



Ps/Is 229

## Parent-Teacher Association

Date, Time, and Location: March 19th, 2024 6:00 -7:00pm. Cafeteria

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 02/27/24 meeting were read and approved.

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

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

1. Our Yankee Fundraiser has ended, thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.
2. Square 1 art flyers were sent home. If you still want to participate, you can submit artwork online, the link was emailed out.
3. Cutest cookies fundraiser ended today.
4. The last family art workshop was this past Saturday and there was a huge turnout. The next one will be April 6 th , details will be announced as soon as we get the information.

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

1. Our Brooklyn Cyclones fundraiser is back. The game is June 23 rd and it's Bluey night. Information was emailed home and the tickets are online purchase only.
2. Today was the first day of the book fair. After this meeting, the fair will be

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open until 8 so everyone can have the opportunity to shop. Please note, because of the fair, everyone will have to exit from the meeting out of the 14 th ave exit, the main doors are locked.

3. The next spirit day is this Friday and it is mismatched clothes day.
4. School will be closed March 29 th for good Friday and April 1 st , the day after Easter.
5. Ice cream day is Friday, April 5 th .
6. There is no school on Wednesday April 10 th for the first day of Eid.
7. Saturday April 13 th , god willing, is the carnival. As soon as I get past the book fair, I will be sending out all the information.
8. We need snack shack volunteers. We are tired of begging.
9. Next month we will be talking about elections! Jen will be stepping down so we will be looking for a VP. There will also be two open SLT seats.
10. Our next PTA meeting will be April 16 th , here in the cafeteria. Remember they are all in person from here on out.

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

#### **The High School Application process**

- High School Offers were released as of March 7, 2024.
- Congratulations to all of our grade 8 students and their families! Special KUDOS to our twenty-four students that received offers from the Specialized High Schools, including Brooklyn Latin, Brooklyn Tech, Staten Island Tech, Stuyvesant, and LaGuardia!!!

#### **The Middle School Application process**

- Middle School Offer release is scheduled for April 3, 2024.

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

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

#### **Pre-K Admissions**

- Pre-K Application closed on Friday, March 1, 2024 for children born in 2020.
- Pre-K Offer release is scheduled for May 14, 2024.

#### **Brooklyn Borough Art Festival**

- Congratulations to student, Eric Yang (604), who's artwork was selected to represent our school and will be on display as part of this year's Brooklyn Borough Art Festival!
- A celebration will be held at the Brooklyn Children's Museum on May 21st and Eric's work will be on display for the public to see, beginning May 24th.

### **New York State Testing this Spring**

- ELA Tests (paper & pencil version) for Grades 3, 4, 6 and 7 will be taking place on April 11th -12th.
- ELA Tests (computer-based) for Grades 5 and 8 will be taking place on April 16th-17th.
- MATH Tests (paper & pencil) for Grades 3, 4, 6 and 7 will be taking place on May 7th -8th.
- MATH Tests (computer-based) for Grades 5 and 8 will be taking place on May 9th-10th.
- The window for the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Tests (NYSESLAT) will begin April 15th and will conclude by May 24th
- Science Tests (computer-based) for Grades 5 and 8 will be taking place on May 16th
- The Algebra Regents will be given on June 4th, the Living Environment Regents on June 14th  
, and the Spanish Proficiency Exam on June 24th.

### **Mid-Year Screener Results**

In READING, 6% increase in students on or above grade-level (+71), while a 5% decrease in students well-below grade level (-49). In MATH, 12% increase in students on or above grade-level, while a 7% decrease in students well-below grade-level (-68).

### **Civics Week in NYCPS (6th annual from 3/11-3/15/2024)**

Students here at PS/IS 229 had the opportunity to vote as to whether we should pursue a Comfort Dog program or create a Community Garden. After the voting was completed, the the winner was... pursuing a comfort dog program for PS/IS 229 [77.6% of the vote].

### **Title I Status**

- We are optimistically waiting to hear that we are eligible for Title I funding in

2024-25. I was informed that we reached 62.3%. If the threshold remains 60% for the upcoming year, we will qualify for the additional funding.

### **Construction/Capital Projects Updates**

- We had approximately ten contractors here in December to do a pre-bid walkthrough for the Library Upgrade Project. We are awaiting word as to whether or not any of the submitted bids are being approved.
- On January 11\*, I was contacted by Gridspan Corporation. They have received approval to proceed with the Multi-Purpose room renovation. They are to deliver 12 portable bleachers, refinish the stage floor, remove four basketball backboard assemblies and install new wall padding in front of the stage. The wall padding and bleachers have been in production. Yesterday, the DOE project manager asked for tentative dates for delivery of materials and construction start date. We are awaiting word on the upgrades to the sound and lighting.

### **Summer Rising 2024**

- The PS/IS 229 building is slated to be open this summer and we believe our students will have access to full summer programming [NYCPS and NIA/BCA] here.
- The Summer Rising portal is open until March 25\*! Applications will be submitted using your NYC MySchools account. You can find your NYC MySchools account information by contacting your school's parent coordinator [Ms. Abrams] or visiting the Family Welcome Center at 415 89th Street.
- There is a Mid-April target for placement notifications.

### **Upcoming Parent/Family Information Sessions**

- We will be presenting a school-level session for all parents/families, to share updated information about the expectations of NYC Reads and how we are using Into Reading/Into Literature and Really Great Reading to meet those expectations. This will be happening on Tuesday, March 26th at 6:00 PM.
- We will be presenting our Take a Bite Out of Bullying - Part 2 for families to learn more about conflict, bullying, prevention and our required responses in these situations. This will happen on Tuesday, April 16th...immediately following the PTA meeting. The ice cream will be served at the conclusion.

## **Update COVID-19 Guidance**

- Based on updated health guidance, instead of a minimum isolation period, people with COVID-19 should stay home and away from others based on their symptoms, similar to how they would for other respiratory infections, like flu and RSV.
- If someone has COVID-19 symptoms, they should still get tested and separate from others immediately. It is recommended that they stay home until, for at least 24 hours, they have had no fever without taking fever-reducing medicine and other COVID-19 symptoms have improved.
- If they test positive for COVID-19 but have no symptoms, there is no need to stay home, but precautions outlined in the updated guidelines should be taken upon return to school. New York City Public Schools will continue to provide COVID-19 tests in schools upon request.

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

- **Additional items of note**

**Questions were answered.**

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

**Meeting Adjourned 7:00pm. Mariia Maksymenko, Secretary**

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