



Ps/Is 229

Parent-Teacher Association

Date, Time, and Location: November 15th, 2024 6:00 -6:55pm. Zoom

Meeting called to order by President Jaime Palazzi at 6:00 pm.

Attendance: A quorum was reached.

Minutes: The minutes of the 10/15/24 meeting were read and approved by Deanie and Christa Baida

Old Business was given President Jaime Palazzi

1. Senior dues are now overdue. The money covers the cap and gown, t-shirt, diploma case, yearbook, pin, bag, and a video of the graduation ceremony.
2. October 21 and 22 were school pictures. I gave them all out yesterday and this morning. If you do not like them, please send in the package as soon as possible, just keep the class picture if you received one. Retake day is December 9th. I need those packages because I have to give teachers a roster of how many kids will be leaving their class so they can plan accordingly and I need to know how many photographers to have on hand.
3. Miss Chocolate ended and we raised \$1800, thank you to everyone who participated. The winner of the target gift card was Aubree Mak in 1-2 who sold \$873. And the class pizza party winner was 1-2 for selling \$873.
4. We held the Halloween Dance on the 24th, the kids had a great time. Thank you to the teachers and volunteers who chaperoned.
5. Our Harvest Walk fundraiser took place on Halloween and it was so much fun! Parents raised \$4,368 to put towards Iready. The Pta put in the other half, which was \$4,032 (which we got from Snack shack sales, btw). The pizza party winners were Kindergarten, they raised \$1,215. The winner of the gift card was Andrew Li in 2-03 who raised \$200. I think next year

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- we are going to switch it up, instead of the winning grade getting a pizza party, the class within each grade that raises the most will get a pizza party.
6. If you ordered a senior ring or hoodie, they should be here
 7. The Veterans Day donation drive is ongoing. Please have all items dropped off by next Monday, the 25 th .
 8. Senior Prom forms went out, we have limited tickets so please get the money in if your child wants to go. We only have 55 tickets left.

New Business was given by president Jaime Palazzi

1. Tomorrow is the NIA/PTA Friends Giving Thanks potluck dinner in the cafeteria from 6-7:30. Please remember, students that attend must be here with an adult, you cannot drop off kids.
2. There is no school on the 28 th and 29 th for Thanksgiving break.
3. December 2, 3 and 4 will be our annual Holiday Sale! It will take place in the cafeteria during all lunch periods. We will be selling wallets, bags, jewelry, toys, keychains, etc. Prices will range from \$1 to \$8 dollars. As soon as I finish going through all of the items, I will send out emails and flyers.
4. December 6 th is Ice Cream day.
5. December 7 th will be the next Family Art Workshop. I will send out emails when Ms. Kat lets us know what the topic is.
6. December 9 th is picture retake day.
7. Permission slips have gone home for the Holiday Pajama party dance for grades prek – 2 nd . Because every student has to have an adult with them, we have limited tickets, so please get them in as soon as possible.
8. In the big gym, to the left of the bleachers, is a huge pile of lost and found items. There is an insane number of jackets and coats there. No names. Please see if your child is missing something and have them look through that pile.
9. We still need Snack Shack volunteers. Please consider helping out. I had to cancel snack last week for the first time.
10. Our next PTA meeting is December 17 th and it will be on zoom. We will not be back in person until March.

Principals report was given by Mr. Kirk

.We are again experiencing safety concerns with Double-Parking

- This is a situation that can impact the safety of children, parents, and community members alike. As vehicles are trying to navigate the streets with double-parked cars (sometimes on both sides) and buses coming/going, the risk of someone being hit increases great arkea cars sometimes on both sides and buses coming going, the
- 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.

The High School Application process is open.

- The deadline for submitting the high school and LaGuardia application is December 4th.
- The preferred method to apply is online with MySchools.nyc at: <https://myschools.nyc/>
- If an 8th grader or their parent have questions, they can speak with one of our guidance counselors, Ms. Kmec or Ms. Fagan.
- High School Offer release is scheduled for March 6th, 2025.

The Middle School Application process is open now through December 20th.

- The preferred method to apply is online with MySchools.nyc . If you don't already have one, you can create an account at: <https://myschools.nyc/en/account/create-account/>
- If any 5th grader or family has questions, you or your parent can speak with Ms. Abrams, our parent coordinator.
- Middle School Offer release is scheduled for April 9th, 2025.

Kindergarten (including Gifted & Talented) Admissions

- Kindergarten and Kindergarten G&T Application will open on December 10th, 2024 and closes on January 24th, 2025.
- Kindergarten and Kindergarten G&T Offer release is scheduled for April 2nd, 2025

Pre-K Admissions

- Pre-K Application will open on January 15th, 2025 and closes on February 28th, 2025.
- Pre-K Offer release is scheduled for May 13th, 2025.

Winter Concert

Our chorus groups along with our band and orchestra groups will perform the evening of Thursday, December 19th. We expect the show to begin at 6:00 PM. More details will follow shortly.

Capital Projects updates

- Library upgrade - The space is completed, including the NEW Audio/Video/Podcasting studio. Most of the furniture has been delivered and assembled. As soon as the shelving is fastened, our librarian and another staff member from Library Services will be working to get the book collection back on the shelves. We are awaiting some additional technology for the project to be completed.
- Multi-Purpose Room renovation - The stage was refurbished, and the floor was replaced. The correct blue padding was finally delivered and installed. The four side basketball hoops will be removed shortly. Lines will need to be repainted. The upgrade to the lighting and sound system will be the next phase.
- In conjunction with New York State and the NY Power Authority, our school is receiving an upgrade of all interior and exterior lighting. Working after school hours (approximately 4:00 - 11:00 PM), The Wendel Group will be replacing existing fixtures with LED fixtures.

AP Cuthill, AP Mui, and AP Tipaldi

- **Additional items of note**

Questions were answered.

Citizens of the month were announced.

Meeting Adjourned 6:55 pm. Mariia Maksymenko, Secretary

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