farmer (email: judith@111pta.org)

Co-Secretary Jennifer Foy