

**January  
PTA Meeting  
January 17, 2025**



# Agenda

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes
- Co-President Report
- Principal's Report
- After School Report
- Treasurer Report
- VP Reports
- Community Report

# **Co-President Report**

# Upcoming Winter Events

- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school)** Monday, January 20th
- **Prospective School Tours (Pre-K, K)** Thursday, January 23rd
- **Lunar New Year (no school)** Wednesday, January 29th
- **Prospective School Tours (Pre-K, K)** Friday, January 31st (virtual)
- **February PTA Meeting (on Zoom)** Thursday, February 6th
- **Super Science Saturday** Saturday, March 15th
- **March PTA Meeting (in person)** Friday, March 21st

# Upcoming Spring Events

- **Rummage Sale** Sunday, May 4th
- **Staff Appreciation Week** Week of May 5th - 9th
- **Benefit & Auction** Thursday, May 29th
- **Block Party** Friday, June 13th

# Book Fair

- All 27 classes visited the book fair this week! Kids loved it!



# PTA-Funded Grade-Wide Enrichments

- **Yoga** Pre-K and K
- **Shakespeare with Freestyle Repertory Theater** 1st Grade
- **Ready Set Chess!** 2nd & 3rd Grades
- **Ballroom Dancing with Dancing Classrooms** 4th Grade
- **Musical production with PS29+** 5th Grade
- **Improv with Freestyle Repertory Theater** 5th Grade



# Lice Checks

- 2 out of 3 lice checks completed this year
- Planning to host another live demo in the next 2-3 weeks ([LiceOut demo info](#))

## PS29 lice policy reminder:

- 1 child found with lice (school checks or self reported) >> entire class notified
- 3 or more cases of lice/nits per class >> **lice outbreak protocol** is implemented
  - Separation/isolation of outerwear
  - Periodic lice checks by the nurse and trained staff
  - Deep cleaning by PS29 custodial staff



**Please check your children's hair regularly!**



# February Learning Support Event

- The LSC will host a think tank about the **rise of mental health issues** among youth. We will start this coffee and conversation by sharing a book recommendation: ["The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt.](#)
- Using an open conversation format, there will be opportunities to share our own experiences and put our minds together with the goal of building strategies for supporting our kids at home.
- Reading the book is NOT a requirement for attending the talk!
- Date to be confirmed.

# 2025-26 Open Board Positions

- Several positions on the PS29 PTA will be available for the 2025-26 school year.

More to come in the coming months!

- If you are interested in learning more now, email us at [ps29pta@gmail.com](mailto:ps29pta@gmail.com).

**Principal's Report**  
**Dr. Rebecca Fagin**

# Accessibility Project

NY SCA representative Danielle Schaaf to address questions from PS29 parents:

## 1. Construction Site Security

- How will contractors and construction workers be supervised during the project? Are there protocols in place to ensure they adhere to school safety policies while on-site?
- How will access to the construction site be controlled? Will there be designated entry points for workers?

## 2. Health and Safety Protocols During Construction

- Will the construction cause any disruption to the school's indoor air circulation or HVAC system? If so, how will air quality be maintained and monitored inside the school building?
- What steps will be taken to minimize dust and airborne particles during construction, and what protocols will be in place to monitor air quality? How can we be sure the monitoring is sufficient and that the air is safe? Will data be available to share? How will you ensure parents that this is being taken seriously and that no hazardous materials are being overlooked?
- Will any chemicals (e.g., paints, adhesives, cleaning agents) be used during construction that could pose a health risk? How will the school ensure that these chemicals are safely stored and ventilated?
- Will any construction activities impact the school's water supply or plumbing? How will the school ensure that drinking water and water for handwashing remain safe throughout the project?
- Will there be any protocols in place to monitor the health of students and staff during the construction, especially in cases where students have pre-existing conditions that might be exacerbated by environmental changes?
- How will the construction crew handle safety concerns during inclement weather (e.g., storms, heavy rain)? Will there be additional precautions in place for student safety during such times?

# Accessibility Project: Info & Updates

- School's page dedicated to construction information and updates is [here](#)
- PTA-compiled FAQ is available [here](#)
- Both the webpage and the FAQ will be updated at least monthly, as the administration meets with the construction team. Each new update will be added as an individual tab in the same document.
- Please use [this form](#) to submit new questions and concerns; answers will be added to the next update.

**After School  
Report  
Marie Isner**

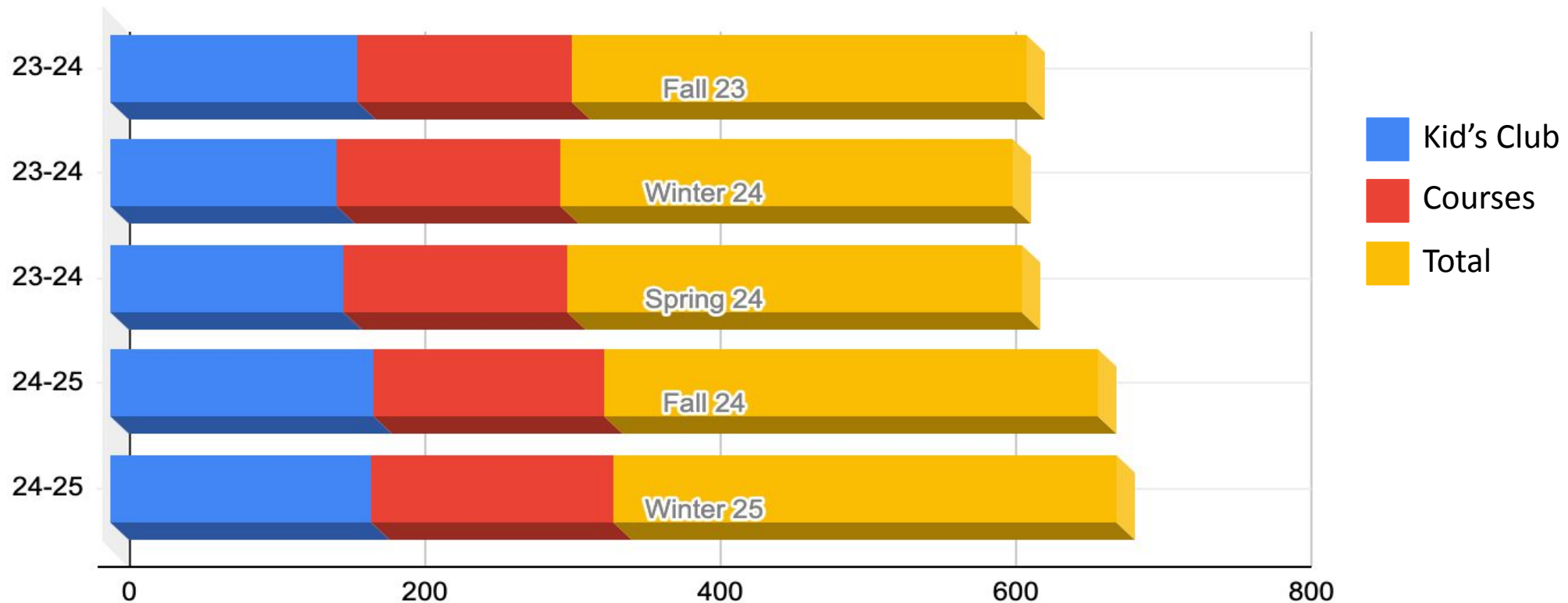
# Important Dates

- **Winter courses end** Friday, March 21st
- **Spring courses lottery open** February 12th - 26th
- **Lottery results loaded to portal** Tuesday, March 11th
  - **No fee drop period** March 11th - 18th
  - **50% drop fee period** March 19th - 22nd
  - **No refunds past this date** March 23rd
- **Kid's Club & spring courses start** Monday, March 24th
- **Spring courses end** Friday, June 13th



# PS29+ Afterschool Program Enrollment

- Enrollment at PS29+ continues to grow! Average number of kids in courses and Kid's Club grew from 305 last winter to 340 this winter, an increase of just over 10%!
- Of 715 students at PS29, 543 students (76%) use are enrolled in courses or Kid's Club plus many use the Emergency Kid's Club.



# Activities for Indoor Kids Club

- Blue Blocks
- Scarves and yarn balls
- Magnatiles, Lego
- Board games, chess
- Coloring, word search

# Treasurer Report

# Budget Snapshot as of Dec-31-2024

NET CONTRIBUTIONS	2024-25			2023-24
	ACTUAL (K)	GOAL (K)	% of GOAL	% of GOAL
<b>Fundraising</b>	\$172.7	\$190.0	91%	66%
<b>Merchandise Sales &amp; Photo Day</b>	\$3.1	\$11.0	28%	22%
<b>Community Events &amp; Activities</b>	\$13.6	\$112.0	12%	16%
<i>Movie Night</i>	\$1.6	\$0.5	320%	-180%
<i>PS29 Cheers</i>	\$3.8	\$4.0	95%	220%
<i>Rummage Sale</i>	\$6.2	\$8.0	78%	83%
<i>Eat Pie &amp; Shop</i>	\$14.4	\$12.0	120%	120%
<i>Book Fair</i>	\$0.0	\$0.0	-	-
<i>Super Science Saturday</i>	\$1.5	\$6.0	25%	60%
<i>Benefit &amp; Auction</i>	-\$5.3	\$75.0	-7%	-7%
<b>After School Program</b> (accrutive to the budget with assessed parental fees)	\$87.5	\$189.0	46%	51%

## Notable revenue in December:

- +\$112.4K in Donations incl. corporate matching
- +\$11.3K Eat Pie & Shop
- +\$5.6K from Merchandise Sales

## Notable expenses in December:

-\$9.5K for 4th grade ballroom dancing enrichment

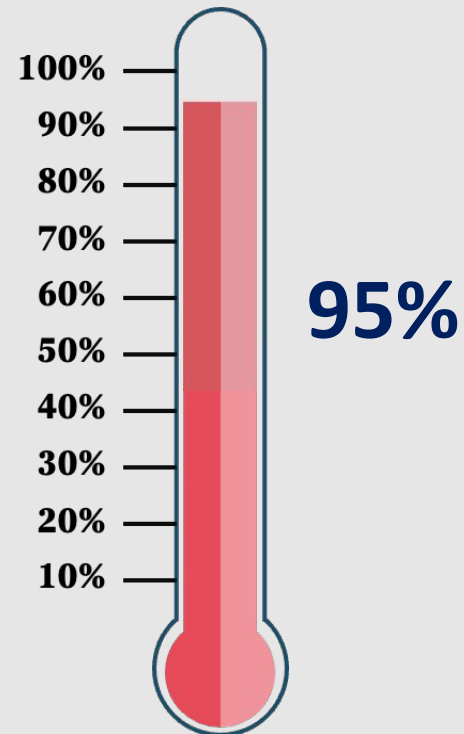
# **Fundraising Report**

# Progress - Direct Appeal\*

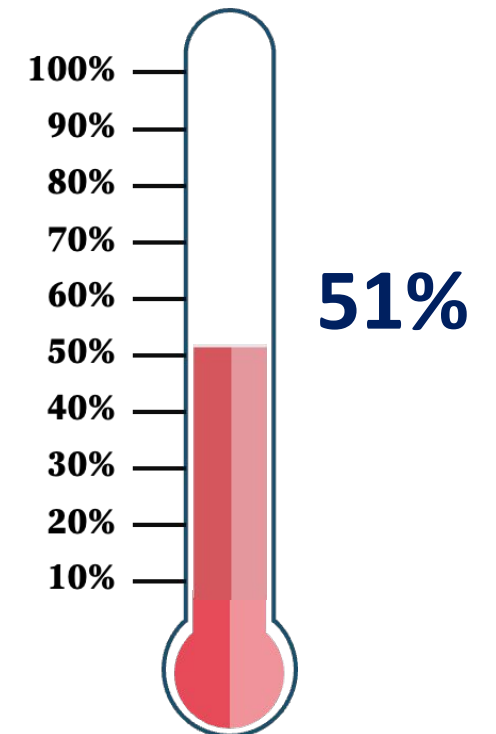
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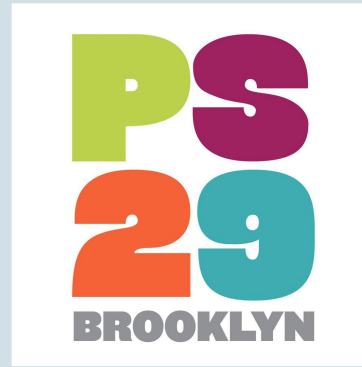
**Goal:  
~\$190K**

*\*Corporate Matching is included*



2023-24





**February PTA Meeting  
Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>  
on Zoom**