



Better Together

PTA Newsletter - November 2024 Edition

Dear PTA Members,

October was a month full of fun and community spirit! The PTA highlight was a spook-tacular Halloween party that not only brought everyone together for some festive fun but also helped raise funds for our school. Picture day for Pre-K through 7th grade was a great success, capturing some wonderful memories and cherished photos for the mantle. While participation in the Charleston Wrap fundraiser was lower than expected, it still helped bring in valuable funds for our school, and we truly appreciate your support. Don't worry if Charleston Wrap wasn't your thing—our new Poppin' Popcorn fundraiser is now live, and we'd love for you to check it out and show your support.



Upcoming PTA Sponsored Events

- Bake Sale 11/20
- PTA Meeting 11/20 – VIRTUAL ONLY
 - Review/vote on enrichment requests
 - Update from Ms. LaBanca
 - Upcoming Events
- 8th grade pictures, sibling pictures, retakes 11/26
- Holiday Boutique 12/9-12/12
- Breakfast with Santa 12/14
- PTA meeting 1/8
- 8th grade picture retakes 1/14

Why so much fundraising?!?

We know that fundraising can feel overwhelming, and we truly appreciate all the time, energy, and resources you've already dedicated to supporting our school. Unfortunately, public school budgets simply don't cover all the things that make our school experience special—like field trips, extracurricular programs, and events that enhance learning and community. The funds we raise help fill these gaps, but we're mindful of how many requests we make. Please know that every dollar raised directly benefits our students, and we're always looking for ways to make our fundraising efforts as efficient and enjoyable as possible. Your continued support means the world to us—and to the children who benefit from it!

Spotlight on Volunteers

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who helped make the Halloween dance a success! We truly can't function without your support, and your time and effort made the event extra special for everyone. We're so grateful for each and every one of you! We'd like to give a special thank you to **Mina Balog** for all her help setting up the decorations – they looked amazing and to **Jennifer Arroyo** for staffing the concession table.



Volunteer raffle: While we appreciate that you volunteer out of the goodness of your heart, we also believe in showing our gratitude. For every event you volunteer for, you will be entered into a raffle. One raffle will be drawn in December and a second at the end of the school year.

Finance Corner

Thanks again to everyone who has been helping our school reach our fundraising goals. As we continue to push forward, we are keeping everyone informed regarding all contributions. For the period October 10th - November 15th, we have earned \$3,176.00 primarily through the Halloween party and a couple of new memberships. We paid out \$1,400.00. This includes costs for the Halloween party (DJ, food, and snacks) and our 3rd grade Enrichment trip to Stepping Stones Museum. If you have questions about specific costs, please do not hesitate to contact us at gibranpta28@gmail.com.

We completed our Charleston Wrap sales on 11/8 and will be hosting our Fall Bake Sale on 11/20. Proceeds from both Charleston Wrap and the Irwin Simon should be deposited within the coming weeks. On 11/12, we kicked off our Popcorn drive!

Stay tuned for our Breakfast with Santa event on 12/15 and the Holiday Shop). We hope these events will provide successful outcomes so that our students can experience great Enrichment programs!

Community Corner

- **Local Business Spotlight:** La Bella Restaurant and Pizzeria supplied the pizza at our Halloween party and have been generous with supporting our PTA in the past. They are located right around the corner from the school on Central Ave – check them out.
<https://www.labellayonkers.com/Default.aspx>



- Do you have a small business that can be of benefit to the Kahlil Gibran community? Let us know about it!

Reminders

- Stay connected with us on social media:
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/school28pta>
 - Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/gibranpta28/>
- Visit our PTA website for updates and resources:
<https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/domain/4013>

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Your support and involvement are vital to the success of our PTA and our school. If you have any feedback, suggestions, or would like to contribute to future newsletters, please contact us at gibranpta28@gmail.com.

Warm regards,

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