

PTA Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 7, 2024

6:30 PM

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.

• **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)

- 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
 - Children will return on Monday, 2/26/24
- Wednesday, 2/28 - Family Night, 6- 7:30 PM
- Thursday, 2/29 - DEI Meeting, 8:45 am, Basement by the elevators
- Friday, 3/1 , PTA March Meeting- 8:45 am in the auditorium (new date)
- 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
 - Mark your calendars!
 - Book Babysitter
 - BUY TICKETS [HERE](#) !<<<<<<<<<<<
- 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
- Thursday 4/11 and Friday, 4/12, ELA State Tests (3rd, 4th & 5th grade)
- Monday, 4/22 to Tuesday, 4/30 - Schools Closed for Spring Break
 - Children will return on Wednesday, 5/1 (note the extra 2 days!!)
- Tuesday, 5/ 7 and Wednesday, 5/ 8, Math State Tests (3rd, 4th and 5th grade)

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

- **Principal's Report (Ms. Raciunas)**

- IReady ELA & Math mid year diagnostics have been completed. Please continue the instructional proactive available to all students.
- 5th Grade ELA, Math and Science state tests will take place online this year.
- Promotion in Doubt (PID) letters will be mailed home. Teachers will reach out to anyone getting a letter before you receive them in the mail.
- Reminder - March 7th is a HALF DAY. Parent Teacher conferences will take place so students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM. .
- Children are working on Black History month projects in each grade.
- Respect for All Week - Feb 12-16th
- Ongoing work with Child Mind Institute
- 4th Grade Ballroom Dance will have their culminating event on 3/8
- 2nd Graders started their Musical Theatre residency this week. They will be doing Peter Pan
- WITS (Wellness in the Schools) was in house this week for cooking Labs. Check out the presentation slides for pictures - they made pineapple Fried Rice! More information on WITS: <https://www.wellnessintheschools.org/> or follow them on IG: [@wellnessintheschools](https://www.instagram.com/wellnessintheschools)
- Climate Action Day , Feb 7th
- Mock Debate will take place Monday, Feb 12th. The current PS 110 Debate Team will showcase a mock debate to the 2nd graders to encourage them to join the Debate team next year.
- PS 110 kicked off The Rainbow Club this week with Ms. Hadjigeorgiou. There was so much interest that the club has been split into 2 groups. They will meet 1x a month during lunch.
- **STATE TESTS:**
 - ELA - April 11-12, 2024
 - Math - May 7 – 8, 2024
 - 5th Grade Science, Math and ELA tests will be taken online this year.
 - 3rd & 4th will still be paper tests.
 - For more information on State tests click [HERE](#)
 - **Saturday Academy** letters will go out this Friday. Saturday Academy Literacy/Math Tutoring Program will begin for students in Grades 3-5. Classes will be held here at P.S. 110 on 4 Saturdays in March from **9:00am – 12:00pm. DATES: March 2, 9, 16, 23** This is a great opportunity to get additional help in preparation for the ELA and Math state exams scheduled for April 11-12 and May 7-8. We urge you to take full advantage of this

opportunity. Please fill out the form that went home in your backpack and send it back to school.

- **Parent Coordinator's Report (Ms. Chalkley)**

- Spirit Days have been such a success! One last day, next Friday, 2/16 is PS 110 Spirit Day! Wear all your favorite PS 110 GEAR!! Check out some great photos on the Presentation slides.



- The next **Family Night** will be held: Wednesday, 2/28 from 6-7:30 PM
 - Bring a Dish to share!
 - Pizza provided by PTA
 - The Safe Street Committee will be there with fun gear
- Family Tuesdays in PreK are back!
- School Surveys will come out this Friday, 2/9. Please fill them out online or return in the provided envelope by Monday! We would love 100% participation!
- [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 school funding.**
[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.
- **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.
- **President's Report (Charlene Barkulis + Juliet Davis)**
 - The Scoop is back! Sign up for the newsletter [HERE](#)
 - Our 1st Newsletter went out a few weeks back so check your email!
 - PS 110 Parent Handbook has been updated and posted on the website! Anything you ever wanted to know about is included in the handbook. <https://www.ps110k.org/parent-handbook.html>
 - Check out all the Presentation for pictures of Character Day, Crazy Hat & Hair Day, Family Night, Black History Month Art inspired by Alma Thomas, Student/Teacher/Staff Swap day, WITS Cooking Lab!
 - **PTA ELECTIONS**
 - PTA Executive Board elections will be held at the May PTA meeting.
 - We will need an Election Committee Head (minimal work) please reach out to Shannon Roop on ParentSquare if interested.

- If interested in learning more about the positions, please reach out to any of the current board members or take a look at the descriptions of each position on the website. <https://www.ps110k.org/pta-executive-board-descriptions.html>
- There can be 2 in any position - in fact we recommend it.
- We will be sending out nomination letters once we have an Election Committee Head. The head can not run for any positions.
- We will also need to elect 4 SLT positions. More info on SLT can be found [HERE](#)
- **Lost & Found!!**
 - Last month we donated many items to a school in need. We are FULL again. Please check the Lost & Found Weekly. We will be donated again at the end of the month. Anything not claimed will be donated. Lunch items are attracting fruit flies. Anything not grabbed will be tossed next week!
 - Lost & Found is located in Room 108 on the 1st Floor!
 - https://www.instagram.com/ps110k_lost_and_found/
- **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
- **Treasurer's Report (Kristy Wallace)**
 - Financials Update
 - Revenue and Expense updates.
 - 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:
 - <https://www.charitynavigator.org/donor-basics/giving-101/employee-match-programs/>
 - Other ways to [Support our School](#)
- **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: February 19th at 8:45 am in the Basement
 - Updates:
 - Black History Month Week of Action
 - Meeting with CCRE (Center on Culture, Race & Equity) about the possibility of conducting professional development training with staff.
 - Working on plans for Lunar New Year, Women’s History Month, and more!
- **Fundraising**
 - **Events:** (Carrie Hill & Carrie Gerardi)
 - **GALA- The BIGGEST FUNDRAISER of the YEAR**
 - **Theme: Color me Bright!**
 - **BUY YOUR TICKETS [HERE](#)**
 - *In our commitment to inclusivity, we're introducing a special opportunity! Donate beyond the regular \$50 ticket price to help us reach our \$10k presale ticket goal, and unlock special pay-what-you-can tickets. Your generosity not only supports our school but also ensures a more vibrant community experience for everyone.* special pay-what-you-can tickets will be limited based on venue capacity and number of full price tickets purchased!*
 - Looking for Volunteers - Sign up via ParentSq post [HERE](#)

● Mark your Calendars & book the babysitters!! The Gala will be held Saturday, March 9th!

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!

- **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)
 - WE ARE OPEN! Check out the presentation for slides!
 - Students will go back to the library next week! Please make sure they return their books to check out a new one.
 - Another great way to check out ‘NEW’ books is SORA- the online library for NYC students. Details on how to sign up in the PTA Presentation!
 - Join the committee to sign up for Library slots.
 - **To join the PTA Library Committee via ParentSquare:**
 - APP**
 - On the bottom bar- click **MORE** with the 3 dots above it. (all the way to the right)
 - 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)
 - On the left side of the page, click **PARTICIPATE**.
 - 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. We hope to have a sale at some point next week before PS 110 Spirit Day!
- **Tours** (Hannah Cinelli)
 - Next tours: Friday, 2/16 and 3/15 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)

- Voted on the PTA backing Universal Daylighting bill. PTA voted in favor of the bill. 12 Yays/ 0 Nays and 10 abstained from voting.
- **Next Meeting:** TBD
- **Yearbook** - (Johanna Heldebro)

Open Forum

- Next PTA Meeting (Date change)
 - Friday, March 1st at 8:45 AM
 - Auditorium + Zoom