

## Oct 20, 2022 - PTA Community Meeting notes

Fall Festival was a big success! Many thanks for supporting the Festival and to all volunteers!

### Ms. Joanna, Principal:

- Residencies for all grades this year:
  - PreK - BAX
  - K & 1st grade - Tiny Scientist
  - 2nd & 3rd grade - Alvin Ailey Dance Theater (Jazz & hip hop for 2nd grade; African Dance for 3rd grade)
  - 4th grade - National Dance Institute
  - 5th grade - Freestyle Repertory Theatre (improv comedy)
  - Bonus residency for 3rd-5th grade - Music teacher Mr. DiFranco will lead comic opera with the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players

All residencies are funded by your donations to the PTA - Thank you!

- Professional development for staff headed by STEEL Advising; focus on neurodiversity across a range of learning abilities
- Science programs augmentation; discussions underway (i.e. field trips and opportunities for exposure outside of classroom)
- Clubs for kids during school day:
  - Student Newspaper (new) operated by students from the 5th grade
  - Green Team - focus on recycling; Mr. Ed advising
  - Student Council, 5th grade
  - Youth Equity Club (new) - promote understanding of equity issues
  - Rainbow Club (GSA) - bringing together LGBTQ+ community members and allies; Mr. DiFranco advising

### Nadia Bularbi, Parent Coordinator:

- Lost and found items will be outside on parent-teacher day. Uncollected items will be donated soon after
- Security desk - remember to bring your ID to enter the school. No exceptions (suggestion: keep photo of your ID on your phone)
- Picture day makeup Nov 22nd
- Dress your child for cold weather, wear layers
- Label things with your child's full name and room #

**Ms. Diane, PE Leader:**

- Safety is #1 priority; ensuring safe walks to/from Armory and while there
- PE Volunteers wanted! Google sign up sheet coming soon; If you can lead a special activity or game, all the better
- Track team's first meet is this Saturday for PTA Fun Run
- Be sure your child has sneakers for recess and PE
- New Cheer Squad up and coming!

**Diana Gatschet, Annual Fund Update:**

- \$220K goal, up 10% from last 2 years to fill gap from DOE budget cuts
- \$63K donated to date, 28% to goal (little behind last year); let's get that to \$70K by end of October!
- The Annual Fund accounts for two thirds of PTA income
- Give when you can to maximize your giving; remember donations are tax deductible!
- Donations can be made via Konstella; checks can be sent to Nadia at the office (donor advised fund or other inquiries, reach out to Diana [diana@ps107.org](mailto:diana@ps107.org))

**Nadine Goellner, Budget Review 2022-2-2023:**

- Fall Festival netted \$16,665 profit!
- Budget Highlights:
  - Anticipated income \$352K
  - Anticipated expenses \$339K
  - Anticipated overage \$12K
  - Largest incoming funds:
    - Fundraising events \$78K
    - Direct Donations \$225K
  - Largest expenses:
    - Professional development for teachers/staff, \$25K
    - Staffing / DOE shortfall, \$180K (includes part time science teacher, etc)
    - Enrichment programs: art, library, math, science, \$8K
    - School Support, \$21K

**Committee Updates:**

- **Community Outreach**
  - Thank you for winter gear donations!
  - Over \$4K donations raised for asylum seeking families at PS124
  - Last years funds supported Brooklyn Marathon Event outreach, PS 169 sister school purchase of needed items such as plastic bins and clothing and some PS 107 family needs
  - Planning events this year to replenish funds for new needs

- Upcoming:
  - Book Fair at PS 169 in November
  - Holiday Toy Drive
- **STEM Committee:**
  - Parent volunteers needed for STEM event; contact Reem Berro at ramroom@gmail.com
- **AAPI Committee:**
  - API Moms Night Out @ Brookvin, Friday 8pm
  - Diwali Holiday is next week; will be adding books about Diwali to school library and handing out coloring pages next week
- **Special Education & Support Committee:**
  - Next mtg Wed, Nov 9th at 12pm; all welcome to join
- **Green and Healthy Committee:**
  - Focus on sustainability; looking for volunteers, please sign up on konstella

#### **Ongoing & Upcoming events:**

- Tea Collection fundraiser ends Sunday night;, shop at <https://www.teacollection.com/>, get 25% off and PTA receives 20%
- Fun Run this Saturday Oct 22, 9am @ LeFrak
- Stoop Crawl Friday Oct 28 is sold out! Waitlist available; Hosts still needed
- Auction Committee hosting exploratory meeting Tues Oct 25th at 9am via Zoom. Join to discuss ideas for this big event
- PowerHouse Book Fair
  - Nov 15-18. Each class needs 2 chaperones and 1 volunteer to tidy up afterward
  - Shop any time that week and weekend, mention PS 107 and school receives a donation
- Craft Fair
  - Dec 10th 11am-3pm in big yard; meeting planned for Oct 27th 9am, all are welcome to join
  - Volunteers needed to run the event
  - Crafters needed (examples: art, jewelry, ornaments, etc.)
- Gear
  - Sold a lot of gear at Fall Festival. New clothing for fall on sale in next 2 weeks

**Next PTA Community meeting will be Thursday Nov 17th at 9am**