

PS199 GENERAL PTA MEETING
December 11, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New event on the calendar: Monday May 9th in the auditorium, PS199 will host their first Broadway Night. Sneak Preview performance by Charlotte Cohn, Melissa Dye, and Constance Cohen.

PRESIDENTS' UPDATE - Victoria Micalizzi and Andrea Steinkamp

- Motion carried to approve the November general PTA meeting minutes
- PTO office is currently offline. If you need contact information for a classmate email ps199pta@ps199pta.org

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

The **Community Cares committee** has been very active and busy this fall already, from the candy drive after Halloween to the toiletries drive. There is a gift drive going on right now through Amazon wish list - a quarter page flyer came home in the mail with details. There are more events coming up in the spring so stay tuned.

The fall **Scholastic Book Fair** was an enormous success this year. Thanks to Victoria Kopper and Jenni Wolf for their dedication, and the many volunteers who helped make it happen.

Stephanie Torres and her team of volunteers ran a great **Thanksgiving Potluck** this year.

Almost 50 parents and children came last Saturday to work out with Mr. Ray from Fitrxn for our first family **Fitness FUNdraiser**. Thanks to all who came!

This was the 4th **Holiday Boutique Fair**, and it was another great success! Denise Fink is looking for a co-chair for next year's Holiday Boutique Fair.

The **Giving Tree campaign** has 21% participation to-date, less than this time last year. Please consider giving before the end of the year - every dollar counts!

No cost fundraising and ways to participate, as always, include: Amazon, Fairway, Farmigo, schoola clothing drive, Box Tops, and volunteering

Diversity Committee

- Kristel Chou introduced the two new co-chairs, Prashanti Reddy and Anu Sehgal, as well as Patricia Dineli-Chesky and Renee Eanes. She also went over the committee's mission statement.
- Diversity Events for the year:
 - October - Diwali
 - December 22nd - Special Education Holiday party
 - January - Brazilian Birthday Party cooking class with 3rd graders
 - January 29th, Friday - 6:30-8:30pm Black History Through the Arts
 - May - "Passport to the World " - International Travel and World Sports, 5 or 6 countries will be represented

Auction Committee

Kathy Sayko announced that the auction this year will be on April 9, 2015 at the Highline Ballroom. Matt Godson is spear-heading ticket pre-sales the week of January 11-15.

Science Center

- Karen Cape shared that we are close to having the final design for the science center, and the plans will go to bid early 2016. If all goes well the science center will be open Fall 2016.
- Plans to have an Alumni Day for kids who have been around long enough to know the science center was coming but have already graduated. Information on the Science Center website and under the committees tab on the PTA website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Holiday Party TOMORROW Saturday December 12th 2-5pm will include:
 - Winter Wonderland Toy Factory
 - Build your own edible snowman
 - Photo Booth
 - Design your own snow flakes
 - Indoor snowball fight
 - Kids only Holiday Bazaar - all items are \$1!
- Welcome Back Movie Night - Friday January 8, 2016
- Diversity Committee Living Museum Celebrating Black Culture through the Arts, Friday January 29th, 6:30-8:30pm

TREASURER'S REPORT

Behind in Family Giving compared to this time last year (see above in Presidents' update). Please donate through the envelopes that will come home through kidmail in the next few weeks or through the website.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- School Quality Review next Wednesday December 16th. Previous review was two years ago. Outside evaluator will spend a whole day at the school. The review will cover teacher teams, instruction, assessment, and school culture.
- Recess coaches started yesterday! Their names are Jeanne and Josh.
- Report cards are coming home on Monday. Children and parents both should sign on the signature page. Louise advised parents to sit down and go over the report card with their kids, and listen to what they have to say about what they are learning in school.

Meeting adjourned 9:34am