

PTA Community Mtg Notes 11/17

Afterschool, Ms. Pamela

- 80% of school population currently enrolled in afterschool program
- Looking at possibility of adding new specialty programs
- Please dress your child in warm layers; students spend a lot of time playing outside
- Two snacks provided but kids get hungry late in the day; please pack an extra snack
- Track will move inside on Wed and Fridays starting in Dec, through March
- 2nd round lottery for specialty programs in January for programs with vacated spots; reach out to Pamela if you'd like to change or drop a program

Principal Update, Ms. Joanna

- Many students made welcome cards for newly arrived students at PS124
- *School Kindness* student-lead initiative; 3rd grade students providing talks about anti-bullying, ways to be kind
- Ms. Colleen hosting wellness program
- Science programs - Billion Oyster Project underway; 4th-5th grade students boat trip
- Tiny Scientist (10:20)
- Powerhouse Book Fair this week
- Hosting Parent Workshops once per month Jan-May (topics include digital citizenship, financial wellness for kids, neurodiversity)
- Launching *Family Mornings* in January once per month. Classes will be split into 3rds, 1/3 parents attending per month
- First report cards will be issued close to MLK Day in January

Foley Firs, Tom Foley

- Foley will make a donation for each tree purchased when you mention PS 107; tell your friends and family to mention PS 107 - you don't have to be a student
- Previous donations to the school have been around \$2,000
- Located at 8th St and 8th Ave
- Free tree delivery & set up available

Annual Fund, Diana Gatschet

- \$220K goal; currently @ 35% to goal; we are a bit behind from last year at this time so please consider donating in December and if you're able to, increasing your donation from last year
- Give [online via Konstella](#) or see Diana

Outreach Committee, Sarah Foster

- Very successful winter gear drive, thank you!
- Book giveaway at PS 169 was also successful
- District 15 *Day of Action* on Dec 15th (stay tuned for details)
- Volunteers and ideas always welcome

Green & Healthy, KPatel

- Volunteers wanted
- Focus on sustainability and environmental stewardship
- Partner with PTA to make PTA events environmentally friendly
- Facilitate student and parent participation in events (i.e. bulb planting)

Parent Special Education Committee

- Next meeting Wed Dec 14th at noon, invite to be sent via Konstella

STEM Committee

- [Billion Oyster Project](#) first phase underway; tanks in 2 classrooms so far
- Test water, clean and maintain tanks

School Leadership, Jill Davitt

- Social-emotional wellness screener required for all students. “DESSA” is current screener used; may opt for a less time consuming screener in future.

Events

- **Stoop Crawl** - Raised \$6,135, thank you!
- **Spring Auction**, Alyse Dosik & Christine Canedo-Pullan
 - This is a very important fundraising event for our school
 - Friday April 28, Picnic House in Prospect Park; catered event with open bar
 - Volunteers needed to solicit donations from local businesses; all info will be provided to volunteers, just need the manpower
 - If you have connections with any business in the NYC area please ask if they can donate products or services
- **Book Fair**
 - Shop all week through Sunday at Powerhouse, mention PS 107 for 20% donation to school
- **Craft Fair** - Dec 10th, 12-3pm in Big Yard
 - Crafters needed - donate any sort of homemade goods, baked goods, run raffle
- **Math Magic**
 - Look to bring back this fun event from the past
 - Volunteers needed
 - Program runs before school day begins, fun math activities

Next PTA Community Meeting - Dec 22nd at 9am