



Better Together

PTA Newsletter - October 2024 Edition

Dear PTA Members,

September was a whirlwind as we got the kids back to school and immersed in all the activities that early fall brings. Our back-to-school movie night was a wonderful evening, with many students and families joining us for the fun. Some students took home raffle prizes such as a signed New York Jets football, a fully funded birthday party at High 5 Sports, Tennis and Golf Association (TGA) golf lessons, Lunch with Westchester County Legislator James Nolan, and several other gift baskets. While we can't say how much the kids watch Inside Out, they definitely had a great time running around with friends.



Upcoming PTA Sponsored Events

- **PTA Meeting 10/16**
 - *Guest Speaks: Rob Rijos, VP of NYS PTA, "Role of Dads in Educational Success and PTA Engagement"*
 - Announcement of new PTA President
 - Vote on revised budget
 - New Committees

While we hope to see you in person, we understand that isn't always possible. Advanced registration required to attend via zoom. Please click here to register:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlkc-urpzssGtz5xsUHweeH1EvVJvFOV85E>

- Pre-K through 7th grade picture day 10/15
- Halloween Dance 10/26
 - Arts and Crafts from 5pm- 6pm
 - Dance, Raffles, and Costume contest 6pm- 8pm
- Bake Sale 11/20

- PTA Meeting 11/20
- 8th grade pictures 11/26
- Holiday Boutique 12/9-12/12
- Breakfast with Santa 12/14

New PTA President

As many of you know from the first PTA meeting, our PTA president resigned and our vice president, Liane Rodriguez, is currently serving as interim president. In collaboration with the Yonkers Council of PTAs (board governing all PTAs in the Yonkers school district), a selection committee was created with individuals from the YCPTA to recruit, interview, and appoint a new president. In fact, you received an email mid-September informing of this opening and inviting applications. This process will conclude early October and we will announce the results at the PTA meeting 10/16. If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to us at gibranpta28@gmail.com.

Spotlight on Volunteers

This month, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who made movie night a success. While we truly appreciate everyone's contributions, we'd like to give a special THANK YOU to Margaret O'Sullivan. Not only did she go above and beyond to help us with Movie night, but she also managed the Open House table during the hours that we met with our children's teachers. We can't run this PTA without dedicated people like you!



Volunteer raffle correction: 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. *Last month we indicated that the raffle would be for a \$100 Amazon gift card, however, due to regulations we are unable to buy gift cards as a Thank You.* The raffle prize will be TBD but equivalent. (One raffle drawn in December and a second at the end of the school year).

Finance Corner

We are thankful to all of you who have joined the PTA and would like to be transparent with all contributions.

For the period covering August to October 10th, we have earned **\$3,330.11** primarily through the movie night and memberships. We paid out **\$2,457.10**. This includes costs for movie night (vendor, permit, food), welcome back balloons, office supplies (Zoom membership, printing), State and County PTA dues, and PTA training events. If you have questions about specific costs, please do not hesitate to contact us at gibranpta28@gmail.com.

Most of our fundraising money is projected to be deposited between Nov 1 and 12/31 due to planned activities. (I.e: Halloween party, Picture Day, Popcorn drive, Charleston wrap,

Breakfast with Santa 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:** Funfetti crafted a custom balloon arch to welcome our students back to school on the first day of school. It definitely made the day a bit more festive! Funfetti also makes custom signs, party favors, and stationary.
https://www.instagram.com/funfetti_events/



- 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,

Your PTA Executive Officers
Liane Rodriguez, Interim President
Karen Traynor, Secretary
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