

## **PTA Community Meeting Notes, 12/22/22**

### **Principal Update, Ms. Joanna**

- Report cards will be sent out Jan 30th via NYC schools account
- There will not be parent-teacher conferences aligned to report cards; teachers will have limited availability to discuss pressing issues with parents
- Next parent-teacher conferences will be in March
- Student attendance is a major focus of DOE this year as attendance for many students has dropped since Covid; an attendance rate less than 90% is considered chronic absenteeism, while less than 80% is considered severe. Parents of students with severe chronic absenteeism will be contacted by the school.
- Who was John W. Kimball? John Kimball was a trustee with the South Brooklyn Board of Trade in 1886. His accomplishments on behalf of south Brooklyn include starting the public library on 6th Ave and cleaning up the Gowanus Canal. Learn more about our school's namesake [here](#).
- Thank you to parents who volunteered or made a dish for the Teachers and Staff Potluck earlier this week!

### **Parent Coordinator Update, Nadia**

- Covid tests being sent home; please test over break and before return in January
- Please check virtual lost and found on the parent coordinator updates; items not claimed will be donated
- Next program session starts Feb 1. Will hold mini lottery in mid-January. Current schedule ends at the end of January.

### **Budget update, Nadine Goellner**

- Craft fair earned \$2,200 profit
- Vote held: Reallocation of funds from \$180k is DOE supplement. PTA only used \$163K, would like to transfer \$8k to Tiny Scientist Residencies for K and 1st grade; vote approved
- Incoming revenues higher than budgeted

### **Annual Fund update, Diana Gatschet**

- Made our match this week of \$10K
- Currently raised \$125K, 56% of \$220K goal; last year by end of Dec we had \$149K
- If giving by check, contact Diana asap
- Annual fund account for ⅔ of PTAs budgeted revenue

- Corporate match is great opportunity; send your friends and family this link to give to the annual fund:  
<https://www.konstella.com/open/donations/62be4ba990fa8f455085d97c>

### **Community Outreach update, Brittany Manley and Sarah Foster**

- Thank you for your generosity through so many events
- D15 day of action was great event
- Holiday gift drive received 150 gifts for PS 169 kindergarteners, wrapped by PS107 kids in after school

### **Green and Healthy Cmt, Kajal**

- Get-together to be held in January, date TBD, sign up via Konstella
- Sustainability projects in the works, 1-2 volunteer activities

### **AAPI update Cmt, Nisha Aoyama**

- Lunar New Year is Jan 22nd, making plans for activities at school and take home activities. If you'd like to participate, email [sowoon@gmail.com](mailto:sowoon@gmail.com)

### **Gear update, Jill Davit**

- Cool stuff available online
- Hats on the way, make your request. Local businesses supporting effort

### **Spring Gala Auction, Christine & Alyse**

- To be held April 28th at the Picnic House in Prospect Park
- Auction to be held online and at the gala
- If you have a connection to donate cool stuff, please connect with Elyse or Christine (i.e. vacation home getaway / Time with a teacher to hang out with students outside of school - pizza, movie, etc. If you'd like to work with teachers on this reach out [christine.canedo@gmail.com](mailto:christine.canedo@gmail.com))

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Math Magic morning program; Pre-school math game before school once per week. Have some volunteers, looking for more
- Edukit
- Heritage Day. Great event pre-covid; a family would share cultural traditions within their own families. Food! (can be from another country or another state). Kids go room to room with passport.
- Teacher appreciation week. Full week of events planned for teachers.
- Big yard games, past event. Weekend afternoon.

- Big yard beautification, work with PTA and Ms Joanna for ideas on how to make the best use of big yard as possible

### **Upcoming Events**

- Readathon
- STEM Day

**Next meeting - Jan 19th 6:30pm**