

Message from the PA presidents

Dear Families,

We often use this column to thank you, the parents, for all the generous donations of money and time that you commit to our school. The Parents Association is able to support and enrich our school in such a substantial way only because of your involvement. On that note, we want to highlight new areas of PA investment this year.

Computer support for teachers: Over the last few years the School Leadership Team had expressed a need for more computer and technology support. This year the PA paid for a tech intern from CUNY, who works with Principal Monica Berry to support teacher needs. Edwin provides valuable assistance on computer issues and we have been receiving very positive feedback.

Teachers in the classroom after state tests: As you read this, the 3rd-, 4th- and 5th-graders will be completing their second week of state tests. In the past after testing, PS 87 was required to send teachers to grade tests and subs would have to be hired. The PA was able to “buy out” those teachers this year, and we are happy to report our teachers will be in the classrooms to get our children back into the swing of things after testing is completed.

Enrichment programs: On the Enrichment front, we have added many new programs. The 3rd-graders just finished Ajna Dance, which introduced them to the exciting and culturally rich world of Indian dance. Fifth-graders are attending Lincoln Center’s outstanding Jazz for Young People program and learning about the history and experience of jazz. The always popular BioBus, an engaging science classroom literally in a rehabbed bus, was expanded to include 2nd and 5th grades this year. The entire 4th grade will go on a road trip to Philadelphia for a day in May.

Air conditioning: Regarding building maintenance, the PA has allocated funds to clean and maintain all the A/C units on a regular basis. When those hot spells come in late spring and early fall, the classrooms stay cool.

These are just a few of the new investments we have made this year. If you have an idea you would like to see happen, come to a PA meeting, run for a seat on the Executive Board, or e-mail us at pa-president@ps87.info. We would love to hear from you. See you around school.

— Jaime Abrams and Wendy Schnierow,
PS 87 Parents Association co-presidents

Spring Fair on June 5; volunteers sought

Winter fought hard, but spring is here, and PS 87’s annual Spring Street Fair is a little more than a month away. Save the date for Sunday, June 5. If you’re interested in volunteering or becoming a vendor, visit www.ps87.info for details. Spring Fair is the final FUNdraiser of the year – help us make it a great one!

PS 87 CALENDAR	
APRIL 2016	
18	SLT meeting, 4:15 p.m.
18-20	Makeups: NY State Mathematics testing
18-22	Everybody Reads Week. <i>Details on Page 1.</i>
21	PA GENERAL MEETING , 8:35 a.m., cafeteria. PA Board nominations to be announced. Presentation by Socialsklz: “Parenting in the Digital Age.”
22	Earth Day
22-30	Passover
25-29	NO SCHOOL , Spring Break. 87Afterschool will offer Spring Camp. <i>Details at www.87afterschool.org.</i>
MAY 2016	
3	Dual Language Breakfast Meeting, 8 – 8:40 a.m., library
3	Teacher Appreciation Day
4	PA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING , 6:10 – 8 p.m., library
5	Cinco De Mayo
6	Fiesta Latina potluck dinner, 6 – 6:30 p.m., cafeteria, followed by performance, 6:30 – 8 p.m., gym.
8	Mother’s Day
12	PA GENERAL MEETING , 8:35 a.m., cafeteria
12	Curriculum Night
13	Rock Night , 7 p.m. <i>Tickets go on sale April 18; details at www.ps87.info.</i>
20-22	Spring Scholastic Book Fair

Be fantastic, use less plastic

As a part of our Zero Waste Schools initiative and in celebration of Earth Day on April 22, we are starting plastic-free Fridays. During the week of April 18, the PS 87 Green Team will sell reusable lunch containers outside of school after drop-off. Water bottles, reusable sandwich bags and snack bags will be 10 percent off. Go green!

PS 87 gear on sale Friday afternoon

Come get your new spring PS 87 gear, on sale Friday, April 15, from 2:40 to 3 p.m. in the Big Yard. We will have new sweatshirts, Under Armour for the boys, and sparkle for the girls. Show school spirit on Spring Break!



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