

PTA Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 12, 2024
8:45 AM
Auditorium (4th Floor) + Zoom

 Please fill out the [FAMILY INCOME FORM](#)- this determines the funding our school gets and helps us apply for grants. We need 100% participation and we currently only have 40%!

1. Welcome & Important dates

*(Don't miss any dates! You can also subscribe to the ParentSquare calendar by clicking on **EVENTS** on the bottom of your screen and then subscribe button)*

- **Monday, 1/22 at 4:15 PM**- SLT Meeting (School Leadership Team) Room 208 or via Zoom (zoom info on Events calendar via PS and can always be found [HERE](#).)
- **Wednesday, 1/24, FAMILY NIGHT! (6-7:30 PM)**
 - i. Bring a dish to share, Drinks, or dessert! PTA will provide PIZZA!
 - ii. Move info can be found [HERE](#)
- **Friday, 1/26, Coffee with Principal Raciunas** (after drop off) in Room 208
- **Wednesday, 2/14, FEB PTA Meeting at 6:30 PM via Zoom**
- **Thursday, 2/15, Greening Committee Mtg**
- **Friday, 2/16, School Tour at 9AM.** Tour info [HERE](#)
- **Monday, 2/19 to 2/23 - SCHOOL Will be Closed for Mid-Winter Break**
 - i. Children will return on Monday, 2/26/24
- **Thursday, 3/7, EARLY DISMISSAL - 11:30 AM - Parent Teacher Conferences**
- **Saturday, March 9th, COLOR ME BRIGHT GALA at 7PM at Baby's All Right**
 - i. Mark your calendars!
 - ii. Book Babysitter
- **Friday, 3/15, School Tour at 9AM.** Tour info [HERE](#) (last one of the year)
- **Thursday, 3/21, Greening Committee Mtg**
- **Friday, 3/29 and Monday, April 1st Schools Closed, Easter Weekend**
- **Wednesday, 4/10, School Closed, Eid al-Fitr**
- **Monday, 4/22 to Tuesday, 4/30 - Schools Closed for Spring Break**
 - i. Children will return on Wednesday, 4/1

****2023-2024 DOE Calendar can be found [HERE](#)**

2. Principal's Report (Ms. Raciunas)

- Academic updates
 - i. NYC Reads - The Science of Reading
This is new for this year. No more letter levels. Now working on decodable books.

- District is doing checks on each school on how it's being implemented. District visited last week
 1. Assessments this week and next via iReady and Acadience.
 2. During assessment weeks- the usual lessons will not be available on iReady but will resume once children have finished assessments.
 3. 5th graders will be taking their State tests on computers this year. It will be the first time this has happened. Big undertaking as we need to make sure all computers are up and running and kids are familiar with the program.
- NYC State Tests results from last year are out for 3-5th graders who took the State tests . Results can be found on your NYCSA account. Log in [HERE](#). Both Math and ELA scores improved greatly this year.
- Mr. Shulman worked on a grant with the Greening committee and we received a \$5K grant for the garden.
- Academic screeners - are a big push by District 14
 - i. iReady mid year diagnostics have been completed in most classes. You can see your child's results by logging in or asking your teachers for the Family Report.
 - ii. 3-5th Grade- Galileo Benchmarks are currently happening.
 - iii. I- Ready ELA & Math - we have bought the lessons for iReady. Now that the screeners have taken place it is recommended to practice 45 mins each week. Research shows that doing lessons on iReady especially those selected by teachers, have increased students' results greatly. You can log into your child's iReady via [Teachhub](#) with your child's DOE email and PW. iReady is also available as an App for your iPad. Your teacher can provide the specific log or you can still log in via Teachhub and it will open up the APP.
 - iv. STATE TESTS:
 1. ELA - April 11-12, 2024
 2. Math - May 7 – 8, 2024
 3. 5th Grade Science, Math and ELA tests will be taken online this year.
 4. 3rd & 4th will still be paper tests.
 5. For more information on State tests click [here](#)
- **Enrichments**
 - i. Child Mind Institute (CMI) - Partnering with CMI for Social Emotional learning. All teachers are receiving teacher development from CMI
 - ii. 3rd Grade Musical Theater has started
 - iii. Wellness in the Schools (WITS) has started. All students K-5 will receive 3 School cooking Labs and a cooking coach will come once a week to work with our kitchen staff

3. Parent Coordinator's Report (Ms. Chalkley)

- 4/5th grade Student council has been elected and had their 1st meeting.
 - i. Their first initiative is to have 5 spirit days! Spirit Days have been shared via ParentSquare



- 1st Family Night will be held: Wednesday, 1/24 from 6-7:30 PM
 - i. Bring a Dish to share!
 - ii. Pizza provided by PTA
 - iii. Wellness in the Schools (WITS) will be there and providing a fun movement activity for the whole family from 6:15- 6:40 PM in the Gym
 - iv. 6:40 PM We will go back to the cafeteria to share food and conversation until 7:30 pm!
 - v. More INFO can be found [HERE](#)
- Family Tuesdays in PreK are back!
- School Surveys will come out in Feb.
- [NYCSA](#) - make sure you have set up your account. This account shows report cards, attendance, OSIS number, state tests, etc! Very important to have this!
- [FAMILY INCOME FORM](#)- this determines the funding our school gets. PLEASE PLEASE FILL OUT ASAP! We need 100% participation or we lose much needed funding for our school and can not apply for grants! The financial information is also used to apply for certain schools so please please fill out. We need
 - i. School Pictures are out! Picture view instructions can be found [HERE](#)
- **After school protocols** - Please make sure to NOTIFY the after school program that you kid will not be attending if they are sick or traveling!!
- [NYC KIDS RISE](#)- NYC KIDS- College savings programs.

4. SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE - Wellness in the Schools (WITS)

- Chef Janelle here 2x a week in the cafeteria with students and staff

- The kids have cooking labs and help to create new menu items for the school's lunch menu.
- Check out their presentation [HERE](#)
- They will also be at the Family event so come learn more about their wonderful initiatives!
- More information on WITS: <https://www.wellnessintheschools.org/>
- Follow them on IG or FB: [@wellnessintheschools](#)

5. LICE Protocols-

- DOE is not required to check children.
- The nurse will only check if a child is sent there directly by the teacher.
- **If your child has lice please send a message to Ms. Chalkley via ParentSquare ASAP.**
- **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH LIVE LICE!**
- **Lice shampoo should be used every few days for 2 weeks until you no longer comb out NITS or live lice. Check every family member's head!**
- **Wear hair up for 2 weeks**
- **Recommended to check your kids weekly and spray their hair, backpacks, lunch bags, and coats with [Fairytale lice spray](#).**
- **Remind them not to pile coats on top of one another!**

Get the Lice Out of Your Home

- Clean all bedding, towels and clothing from the infected individual with soap and hot water (140 degrees F). Place them in a dryer for at least 20 minutes to help kill any remaining lice.
- Dry-clean all clothes that need to be dry-cleaned.
- Seal the infested individual's stuffed toys, and other infested items that can't be laundered, in a plastic bag. Leave them for 10 days to allow all lice to die of starvation.
- Get rid of, or soak combs and hairbrushes in rubbing alcohol or the medicated shampoo used to kill lice.
- Throw out any hair accessories, such as hair elastics and ribbons.
- Thoroughly vacuum carpets and upholstered furniture.
- Pets cannot become infested with head and body lice, so no precaution is required.

6. **President's Report** (Charlene Barkulis + Juliet Davis)

- The Scoop is back! Sign up for the newsletter [HERE](#)
- Our 1st Newsletter went out last week so check your email!
- Shout out to Mr. Schulman and his hard work on The Monthly Monitor. Check out the latest edition.
- Classroom Civics in the Digital Age- **Winter Double Feature!**
- [WINTER DOUBLE FEATURE](#) <-----**Click here!**. All past Monthly Monitors can be found on the main page of the [PS 110 website](#).

7. **Lost & Found!!**

- We donated a large portion to another school in need of winter items. Lost & Found located in room 108 on the 1st floor and is FULL. Please come check it weekly or follow on Instagram. We will be doing another donation soon as we have run out of room again.
- https://www.instagram.com/ps110k_lost_and_found/

8. **Ways to support our School!**

- **BOX TOPS**- Join us in earning money for our school by using the Box Tops app. It's an easy way to make a difference. Plus, use referral code W5VO9DKI when you sign up and you'll get 25 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through 05/31/2024. Use the link below to download the Box Tops app: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/get-the-app>
- **OLIVER'S LABELS**- Keep your child's things out of the Lost & Found with Labels! Please make sure to have both first and last names! 20% of your purchase will be donated to P.S. 110. www.oliverslabels.com/ps110
- **MINTED**- Buying Holiday cards, labels or art? Use the code **FUNDRAISEPS110TMS** at checkout to **save 20%** on your order + minted will donate 15% to our school.
- **Code:** FUNDRAISEPS110TMS

9. **Treasurer's Report** (Kristy Wallace)

- Financials Update
- Income and Expense update
- Looking to donate?! The PTA pays over \$440 per student, per year for all the enrichments and extra activities.
- Please consider making a one time donation or become a monthly donor. [DONATE NOW or become a Monthly Donor!](#)
- Does your company match donations? Find out easily at:
 - i. <https://www.charitynavigator.org/donor-basics/giving-101/employee-match-programs/>
- Other ways to [Support our School](#)

10. **Committee Updates:** *check the presentation Committee Updates*

Join committees via ParentSquare! Click the 'More...' in the bottom right hand corner and click Groups. There you will see many of our committees and can join any and all!

- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** (Lindsay Benedict, S Locke, Theresa Sarbeng, & Yuliya Shneyderman)
 - Next Meeting:
 - Next Event: Potluck, Jan 19th, 5:30-8:30 pm at Cottonwood NYC (Address: 203 Driggs Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11222)
- **Fundraising**

- **Events:** (Carrie Hill & Carrie Gerardi)
 - **GALA- The BIGGEST FUNDRAISER of the YEAR**
 - **Theme: Color me Bright!**
 - **First Meeting:** TBD
 - Looking for Volunteers - Sign up via ParentSq post [HERE](#)
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Solicitor Duties (Jan 22nd-Feb 9th)

1. Select vendors from our list.
2. Send a cut-n-paste email to the vendors.
3. Collect auction items (many will be digital giftcards)
4. Make loads of money for our school!

Backend Auction Duties (Feb 12th-16th & 26th-29th)

1. Collect and organize auction items (physical and digital)
2. Manage auction website (items are automatically uploaded from our solicitor spreadsheet, volunteers will proofread and add images where needed)
3. Make loads of money for our school!

- JOIN THE COMMITTEE ON PARENTSQUARE for more info on ways to help!

● Mark your Calendars & book the babysitters!! The Gala will be held Saturday, March 9th at Baby's Alright!

- **Grants Committee-** (Carrie Hill, Marianna Werth, & Lidia- Maria Schneider)
 - Working on Grants to help bring in an art program or part time art teacher.
 - PLEASE FILL OUT THE INCOME INQUIRY FORM - we can not submit grants without this information! WE LOSE FUNDING when we do not have 100% participation!! Click [HERE](#) to fill it out ASAP! A link always lives in the LINK section of ParentSquare
 - **Greening** (Lori Vroegindewey & Robbie Saenz De Viteri)
 - **Next Meeting:** Thursday, 2/15 after morning drop off
 - **Library** (Hannah Cinnelli & Cate Milos)
 - Opening: Week of January 29th!!
 - Join the committee to sign up for Library slots.
 - **To join the PTA Library Committee via ParentSquare: APP**
 1. On the bottom bar- click **MORE** with the 3 dots above it. (all the way to the right)
 2. Click **GROUPS** and click the **JOIN** button next to the **PTA Library Committee**.
- WEB:** <https://www.parentsquare.com/signin> (use same login info as APP)
1. On the left side of the page, click **PARTICIPATE**.

2. Under PARTICIPATE - Click **GROUPS**, scroll down to find **PTA Library Committee** and click the **JOIN** button to the right of the committee's name.

- **Merchandise** (Laureen Moyal & Thomas Fulton)
 - New Merch is here. Keep an eye out for another sale!
- **Tours** (Hannah Cinelli)
 - Next tour, Friday, 2/16 at 9 am!
 - Spread the word! More tour info can be found [here](#).
- **French** (Val Loxhaj, Celine Costa, & Delphine Davis)
 - Adult French Lessons start 1/22/24 - reach out to Pierre Bonnaure (father of PS 110 student and teacher at French for Little Ones) bonnaurepierre9@gmail.com
 - **Next Meeting:** TBD
- **Safe Streets** (Chris Roberti)
 - Looking for backing by the PTA on Universal Daylighting (more info on PTA slides)
 - **Next Meeting:** TBD
- **Yearbook** - (Johanna Heldebro)

8. Open forum

- Science question came out again: Our STEM teacher has retired. While we do not have STEM as a cluster this year, Science is ALWAYS taught in the classroom so Science is still part of the yearly curriculum. Classes will be visiting the STEM/ Hydroponics lab with their teachers! Thanks to Ms. Fuchs for creating the [Hydroponics IG account!](#)
- **LOST & FOUND- IS FULL!** Please check Room 108 on a weekly basis for items. Make sure to label everything with first & last name plus class number! Follow the [Lost & Found on IG!](#) All items not picked up by November 28th will be donated to one of the many collections going on in the neighborhood!
- Reach out to any of the PTA Board members with questions!

PTA Executive Board

- i. Co-Presidents: Charlene Barkulis & Juliet Davis
- ii. Treasurer: Kristy Wallace
- iii. Secretary: Shannon Roop
- iv. VP of Fundraising: Carrie Hill & Carrie Gerardi
- v. VP of Community: Chris Roberti
- vi. VP of Student Activities: Cate Milos
- vii. VP of Communications: Jason Wojciechowski