

The Parent Teacher Association of P.S. 770
Parent Leadership for an Inspiring Public School



Dear 770 Families,

Welcome to the school year! It's only been a few weeks, but it feels like we're already deep into the year, right?!

We the PTA board are very happy that you - *yes, you!* - are here at PS770. This year is the biggest PS770 has ever been, and that means there are incredible opportunities for getting involved, building community, and pursuing ideas to enrich our children's collective education.

Because it's the beginning of the year, and because we have lots of new folks, this letter is a bit longer than usual (what can we say? There's lots to talk about). Please read thoroughly to get a sense of the PTA's plans for the year ahead.

Basics

The PTA keeps an [Information Sheet](#) with key information on it about how the PTA works and how you can participate, communicate with one another, and more.

September Meeting Recap

Thank you for a wonderful and information-packed first PTA meeting of the year on 9/25! We have an amazing school community. Here are the [minutes](#) of that meeting (on the second page of the linked agenda). Also, here are Principal Saratovsky's [Principal Announcement slides](#). These links are also available on the [PTA page](#) of the school website.

Committee Sign-Up

We've got a great slate of events and other efforts lined up for the year, but they only happen if we make them happen. Please take a look at the [Committee doc](#) and sign up for something. And if you have an idea for something else, tell us!!!!!! Talent show? Battle of the bands? Juggling contest? Bike-a-thon? All ideas are welcome.

Fall Events & Efforts Calendar

PTA General Membership Meetings. Every Third Thursday @ 6:15 on Zoom:

- October 16
- November 20
- December 18

Fall Festival: November 22

Silent Auction: Dates TBD

Book Fair: November 19 - November 26

School Picture Day(s): December 1 - 3

All dates will also be reflected on the school calendar: <https://www.ps770.org/calendar>

Fundraising

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Money isn't the only way things get done, but it's often a critical element. Each year, the PTA puts on programming, supports PS770 staff, organizes and subsidizes afterschool enrichment, and more. That ends up costing tens of thousands of dollars. For the past few years, we have been working very hard to be in better financial shape.

We aim to keep that going this year, so we are setting an overall fundraising goal of **\$50,000**. That sounds like a lot, and it is, but it is a necessary amount so that we can continue supporting a school community that itself continues to grow.

There are almost 300 kids enrolled in PS770 this year. If each family gave \$200, we'd hit our fundraising goal and be all set.

Now, we understand that \$200 isn't realistic for everyone - families are in different financial places. But still, through collective giving, we can hit our fundraising goal, pursue our programming goals for the year, and not fall into the red heading into the following school year.

By far, the easiest way to donate is to set up a monthly recurring donation. This approach makes giving easy and sustainable. \$200 per family breaks down to a monthly donation of just \$20 over the 10 months of the school year! To set up a recurring donation: [CLICK HERE](#)

We will also have various fundraisers throughout the year, from the Silent Auction in November to the Spring Fundraising Campaign.

Fill out School Lunch Forms

As noted by the school, please fill out the school lunch form, either the paper version that was backpacked home or the online version at www.myschoolapps.com. The information provided helps to determine if the school qualifies for additional funding.

October Meeting Look-Ahead

The next PTA general assembly meeting is on October 16 at 6:15PM on Zoom. At that meeting, we will:

- Vote on the budget for the year and bylaw amendments (if any);
- Preview November events;
- Dig deeper into our committee work.

See you then!

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