

General PTA Meeting (In-Person) – September 27, 2023

- Principal's Report - Sereida Rodriguez
 - Welcome!
 - This year at PS 84 we have:
 - Partnerships
 - [Marquis Studios](#) for residencies
 - 1st grade Circus Arts, 2nd grade bhangra dancing and so much more
 - [Seeds to Trees](#) - 5th graders
 - [Community Word](#) - 3rd grade
 - Poetry, writing, murals
 - [Dancing Classrooms](#) - 4th and 8th
 - [Trout in the Classroom](#) w/Mr. Leslie
 - Thank you to Council Member Jennifer Gutierrez
 - Her office provided funding for a sensory room for middle school
 - They also funded a graphic arts room with \$200k
 - [NYC Reads](#)
 - DOE initiative
 - Heavier focus on phonics
 - There is a difference between phonemic awareness and phonetics. We want to see more of that
 - We have an interventionist to help kids who need support before they need to be evaluated
 - [Teaching Matters](#)
 - Professional training for our teachers
 - [Morningside Center](#)
 - Program to address the social/emotional component of school
 - During welcome week we'll experience the Monday morning circle to talk about social/emotional feelings. Now they're intentional but want them to start being spontaneous as a way to work out conflicts in the classroom
 - [iReady](#)
 - Online program kids do at home and used to test progress in school
 - Gives us a picture of how they're doing in their grade. iReady adapts itself to where they are
- School Tour
- Call to Order - 6:55 pm

- Welcome Mr. Costa (new librarian)
 - Mr Costa is coming from PS 116 where he worked as an Assistant Principal. He also ran Summer Rising at PS 84 the summer before last
 - He wants to modernize and update the library
 - Looking for volunteers to check out books, re-shelve and organize the back room
Please email the PTA to volunteer
 - Volunteer times are M-F, 9-11:30am

- Board Member Introductions
 - See slide below

- President's Report - Pamela Vazquez
 - PTA Events 2023-24
 - **Movie Night, Oct 13**
 - Movie is *Coco*
 - Doors open at 5:30. Movie starts at 6
 - Snacks available for purchase
 - Movie committee headed by PTA board member, Shirley Rodriguez
 - **Super Mario Penny Challenge, Oct 16-20**
 - Committee led by PTA President, Pamela Vasquez
 - Point based system: pennies and bills add points, all other coins remove points
 - Grades will try to sabotage each other over the week
 - Prize is an extra period of recess for the grade that wins
 - More info coming soon
 - **Family Portrait Day, Oct 21**
 - Committee led by PTA Co-VP, Liz Katz
 - 10 minute mini sessions 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 PTA Co-VP, Shayna Phetsarath
 - Booth set up at S. 1st in front of Sotheby's
 - All goods donated: sweet, savory, dog treats, coffee, hot chocolate
 - Look for volunteer sign up soon
 - Give us your bib number if you're running so we can cheer you on!
 - **Election Day Bake Sale, Nov 7th**
 - Goods leftover (and some new fresh ones!) from the Marathon Bake Sale
 - Outside of cafeteria
 - **Giving Week, Nov 27 - Dec 1**
 - Committee led by PTA Corresponding Secretary, Jessica Moskowitz
 - Our only straight ask 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 PTA Board Member Mary Godfrey and Recording Secretary Farrah Faverey
 - Hand pie contest (empanadas etc)
 - Selfie set-ups, crafts and more
 - More information to come
- **Fiesta, March 9**
 - Committee led by Liz Katz
 - Auction of donated items and services
 - Last year held at the Williamsburg Opera House
 - Adults only, dancing, fun themes, food and drinks
 - Biggest fundraiser of the year
- **Family Paint Night, April 15**
 - Led by Parent Coordinator, Dinayomi Fernandez
 - More information to come
- **Neurodiversity Week, April 15-19**
 - Led by Shirley Rodriguez
 - Celebration of neurodiversity
 - Kids do projects involving different ways of thinking
 - Workshops for parents
- **Taco Tuesday/Salsa Night, May 7**
 - Looking for anyone who can teach salsa
- **Block party, June 1**
 - Committee led by PTA Board Member, Natalia Paulino
 - Low cost and free activities: bouncy houses, cotton candy, face painting, community event
 - Will need a lot of volunteers
- **Yoga Night, June 21**
 - Committee led by PTA board member, Marissa Manzanares
 - Need parent volunteers or teachers
- **October Calendar**
 - **Class Liaison Coffee, Oct 4, @8:30am**
 - Led by Shayna Phetsarath in the PS 84 Library
 - Class Parents now called Class Liaisons
 - Liaisons will communicate to parents from the PTA and school administration
 - These are purely communication roles. Liaisons do not handle parent or student problems or issues. All parents should reach out to their homeroom teacher with any concerns
 - Principal Rodriguez will attend the meeting
 - **Title 1 Safety Meeting and Attendance Protocols Virtual Sessions, Oct 4**
 - 10am or 6pm on Zoom (link will be posted to Bloomz)
 - How drills and safety protocols work

- Will discuss how you can be a parent volunteer
 - Adults Night Out, **Oct 5, @6pm**
 - Hosted by the PTA at [Bacan](#) (Wythe and Grand)
 - Chance for parents and caregivers to have an adults only night out to get to know each other
 - Family Movie Night, **Oct 13**
 - See above for more information
 - Penny Challenge, **Oct 16-20**
 - See above for more information
 - Welcome Week, **Oct 16-19**
 - Visit your child's classroom from 8:30am until approximately 9:05
 - Caregivers do an activity with their child
 - Grades go on different days - your teacher will give you more information
 - PTA Meeting and Costume Swap, **Oct 18,@9:15am**
 - Meet in the auditorium after welcome week
 - Bring Halloween 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:
 - Homeroom teacher
 - Parent Coordinator
 - Asst. Principal
 - Principal
- Volunteer Sign Up
 - We need parent volunteers for all these amazing events
 - [To sign up click here](#)
- Treasurer's Report & Budget Overview – Jessamyn Lee (Treasurer)
 - Approximately \$104,000 in bank
 - Mayor Adams may make up to 15% in cuts. We are in good shape for now but may run into trouble if that happens
 - PTA Budget Proposal (see below)
 - Budget shows how we spend and make money
 - It's a living document so we can change it collectively
 - Can't spend money until we approve the budget
 - We often have to pay for things that break: DOE vendors are expensive and not convenient. Other expenses like end of year recognition, residencies, musical show kits and so much more
 - Call to vote:

- Liz Katz motioned
- Budget adopted

- PTA Board Vacancies & Upcoming Elections
 - We have a vacancy for the Kindergarten Representative position and we can also vote in a second Middle School Representative to serve with Steve Kao
 - You can nominate yourself or a friend
 - Must have a child in kindergarten or middle school, respectively
 - [Nomination form](#)
- Approval of Minutes from 6/21/23
- Q&A
 - Can we sign up to volunteer for more than one event?
 - Yes
 - Will we have the Cool Culture Pass again this year?
 - Yes. For 3K-K
 - What is our annual funding goal?
 - \$100,000
 - How long will the scaffolding be up?
 - The School Construction Authority put it up 6 years ago. Was supposed to be an emergency shed for facade work. Will most likely be another couple of years
 - They are now working on:
 - Accessibility upgrade including an elevator, widened hallways etc.
 - New boiler is being installed
 - How does a school get the G&T program?
 - Your child can test into it for Kindergarten through the district or citywide
 - Adams has started a track in 3rd grade for each district
 - Superintendent picked PS 84 because we are a diverse community
 - What is PBL (Project Based Learning, i.e. PS 84's G&T program)?
 - Deep dive on regular curriculum. Unlike PS 132, the class learns the same curriculum at the same speed as other concurrent classes but just digs a bit deeper into them.
 - A handful of teachers have been trained and are trying to spread best practices through the school
 - What does the school do really well and what do they need to work on?
 - Really well: seeing kids for who they are and seeing them as capable. Staff is kind
 - Work on: keeping open lines of communication. They are very child focused and sometimes don't communicate with parents as much as they wish
- 7:49pm Meeting Adjourned

2022 - 2023 PTA BOARD MEMBERS

PAMELA VAZQUEZ
PRESIDENT

**ELIZABETH KATZ &
SHAYNA PHETSARATH**
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SECRETARY

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TREASURER

**LISA LEONARD &
STEVE KAO**
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REPRESENTATIVES

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PALOMA VELEZ

SHIRLEY RODRIGUEZ

MARY GODFREY

JESSIE PETROV

NATALIA PAULINO

PTA Events*

Family fun & volunteer opportunities



Sept 15	Coffee Meet-Up, Caffe Valencia @ 8:30am
Oct 13	Family Movie Night
Oct 16-20	Super Mario Bros. Themed Penny Challenge
Oct 21	Annual Family Portrait Day
Nov 5	Marathon Bake Sale (Bedford at S1)
Nov 7	Election Day Coffee/Bake Sale
Nov 27-Dec 1	Giving Week
Jan 20	Winter Festival
March 9	Fiesta (Adults Only Party/Fundraiser)
April 15	Family Paint Night
April 15-19	Neurodiversity Week Workshops
May 7	Taco Tuesday/Salsa Night
June 1	Block Party
June 21	Yoga Night, William Sheridan (Turf field) @ 6pm



CALENDAR

This Month

- September 27** PTA Meeting + School Tour (6p, Auditorium)
- October 4** Class Liason Meeting (8:30a, Library)
- October 4** Title 1, Safety Meeting and Attendance Protocols Virtual Sessions (10a or 6p, zoom link will be posted on Bloomz)
- October 5** Adults Night Out (6p, Bacan- Grand & Wythe)
- October 9** No School (Italian Heritage/ Indigenous People's Day)
- October 13** Family Movie Night (5:30p, Auditorium)
- October 16-20** Super Mario Bros. Penny Challenge (start collecting your spare change now, more details to come)
- October 16-19** Welcome Week (8:30a, day assignment by grade)
- October 18** PTA Meeting + Costume Swap (9:15a, Auditorium)
- October 21** Family Portrait Day (stay tuned for more information on how to book your session)

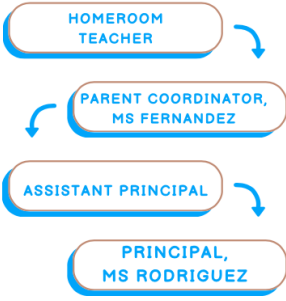


Re-Spook, Re-Scare, Re-Wear!



CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION

It is important to build a relationship with your child's teacher. Please reach out to your homeroom teacher first, with any questions or concerns so they may address them or direct you to the appropriate personnel.



Email Addresses and School Phone Number can be found in the Parent Handbook on the PS84 Website





Nominations for PTA Elections 2023-2024

The PS 84 PTA is seeking a volunteer(s) to hold the Kindergarten Representative position for the 2023-24 year. All parents and legal guardians (except those who are PS 84 employees) with a child in Kindergarten are eligible to hold this position. Historically, the PS 84 PTA members have led efforts to plan community events, fundraise for school programs, and provided parent input into school policies and initiatives. For a description of PTA Executive Board roles, please visit: <https://www.ps84k.org/pta>



JUNE PTA MINUTES

General PTA Meeting (In-Person) – June 21, 2023

- Call to Order - 8:45 am
- President's Report - Pamela Vazquez
 - Block Party
 - Great success!
 - We made over \$13K
 - Over \$7k in ticket sales
 - Over \$6k in merch sales
 - Next Year
 - Hoping to have more school events: bingo nights, spaghetti dinners, dances etc
 - We will need to vote in a kindergarten rep in the fall
 - Always need more volunteers!
 - Important Dates
 - 6/23 - 8th Grade Graduation
 - 6/26 - 3-K, Pre-K and Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremonies
 - 8/31 - 6th Grade Meet Up
 - 9/6 - Back to School Meet and Greet
- Proposed 2023-24 PTA Budget - Jessamyn Lee (Treasurer)
 - We have budgeted for the following (see below for full proposed budget):
 - Student enrichment
 - Community initiatives, facilities support
 - Marquis Studios (residencies like Circus Arts etc)
 - Music support (show kit, sheet music, instrument rental, mixing table etc)
 - Art program
 - Recess support
 - Fulfilling Donors Choose projects
 - Athletic team support
 - Cool Culture pass (3-K - K)
 - PTA Operations
 - Teacher's lounge upgrade
 - Some of the additional fundraising we want to do
 - Penny drive
 - Walkathon
 - After school fair
 - Budget will be voted on in September
 - We have over \$100K carryover and hoping to reach that again next year
- Q&A
 - Paloma Velez - Can we use the new field for fundraising activities like 5K etc
 - Yes
- Teacher's Lounge - Marissa Manzanares (Board Member and CEC Rep)
 - St Nick's Alliance has some extra funds to work with City at Work, who redid our sensory room, to also redo our teacher's lounge
 - Does she have PTA approval to move forward?
 - Yes
- Treasurer's Report & Budget Overview – Jessamyn Lee (Treasurer)

Previous Balance as of 5/16/23:	\$100,921.55
Income between 5/17/23-6/20/23:	\$22,822.96
Expenses between 5/17/23- 6/20/23:	\$17,689.89
Current Balance as of 6/20/23:	\$106,054.62

 - We funded Ms Lucassi's Donor Choose project
 - Provided emergency family support to new families
 - Very proud of our community and the work that our PTA and administration have done supporting new families
 - We've budget \$5K for next school year (up from \$1k) to make sure we can provide robust support
- Q&A
 - Paloma Velez - Can we talk to Pre-K parents at the moving about K rep needed for next year?
 - Yes
 - Maria Jaramillo - When is construction expected to be done?
 - Scaffolding will be up until at least 2025. The boiler will take one more year. Netting will also be going up with the scaffolding soon
 - This is why we can't have summer school here this year
 - We will be getting another trailer on 5 1st for the accessibility upgrade. The elevator will make us compliant with ADA regulations. It will be going in by the fire exit to the inner courtyard. There will be a glass walkway on the roof going to the greenhouse.
 - Marissa Manzanares - When is the school supply list coming out?
 - Dinayomi Fernandez - It's on the [website](#) now. The fier to pre-order will be going out shortly
 - Maria Jaramillo - Will we get a new librarian next year?
 - We are waiting for the budget to be approved before we know if we'll have funding.
 - If we cannot hire one it will be run by parents again
- Congratulations to Marissa Manzanares for being re-elected to the CEC!
- Approval of Minutes from 5/17/23
- 9:23am Meeting Adjourned