



The William T. Harris School

PTA NEWSLETTER

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Be Proud!

What does it mean to be part of the P.S. 11 Community? How do we make a strong P.S. 11 Community? The School Leadership Team (SLT) is forming a committee to answer these questions and implement a strategy to bring a stronger sense of community to P.S. 11. Stay tuned for more information.



The superstars from our Rosie's Broadway Kids crew at their performance last month

photo: Gil Santiago

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

March 16 – PTA Meeting, 6:30pm

March 22 – Little Shop of Horrors, 6:30pm

From Your PTA Co-President

Thank you to Katrina Yoder, Matthew Mallinson, and everyone else who made this year's Valentine's Day Bake Sale such a success. The kids had a great time and more than \$800 was raised for our school. And with only four months left in the school year, here's an overview of all the events the PTA is working on during the rest of the winter and this spring. Look for more details on these events—and on how you can help—in homework folders soon:

March — The P.S. 11 production of Little Shop of Horrors will premiere on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:30pm. The PTA will also be having a bake sale that night to raise funds for next year's theater production.

April — Multicultural Night

May — Taste of Chelsea

June — Staff Appreciation Lunch, Incoming Pre-K & K Party, Field Day, and the graduation celebrations.

If you haven't been able to donate your time helping out at school events last semester, please consider doing so during these upcoming months.

Linda Osborne

WORK HARD. PLAY FAIR. BE KIND.

Parent Coordinator Update

This is a busy time of year at P.S. 11. Fifth grade students are currently interviewing for middle school and at the same time gearing up for Ballroom Dancing. After months of auditions, production work, amazing prop design, and lots of rehearsals, the 5th grade revival of "Little Shop Of Horrors" will premiere on March 22nd. Meanwhile 3rd and 4th grade teachers have begun working with the program coordinators and actors to set goals for the students who will participate in the Circle In The Square Program this spring.

Thanks to Alice Somma, our school social worker, who coordinated the TAG kindergarten application process. We have completed assessments of approximately 80 children applying for fall 2005 Talented and Gifted kindergarten admission. I was fortunate to meet their enthusiastic parents, mostly community residents as well as some out-of-zone parents who are eager to join our school community. Pre-kindergarten applications are currently being accepted. When telling friends and neighbors about P.S. 11's Pre-K program, please keep in mind that it is a half-day program; morning and afternoon sessions are available.

Parents, one way to deal with the cabin fever that can result from this long winter is to look ahead to warmer days and think about summer camp. The best summer camps book early but there is still time to consider the many options and work out which camp will engage your children and meet your needs. For camp research I recommend www.insideschools.org. They have a summer camp section that provides practical advice on choosing the right camp and the best links to camps and camping associations.

Finally, the PTA adhoc Lunch/Recess committee recently met with the staff and Mr. Del Monaco to answer the question: What does an ideal Lunch/Recess at P.S. 11 look like? We are all agreed that in order to insure the cafeteria is a calm and enjoyable experience for everyone, everyone must follow the rules. Please ask your children about the P.S. 11 Student Lunchroom Rules. Once you hear them, I'm sure you can explain to your children why they are important.

Stephen McGill

What's For Lunch?

In case you were wondering what's for lunch and keep forgetting to check the menu posted just inside the cafeteria, go to this site:

<http://www.opt-osfns.org/osfns/>

Then choose the borough, month and grade option to view the monthly menu.

Girl Scout News

The Girl Scouts meet twice a month in the cafeteria. This month the meetings will be held on Thursday, the 10th and Thursday the 17th at 6:00 pm.

Girls interested in learning more about becoming a Girl Scout are welcome to attend.

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