

PTA Meeting Minutes
11/22/17

Words from Ms. Hsu and Mr. Shevell

International Pot Luck Thanksgiving was a great event. Thank you to the Community Building Team and all volunteers.

Strict rules and guidelines from the DOE went out to all teachers regarding gift giving and the holidays. Teachers cannot accept personal gifts more than ones of sentimental value such as cards or home-made student presents. It is a conflict of interest. In addition, the only class gift should be the one given with class fund collected by class parents.

In December, a 2nd soft lockdown drill will be held. A notice will go home prior regarding details with date (not time).

Parent/teacher conferences went smoothly. If you missed it, please contact your teachers to set up a separate meeting date. This also includes specialty teachers.

We will be having our first chess tournament of the year on Sunday 12/3 at PS 116. All info is on our website. All kids can sign up and it is open city-wide. Proceeds benefit our chess team/ club.

Grades PK - 2nd will receive gifted testing confirmations by first week of December and will be notified of exact exam dates before the Christmas break.

Kindergarten Intake registration will be starting soon - deadlines have moved up.

Words from PTA Presidents

Successful Boo Bash in October raised over \$16K.

Art night was a great event with a big turnout. The artwork was displayed at the International Pot Luck.

New art program "Studio in a School" is getting good reviews. It started first in the younger grades PK, K, and 1st graders.

3rd and 4th graders started "Jazz for Young People."

5th graders have begun ballroom dancing. There will be a showcase of dances at the end.

Please spread the word about PTA meetings and invite friends. All parents are part of the PTA and we would love to hear your feedback.

Picture Retake Day is 11/27

In December, when the first session of 116 kids after-school ends, mini camps will be held. \$25 a day until 5pm and \$10 extra for late hour until 6pm. Registration ends 72 hours before so please sign up early. Grades 3-5 will also be offered intensive class options such as building and technology projects.

12/3 Jets football game vs. Chiefs. Must buy tickets by December 1st. Proceeds will go to PS 116

12/7 Open House and Tour for prospective students and families. Kids from 116 will help give the tour and answer questions. There will be a handout with popular questions and answers.

Book Fair will be the week of December 4-7

Literacy is so important and the love of reading. Flyers will be going home and volunteers will be needed. Monday 12/4, is opening night and there will be an evening event of book shopping and music. 5th grade chorus will perform and there will be a book signing. Contribute to teacher wish lists and buy books for the classrooms.

Raz kids is a lower grade reading app for the computer on PS 116 website in the parents section. Once registered, you can look up leveled books for your child. Great application to use to practice reading.

Donations are still needed for the Teaching Assistant Fund for grades PK-2. This TA program is beneficial to the younger classrooms.

Save the date! Spring Auction is Thursday, 4/26/18. It will be at The Raise on East 30th Street. We will need a lot of donations. More info to come.

Ways to help fundraise for PS 116:

-Amazon Smile link on PS 116 website- proceeds go back to the school.

-Cut Box Tops and hand into main office

-Fairway Yellow Donation Cards- if you shop with these, money is given back to the school. Cards available in the PTA office