



Ps/Is 229

## Parent-Teacher Association

Date, Time, and Location: January 16th 2024 6:00 -6:45pm. Zoom

Meeting called to order by Co-Presidents Jennifer Jansen & Jaime Palazzi at 6:00 pm.

Attendance: A quorum was reached.

Minutes: The minutes of the 12/19/23 meeting were read and approved by Vanessa Belcastro and Christa Baiada

Treasurers Reports The budget was read and accepted. Report attached.

### **Old Business was given by Co-President Jennifer Jansen**

1. Our Yankee Fundraiser is going on, you can purchase tickets through March. We have already sold a few, we will let you know when we start running low.
- 2.. Senior dues were due on October 27 th . The money covers the cap and gown, t-shirt, diploma case, yearbook, pin, bag, and a video of the graduation ceremony. We have a videographer that films everything and about a week or so after the ceremony, you will be emailed a link to the video so you can download it. If you have not submitted the payment, please do so as soon as possible.
3. Senior prom tickets are still being sold but we only have 25 left. The deadline has been extended to January 19 th , that will be the last day we are accepting ticket requests.
4. Disney on Ice tickets are on sale, the form has been sent home and emailed. You can purchase tickets online up until 2 hours before the show, so you have until this Thursday, 5pm, to order tickets.
5. The Winter Wonderland dance for middle school students is on the 25 th . Ticket money is due by Thursday. Please note that any student attending

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the dance must stay after school. All students will head to the cafeteria at dismissal and will be brought up to the big gym at 3pm.

### **New Business was given by Co-president Jaime Palazzi**

1. This Thursday, the PTA and Mr. Goldman's Community Service Enrichment class will kick off our annual Souper Bowl. We will be collecting canned foods and other items to be donated to our local soup kitchen on 77 th and New Utrecht. It will run through February 13 th and there will be a box by the elevators for drop off. Letters will be going home within the next two days.
2. Our next Spirit Day will be Friday, January 26 th and it's PJ day. No pjs with feet in them.
3. There has been a lot of confusion around this, but the PTA Hershey's Lovegrams will be sent home next week. It is NOT the same as the Relay for Life candy bar fundraiser. The forms will be sent home next week and for \$3 you can send a Hershey wrapped in a valentines day wrapper to anyone you would like. You can personalize the heart that comes with it and you can send as many as you would like. They will be delivered on February 14 th to their classroom.
4. Friday February 2 nd will be the next ice cream day, everything is \$2.
5. February 3 rd was supposed to be our next family art workshop but there was a conflict for Ms. Cat so we will be moving it to another date. I'll update you when I get the new information.
6. February 12 th and 13 th we will be having a small Valentine's day sale in the cafeteria during lunch to make up for the lost bake sale. It will not be as big as the holiday sale and items will range from .50 to \$3.
7. We need snack shack volunteers. For the second year in a row, we have found ourselves begging for help because people have stopped showing up. Jen and I cannot keep dropping what we are doing to sit downstairs for three hours because that just means we have to bring even more work home with us and to be honest, it's not fair to us, we do more than enough for the PTA. Without snack shack, many of the things that students like and things that parents want, like I-ready, go away. About 90% of the things that the PTA pays for, comes from snack shack. If you would like to volunteer and help to contribute to school, please email us.

## **Important Dates**

1. 1/18 Souper bowl starts
2. 1/25 middle school dance
3. 1/26 pj spirit day
4. 2/2 ice cream day
5. 2/12-13 valentines day sale
6. 2/14 red or pink spirit day for valentines
7. 2/16 spirit day, Sports
8. 2/19-23 winter break
9. 2/27 pta meeting

## **Principals report was given by Mr. Kirk**

### **We are again experiencing safety concerns with Double-Parking**

- I must continue to remind all families that at arrival and dismissal, we ask that you find the closest legal parking spot and walk your child/children to or from the car. We realize this is a little less convenient, but we do this to keep all children and families safe. In addition, this may prevent a ticket for \$150. We have handed out warning notes. The elected officials have made it clear that they will pressure the local precincts to hand out tickets.
- When we have inclement weather, it is even more vital to find a parking spot. Both student and adult pedestrians are put at greater risk because they must also navigate the snow piles. Please plan ahead!!!

### **O.T.T.E.R. Day (Our Time to Enjoy Reading)**

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In an effort to continue to inspire the love of reading, we had our first OTTER Day on Friday, January 12th. We designated one period to be entirely devoted to reading for fun! There was even an otter spotted in the school!

- Ask your children what they liked about OTTER Day. We have another OTTER Day planned in the near future.

### **The High School Application process is open.**

High School Offer release is scheduled for March 7, 2024.

**The Middle School Application process is open now through December 8th.**  
Middle School Offer release is scheduled for April 3, 2024.

### **Kindergarten (including Gifted & Talented) Admissions**

- Kindergarten and Kindergarten G&T Application closes THIS FRIDAY, January 19, 2024.

Families can apply for both in one of three ways: online at

<https://www.myschools.nyc/en>; by phone at

718-935-2009; or by visiting the local family welcome center at 415 89\* Street.

Kindergarten and Kindergarten G&T Offer release is scheduled for March 27, 2024

### **Pre-K Admissions**

- Pre-K Application opened on January 10, 2024 and closes on March 1, 2024.

- Families can apply for both in one of three ways: online at

<https://www.myschools.nyc/en> ; by phone at

718-935-2009; or by visiting the local family welcome center at 415 89th Street.

Pre-K Offer release is scheduled for May 14, 2024.

### **NYC Kids Rise**

- Building Block 1 is to activate, and see an initial \$100 allocation to your child's account.
- Building Block 2 is to connect a college account (or career savings account)
- Building Block 3 is to make a minimum \$5 deposit into the connected account to be eligible for matching funds beginning in first grade.  
(833) 543-7473; or [info@nyckidsrise.org](mailto:info@nyckidsrise.org)

### **Promotion-in-Doubt process**

- The promotion-in-doubt (PID) process requires schools to notify families, in writing, if their child is at-risk of not meeting promotion benchmarks and may be retained in the same grade for the next school year.

- By February 20th, schools must identify PID students and indicate if the student is at risk of not meeting promotion benchmarks in the appropriate subject area (grades 3-8).

- Schools must send the PID letters to families using one of the following options by February 15th.

\* Print PID letters and mail them to the parent/guardian address; or Email PID letters to families

### **ELA/Math Support and Title III Afterschool Programs**

- We will be starting our ELA/Math Support and Title III afterschool programs at the end of January/beginning of February. They will run from 2:30 - 4:00 PM, two days each week.
- The ELA/Math Support will focus on areas of need in preparation for the NYS ELA and Math Tests taking place later in the spring. The Title III program provides additional support for ENL/MLL students. Letters and permission slips will go out in the next two weeks.

### **Title I status**

- We are cautiously optimistic that we will be eligible for Title I funding in 2024-25. According to our own internal record keeping, we reached 64%. If the threshold remains 60%, we would qualify for the additional funding.

#### **Construction/Capital Projects updates**

We had approximately ten contractors here last week to do a pre-bid walkthrough for the Library Upgrade Project. Hopefully, bids will be submitted in the near future.

- On January 11\*\*, I was contacted by the project manager from Gridspan Corporation. They have received approval to proceed with the Multi-Purpose room renovation. They will be providing 12 portable bleachers, refinishing the stage floor, removing four basketball backboard assemblies and installing new wall padding in front of the stage. The wall padding and bleachers are now being put in for production.

### **Lunar New Year activities**

- With the Year of the Dragon quickly approaching, we have a few school-wide activities planned.  
Friday, 2/9/24: An assembly featuring Authentic Chinese Dances where students will see traditional dances and learn the origin of traditional Chinese dancing will take place.
- Monday, 2/12/24: A Lunar New Year Dragon Feast: This is not a mandatory event, but we would like all classes to participate in this celebratory meal. Each classroom teacher will collect the permission slips and money for their own class. \$10.00 per student includes: Juice Box, Plain Lo Mein, Vegetable Roll, Chicken Nuggets (White Meat), Fortune Cookie,

Chinese Zodiac place mat, and tip.

**AP Cuthill, AP Mui, and AP Tipaldi**

• **Additional items of note**

**Questions were answered.**

**Citizens of the month were announced and congratulated**

**Meeting Adjourned 6:45pm. Mariia Maksymenko, Secretary**

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