

**December
PTA Meeting
December 19, 2024**



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

- **Winter Break** December 23rd - January 2nd
- **Book Fair** January 13-17th
- **January PTA Meeting (in person)** Friday, January 17th
- **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
- **February PTA Meeting (on Zoom)** Thursday, February 6th
- **Super Science Saturday** Saturday, March 15th

Giving Tuesday

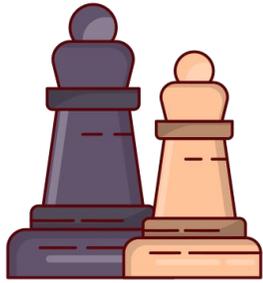
\$121,092 raised by
213 Unique Donors!

Our goal was \$75,000 and 200 donors

\$35,000 Matching Donations
\$24,960 Corporate Matching



What the PTA Funded This Month



Chess for 3rd grade



Supplies: Books, Water Filters,
Special Education Supplies

Principal's Report
Dr. Rebecca Fagin

Accessibility Project: What it is

What is the construction project?

- A 2-3 year ADA accessibility project managed by the SCA (School Construction Authority) that will happen in phases.
- Will make PS29 an ADA-compliant school building, a NYC DOE and State policy requirement.

Why is this project happening?

- The NYC DOE has required that all buildings become ADA-accessible by 2029.

What does this mean for students during construction?

- The school yard size will be reduced to accommodate the staging area: a gated area in the schoolyard on the Baltic St. side and a walled section adjacent to the garden where the elevator will be built (2-3 years)
- Lineups will shift for 1st and 5th grade (2-3 years)
- Current garden access will be replaced by a new entrance created at the end of the Kane Street entryway (2-3 years)
- In January, ground will be broken in the front on Henry Street on the Baltic side. At that time, Pre-K 204 will line up in the front garden closer to Kane Street using a new entrance in the gate until the sidewalk re-opens.
- The door leading into the building from the schoolyard (next to the garden) will be closed, and foot traffic will be directed through the left cafeteria doors instead. NOTE: The Kane Street schoolyard gate will remain open for entering and exiting the yard. Only the building door adjacent to the garden is being closed off, as this area will be used for the new elevator.

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.

Jungle Gym Update

- The wall conditions were worse than anticipated, and it had to be rebuilt from bottom to top. Additionally, inclement weather affected construction dates. Despite best efforts and the co-op paying overtime for work on Saturdays, construction on the building will not be done by the end of the year.
- Brick rebuilding and waterproofing should be done by early January. However, the remaining wall treatments depend on warmer weather. The coatings required for wall integrity need two weeks above freezing before application, and then about three more weeks to finish. Based on this, we expect completion in March or April.

**After School
Report
Marie Isner**

Important Dates

- **Lottery results loaded to portal** Friday, December 13th
 - **No fee drop period** December 13th - December 20th
 - **50% drop fee period** December 21 - December 31st
 - **No refunds past this date** January 1st
- **Kid's Club & winter courses start** Thursday, January 2nd
- **Winter courses end** Friday, March 21st

Treasurer Report

Budget Snapshot as of Nov-30-2024

NET CONTRIBUTIONS	2024-25			2023-24
	ACTUAL	GOAL	% of GOAL	% of GOAL
Fundraising (direct appeal & merch sales)	\$57.8K	\$201K	29%	51%
Community Events & Activities	\$1.5K	\$112K	1%	9%
<i>Movie Night</i>	\$1.6K	\$0.5K	312%	-176%
<i>PS29 Cheers</i>	\$3.8K	\$4K	95%	220%
<i>Rummage Sale</i>	\$6.2K	\$8K	77%	83%
<i>Eat Pie & Shop</i>	\$2.3K	\$12K	19%	18%
After School Program (accretive to the budget with assessed parental fees)	\$25.4K	\$189K	13%	19%

Notable revenue in November:
 +\$17.8K in donations incl. corporate matching
 +\$0.4K from merch sales

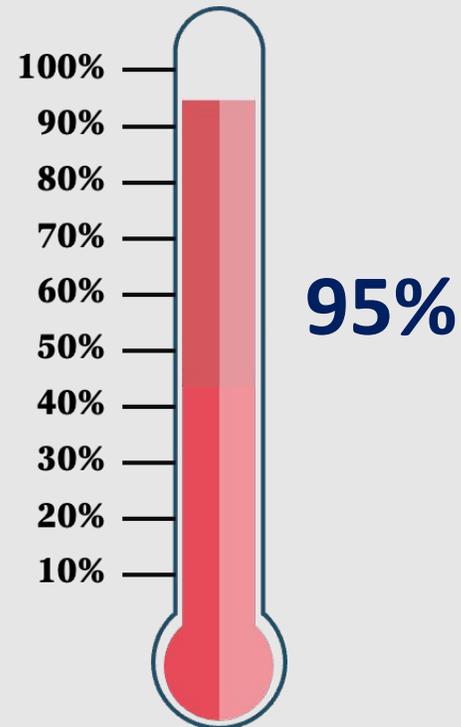
Notable expenses in November:
 -\$3.6K for chess

Fundraising Report

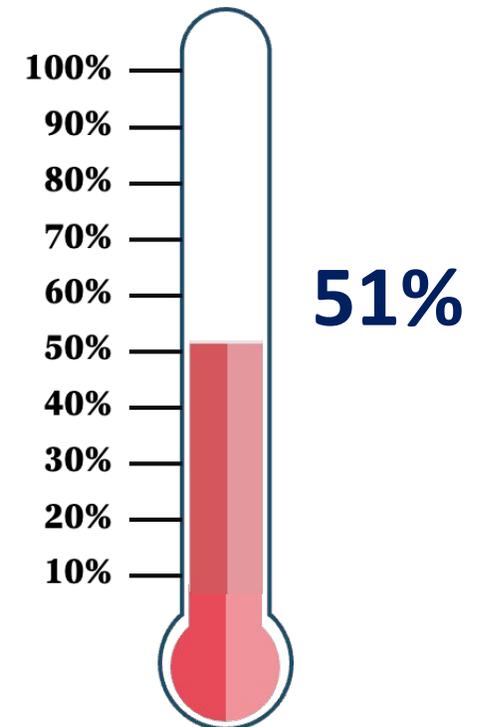
Progress - Direct Appeal*

2024-25

**Goal:
~\$190K**



2023-24



**Corporate Matching is included*

Community Report



Shahana Hanif
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
DISTRICT 39

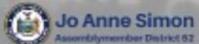
JOIN US TO PICKET: SHUT DOWN THE CONCRETE RECYCLING FACILITY!

POSTPONED

NEW DATE:

**10 AM ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15
KANE STREET & COLUMBIA STREET**

**Columbia Waterfront residents
demand the prompt closure and
relocation of the SIMS facility NOW!**





January PTA Meeting
Friday, January 17th
8:45am in auditorium