

General PTA Meeting (In-Person) – October 18, 2023

- Call to Order - 9:20am
- President's Report (Pamela Vazquez)
 - PS 84's PTA received the Eco Warriors Award at North Brooklyn Parks Alliance (NBK Parks) Annual Gala
 - PS 84 Movie Night was a great success!
 - Events
 - Family Portrait Day (Shayna Phetsarath - PTA VP), **Oct. 21**
 - Open to the public
 - There will be 4 parent volunteer photographers. Legit photographers not hobbyists
 - Our first big fundraiser of the year. All funds go back to school
 - We need volunteers. Add your name to the Sign Up Genius!
 - You can bring dogs, babies, grandmas etc to be in the photos!
 - Super Mario Penny Challenge (Pamela Vasquez), **Oct. 30 - Nov 3**
 - We had to move it the dates due to scheduling issues
 - Elementary school challenge will be on the turf before school everyday. The middle school challenge will be during school lunch outside of the cafeteria.
 - Jessica Moskowitz (Corresponding Secretary):
 - It's a coin challenge
 - There will be jars for each grade
 - Pennies and bills are positive points
 - Silver and dollar coins are negative
 - Kids can sabotage - don't give all your coins the first day
 - Need volunteers to stand at the coin drop off and people to count in the afternoons
 - Q&A
 - Can we have a bank count the coins?
 - No, they won't do it
 - How long is the challenge?
 - All week. Every day
 - Halloween Costume Parade, **Oct 31 @9am**
 - Kids that don't do Halloween will be inside doing an activity
 - Q&A
 - Can kids be a regular clown?
 - Yes. Just no scary clowns

- Marathon Bake Sale (Shayna Phetsarath), **Nov. 5**
 - On Marathon Sunday
 - We takeover the corner of S. 1st and Bedford
 - Big table with donated baked goods
 - Can drop off baked goods starting Friday, 11/3 or at the event
 - Make sure to wrap each item or pack of items individually
 - You can bring homemade or store bought loaves, cookies, dog treats
 - Can be sweet or savory
 - Will be hot chocolate and coffee also
 - Q&A
 - Is there a cap to how much we can bring?
 - No
 - To volunteer, check the [Sign Up Genius](#)
 - Even if you can't volunteer, come and cheer, make a sign etc
 - Tell us who is running so we can get their bib number so we can cheer them on! We know Ms Windle is running
 - Attendance Meeting, **Nov. 8 @6pm**
 - Hosted by our Parent Coordinator, Dinayomi Fernandez
- Special Guest - North Brooklyn Open Streets
 - Hosting Berry Spooky Halloween, **Oct. 28, @10am-3**
 - Costume contest at 1pm with prizes
 - Tables
 - Streb will be doing a dance class
 - Skate Yogi
 - PS84 will have a table with a photo booth
 - Work has been happening on streets, waiting to hear on our street light. It's part of what DOT promised including the bike racks etc
 - Reach out to DOT to get more bike parking for kids near school
 - Q&A
 - What is the material on the corners of Berry St?
 - Epoxy gravel. So cars can hear the difference as they're not supposed to be on there
 - How long has Open Streets been around?
 - May 2020
 - How did you decide to have streets go in different ways?
 - It was the DOT. Berry is shared so it's so GPSes won't sent you straight down Berry
 - Will the speed limit be enforced?
 - They hope. Up to the Police Department. They are trying to use street design to limit speed
 - Can they work on getting license plates on electric scooters?

- Not what they do. Albany places traffic cameras. How many we get etc
 - Feedback from Jeff Allen: Bike lane going both ways has made it hard to walk. Less pedestrian friendly. They're talking about putting down borders to slow bikes

- Treasurer's Report & Budget Overview – Jessamyn Lee (Treasurer)
 - Previous Balance as of 9/24/23: \$ 103,862.87
 - Income between 9/25/23 - 10/16/23: \$7,521
 - Expenses between 9/25/23 - 10/16/23: \$2,941.32
 - Current Balance as of 10/16/23: \$114,325.19
 - Taxes were filed. Funded some instrument rentals
 - About to pay for the [Cool Culture](#) Passes
 - For 3K, Pre-K and K
 - Free entrance to most NYC museums

- Jeff Allen - Would like to start a Grant Writing Committee
 - Need to do research, work with teachers to find out what they need. Some are only open once a year
 - We can create a grant PTA email
 - Will ask for volunteers on the PTA newsletter and social

- PTA Board Elections
 - Kindergarten Representative
 - Nominees
 - Emma Tejada
 - Son in K-1
 - Zoe Dean
 - Daughter in K-4
 - Any other nominees?
 - No
 - Motions Made
 - Elected!
 - Any volunteers for co-Middle School Rep?
 - No

- Monique Hernandez (Assistant Principal)
 - Ms Hernandez supervises early childhood
 - Welcome Week is usually the same day going forward
 - Make sure to bring ID
 - Attendance is very important for all students
 - Even for the little ones. Please let us know if they need emotional support
 - Come out for the Halloween parade. Admin will have fun outfits
 - Parent Teacher Conferences, **Nov. 2**

- Dual Language may have more days available for conferences as they are bigger
- Report cards come 2 weeks later (around 11/18)
 - They will be available in your NYCSA account.
- iReady assessment will be available to discuss
- Q&A
 - Do you automatically get the email that your child is not in school even if you report them absent?
 - Yes. Also if your child is out for a long time you will get a letter either way
 - For welcome week, do parents have to go to the lobby entrance? Parent didn't want to miss his child's presentation
 - Yes. We must know who has entered the building. Come and get your sticker early
- Approval of Minutes from 9-27-23
- 10:06am Meeting Adjourned



Book Now!

Family Portrait Day!

Saturday Oct 21
10:00 to 3:30

This beloved PS 84 event helps raise funds for our school. When you reserve your time slot, please also consider an additional donation.

Many thanks to this year's AMAZING photographers!

Shirley Rodriguez
Russ Heller
Jordan & Diane of Hollenderx2
Howard Huang

Many, many thanks to our photography equipment sponsor, Scheimpflug!

Volunteers Needed



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SUPER MARIO BROTHERS PENNY CHALLENGE

Monday, Oct 30 - Friday, Nov 3

HOW TO PLAY

Each grade has a collection container. Score the most points and sabotage your friends!

- **3K-5:** Containers on Turf Field from 8:00-8:20am daily.
- **6-8:** Containers in Cafeteria during lunch @ 1:05pm daily.



Add Points to Your Own Jar...

Penny = +1 point
\$1 bill = +100 points
\$5 bill = +500 points
\$10 bill = +1000 points

Lower Points for Other Grades...

Nickel = -5 points
Dime = -10 points
Quarter = -25 points
Dollar coin = -100 points

LEVEL UP FOR MORE RECESS!



The grade with the most points at the end of the week **wins an extra recess period!** Two winning grades: one for 3K-5 and one for 6-8.

Students! See where your grade ranks daily on the PTA Bulletin Board in the hallway to the Auditorium & Cafeteria and on social.

Sign up to help collect & count coins!



★ Proceeds benefit PS 84 enrichment programs.

RETO DE CENTAVOS SUPER MARIO BROTHERS

Lunes, 30 de Octubre - Viernes, 3 de Noviembre

¡COMO JUGAR!

Cada grado tiene un recipiente de recolección. ¡Obtén la mayor cantidad de puntos y sabotea a tus amigos!



Suma Puntos a tu Propio Frasco...

1 centavo = +1 punto
Billete de \$1 = +100 puntos
Billete de \$5 = +500 puntos
Billete de \$10 = +1000 puntos

Resta Puntos a Otros Grados...

5 centavos = -5 puntos
10 centavos = -10 puntos
25 centavos = -25 puntos
Moneda de \$1 = -100 puntos

¡SUBE DE NIVEL PARA TENER MAS RECREO!



El grado con la mayor cantidad de puntos al final de la semana ganará un **periodo de recreo extra!** Dos grados ganadores: uno para 3K-5 y otro para 6-8.

¡Estudiantes! Consulta diariamente el rango de tu grado en el Tablero de Anuncios del PTA que está en el pasillo hacia el Auditorio & Cafetería y en redes sociales.

¡Regístrate para ayudar a recolectar y contar monedas!



★ Las ganancias beneficiarán los programas de enriquecimiento de PS 84.



Date	Source	Income	Expense	Description
9/24/2023	Previous Balance	\$103,862.87		
Income				
	Direct Donations	\$130.00		recurring donations - visit www.ps84k.org to enroll!
	PS 84 Merch	\$341.00		Store84 Spirit Wear
	Family Portrait Day	\$6,500.00		Photo Session bookings
	FPD Donations	\$350.00		Would you pay a little more?
	Movie Night	\$200.00		
	Total Income	\$7,521.00		
Expenses				
	Instrument Rental Scholarship		-\$467.00	Music program financial support
	ESP Insurance Brokerage		-\$476.85	FPD Gear Insurance
	Amazon		-\$116.58	FPD supplies
	ATM withdrawal		-\$25.00	Movie Night
	DonorsChoose.org		-\$733.98	Completed funding on 6 DC projects, thanks to a match!
	Amazon		-\$128.42	Penny Challenge Supplies
	FeedWind		-\$9.00	website calendar integration
	Bacan Bistro		-\$294.54	Parents Night Out
	Black Seed Bagels		-\$57.50	Class Liaison meeting refreshments
	NextDayFlyers		-\$184.96	FPD postcards
	STAPLES		-\$129.02	Printing of FPD posters & MS tour flyers
	File990.com		-\$84.99	PTA Taxes e-filing fee
	DropBox		-\$11.99	PTA File Storage
	Paypal Fees		-\$25.09	Processing Fees
	Venmo Fees		-\$1.03	Processing Fees
	Stripe Fees		-\$195.37	Processing Fees
10/16/2023	Total Expenses		-\$2,941.32	
10/16/2023	Current Balance	\$108,442.55		





General PFA Meeting (In-Person) - September 27, 2023

- Principal's Report - Serenita Rodriguez
 - Wellness!
 - This year at PS 84 we have:
 - Partnerships
 - Family Studios for residences
 - 1st grade Circus Arts, 2nd grade Bhanga dancing and so much more.
 - South to Stay - 5th graders
 - Community-based - 3rd grade
 - Phonics, writing, music.
 - Global Citizenship - 6th and 8th
 - Travel in the Classroom - w/Mr. Larkin
 - Thank you to Council Member Jennifer Galanteo
 - Her office provided funding for a sensory room for middle school
 - They also funded a graphic arts room with 200K
 - DCI Goals
 - DCI initiative
 - Healthy lives on planets
 - There is a difference between phonemic awareness and fluency. We want to see more of that
 - We have an intervention to help kids who need support before they need to be evaluated
 - Technical Skills
 - Professional training for our teachers
 - Instructional Culture
 - Program to address the social/emotional component of school
 - Doing what we need isn't expensive the Monday morning circle to talk about social/emotional feelings. Now they're intentional but want them for staff being spontaneous as a way to work out conflicts in the classroom
 - Class
 - Online program kids do at home and used to test progress in school
 - Class on a picture of how they're doing in their grade. Really adopts itself to where they are
- School Year
- Call to Order - 6:55 pm

- Whomoe Mc Conn (new librarian)
 - 8th Grade is coming from 118 where he worked as an Assistant Principal. He also ran Summer Reading at PS 84 the summer before last
 - He wants to increase and update the library
 - Looking for volunteers to check out books, re-shelve and organize the back room
 - Please email the PFA to volunteer
 - Volunteer times are 9:45-11:30am
- Board Member Introductions
 - See slide below
- President's Report - Pamela Vasquez
 - PFA notes 2022-23
 - Movie Night, Oct 15
 - Movie in Class
 - Doors open at 6:30. Movie starts at 6
 - Snacks available for purchase
 - Movie committee headed by PFA board member Shirley Woodard
 - Space Movie Preview Challenge, Nov 18-20
 - Committee led by PFA President, Pamela Vasquez
 - Point based system: prizes and gifts and points, all other points receive points
 - Grades will try to submerge each other over the week
 - Prize is a extra period of recess for the grade that wins
 - More info coming soon
 - Family Portrait Day, Dec 15
 - Committee led by PFA Co-Vp, Li Kai
 - 30 minute mini recesses done by professional photographers
 - Sales will go live soon on the school website
 - Will be a sign-up for volunteers
 - Marathon Bake Sale, Nov 5
 - Committee led by PFA Co-Vp, Stepan Pshutarski
 - Bake sale set up at 5:30, 1st in front of Sotofsky's
 - All goods donated: sweet, savory, dog treats, coffee, hot chocolate
 - Look for volunteer sign-up soon
 - Give us your list number if you're running so we can cheer you on!
 - Electron Donor Bake Sale, Nov 7th
 - Goods Inferred (and some new fresh ones!) from the Marathon Bake Sale
 - Outside of cafeteria
 - Group Work, Nov 27, Dec 1
 - Committee led by PFA Corresponding Secretary, Jessica Madewald
 - Our only straight set for donations

- Also a good time for corporate matching etc (we're a non-profit)
- Ask your employer if they do corporate matching today
- Winter Festival, Jan 20
 - Led by PFA Board Member Mary Gaffney and Recording Secretary Farrah Fahey
 - Head set control (mp3/usb/usb c)
 - Softie set ups, crafts and more
 - More information to come
- Fifth, March 9
 - Committee led by Li Kai
 - Auction of donated items and services
 - Get your hold at the Williamson Open House
 - Adults only, dancing, fun themes, food and drinks
 - Report back to the year
- Family Fun Night, April 15
 - led by Parent Coordinator, Stephanie Fernandez
 - More information to come
- Neurodiversity Month, April 19-19
 - led by Shirley Rodriguez
 - Collection of resources
 - Self-advocacy involving different ways of thinking
 - Workshops for parents
- Tech Tuesday Night, May 7
 - Looking for anyone who can teach skills
- Block party, June 1
 - Committee led by PFA Board Member, Natalia Paulina
 - Live cost and live activities: bounce, house, water-sandy, face painting, community event
 - Will need a lot of volunteers
- High Night, June 21
 - Committee led by PFA board member, Marissa Montanara
 - Need parent volunteers or teachers
- October Calendar
 - Class Library Culture, Oct 4, @ 8:30am
 - led by Marissa Montanara in with PFA Librarian
 - Class Parents are called Class Librarians
 - Librarians will communicate to parents from the PFA and school administration
 - There are parent communication roles. Librarians do not handle parent or student problems or issues. All parents should reach out to their classroom teacher with any concerns
 - Principal Rodriguez will attend the meeting
 - TSA Safety Meeting and Attendance Protocols Virtual Sessions, Oct 4
 - Librarians are in Zoom link will be posted to Banner
 - How drills and safety protocols work

- Will discuss how you can be a parent volunteer
 - Adult Night Oct, Oct 6, @ 8pm
 - Hosted by the PFA at Lujan (PFA and Grand)
 - Check for parents and caregivers to have an adults only night out to get to know each other
 - Family Movie Night, Oct 15
 - See above for more information
 - Parent Challenge, Oct 20
 - See above for more information
 - Winter Week, Oct 23
 - Visit your child's classroom from 8:30am until approximately 9:05
 - Complete an activity with their child
 - Grades go on different days: your teacher will give you more information
 - PFA Meeting and Costume Swap, Oct 18, @ 9:30am
 - More in the auditorium after welcome speech
 - Bring refreshment costumes to swap
 - Family Portrait Day, Oct 21
 - See above for more information
- Chain of Communication (see slide below)
 - Parents should be reaching out to their teacher as their first line of communication with the school
 - If they need more assistance they should follow this chain of communication:
 - Homework teacher
 - Parent Coordinator
 - Act. Principal
 - Principal
- Volunteer Sign Up
 - We need parent volunteers for all these amazing events!
 - <https://ps84.org>
- Treasurer's Report & Budget Overview - Jessica (see Treasurer)
 - Approximately \$100,000 in bank
 - Money Admin may make up to 10% in cash. We are in good shape for now but may have trouble if that happens
 - PFA Budget Proposal (see below)
 - Budget shows how we spend and make money
 - It's a long document so we can change it collectively
 - Can't spend money until we approve the budget
 - We often have to pay for things that aren't: DCI vendors are expensive and not convenient. Other expenses like end of year recognition, fundraisers, music, show kits and so much more
 - Call to vote

- Li Kai welcomed
- Budget adopted
- PFA Board Minutes & Reporting Obligations
 - We have a vacancy for the Vice President position and we can also call in several Middle School Representatives to serve with Steve Kim
 - You can nominate yourself or a friend
 - Must have a valid ID background or middle school, respectively
 - <https://ps84.org>
- Approval of Minutes from 6/25/23
- GA
 - Can we sign up to volunteer for more than one event?
 - Yes
 - Will we have the Cool Culture Pass again this year?
 - Yes, for 2024
 - What is our annual funding goal?
 - \$100,000
 - How long will DCI spending be up?
 - The School Construction Authority put it up 2 years ago. Was supposed to be an emergency need to make work, but now looks to another couple of years
 - The new working eq.
 - Accessibility upgrades including an elevator, widened hallway etc.
 - New kitchen is being installed
 - How does a school get the GSA program?
 - Your district can send you for investigations through the district or otherwise
 - Admin has started a track in 1st grade for each district
 - Investment called PS 84 because we are an urban community
 - What is the District Board coming up, is it a GSA program?
 - They are on regular curriculum. Unlike PS 122, the class learns the same
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 - dispar 8th thru.
 - A handful of teachers have been trained and are going to spend their attention through the school
 - What does the school do to help and what do they need to make it?
 - Really well serving kids for who they are and loving them as capable. Staff is good
 - Work on keeping open lines of communication. They are very GSA focused and sometimes don't communicate with parents as much as they wish
- 7:00pm Meeting Adjourned