



September 2024

Dear Kahlil Gibran Families,

We would like to welcome you to the 2024 - 2025 school year and the Kahlil Gibran PTA! Whether you are a new or returning family, we are happy to have your support as we work together to create the best experience for your family.

How do I become a member and if I am already one, do I have to renew my membership?

Every member should **renew their PTA membership annually.** Scan the QR code below to enjoy the benefits of being a member:



- Experience reduced prices at PTA sponsored events.
- Be informed. Being a PTA member can help you stay informed about school events, programs and initiatives as well as other issues that may impact your child's education.
- Make a difference. You can actively support our school through giving your time, ideas, resources, and skills to help organize events, fundraisers, and programs that benefit and enrich the school community.
- Advocate for your child. The PTA can be a powerful platform where parents can voice their concerns, suggestions and ideas to help improve the educational experience of our children.
- Save money. PTA Membership gives you discounts at HERTZ, Office Depot, and other major brands. For a full list and more information, visit www.pta.org/offers

Anyone may join! Including parents, grandparents, relatives, educators, students, and friends. Joining the PTA does not obligate you to attend meetings or volunteer; it simply shows your support for our children! The current pricing for 1 Adult is \$10.00, students are \$5.00 and Teacher/Staff are \$10.00.

So who are we and what exactly do we do?

This year, we are a brand new team of four Executive Officers. We are excited to partner with you, meet new volunteers, and hear your ideas to create the best student experience. So what do we do as volunteers in our roles?

- As the Executive Officers, we partner with our Principal, Laura LaBanca, Assistant Principal, Sonja Sharif, staff, and our families to ensure that students are provided fun social activities and enrichment opportunities that are not provided by the Yonkers Board of Education (BOE).
- Through our fundraising efforts, we coordinate activities to support events and academic assemblies for our students to help infuse fun into their educational experiences.

- We research and coordinate vendors that aim to entertain and educate kids. In addition, we support teachers by providing them with supplemental tools to support their education needs and many other items.
- We provide a strong voice for Kahlil Gibran and advocate for our school directly with The Yonkers School District and Elected Officials, as well as provide guidance to our families by helping to answer inquiries and direct them to the right source.

What do we do with the money raised through fundraising activities and how have we ensured that we are aligned with National PTA standards?

We partner with the Yonkers Council of PTAs/PTSA's to learn and grow. Through their guidance, we have improved enrichment activities for our students, gained valuable insight and created new opportunities that helped us to better understand how to maximize fundraised dollars. This partnership highlights the need for consistent communication across all PTA's in our district and beyond.

Through your support, we were able to use apprx. \$6,400.00 in funds to sponsor field trips, enrichment activities for our students. For more information on how fundraised money was spent, please visit the PTA page of the Kahlil Gibran website.

This year, we are aiming to provide more communication, an inclusive PTA with opportunities for you to lead and play an active role, and an even more robust selection of enrichment opportunities for our students. In addition, we plan to provide more fun family events to our Kahlil Gibran family.

Without our families, community, and administration, none of these things would be possible. The stronger our PTA, the more we can accomplish for our students. ***Simply stated, "We are Better Together!"***

Thank you,

Kahlil Gibran PTA Executive Board Officers