

**September PTA
Meeting
September 20,
2024**



Agenda

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes
- Co-President Report
- Principal's Report
- After School Update
- Treasurer Report
- VP Reports
- Budget Amendment
- SLT Elections

Co-President Report

What is the PTA?

- The parents, teachers and guardians of PS29 students make up the Parent Teacher Association (PTA).
- The PTA's mission is to:
 - Build a vibrant and welcoming community both within PS 29 and with the greater neighborhood community.
 - Facilitate an effective relationship and two-way communication between families, school administration, school staff, and community officials.
 - Raise funds to provide a variety of education and cultural programs and materials to support school initiatives for the students of PS 29.

2024/2025 Executive Board

- **Co-Presidents** : Mary Gallagher & Mariam Furmanau
- **Co- Treasurers:** Raul Vidal & Rachel Moyse
- **Co-VPs Communications:** Anna Janash & Josh Hoffner
- **Co-VPs Fundraising:** Meagan Westgarth, Chana Rosenthal & Allison Schroeder
- **Co-Secretaries:** Dana Crowley & Rachel Kwitman
- **Co-VPs Class Parents & Volunteers:** Blair Hirst & Christina Yan

Review of Budget

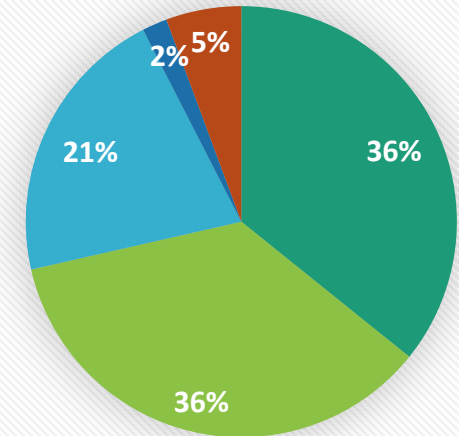
2024/2025 Budget

The PTA helps to close the gap in DOE budget shortfalls by funding critical programs and providing necessary resources within our school community.

Where does our money come from?

<u>Direct Appeal & Fundraising:</u> Individual Donations, Giving Tuesday, Matching Gifts & Grants	\$190,035
<u>Afterschool:</u> Kids Club, Courses, Camps	\$189,390
<u>Fundraising and Community Events:</u> Benefit & Auction, Eat Pie & Shop, Block Party, Super Science Saturday, Rummage Sales, PS29 Cheers	\$111,700
<u>PS29 Merchandise</u>	\$10,000
<u>Carry Over 2023-2024</u>	\$30,000
<u>Total:</u>	\$531,125

Revenue



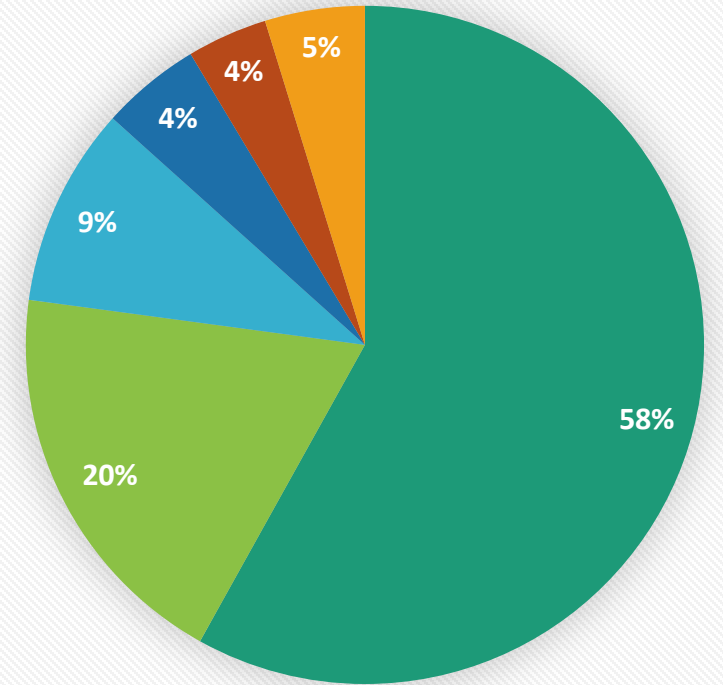
- Direct Appeal Donations & Gifts
- Afterschool
- Community Events & Fundraising
- PS29 Merchandise
- Carry over funds

2024/2025 Budget

Where does our money go?

Program Support: Supplements outside-of-classroom teachers & staff, math coach, substitute teacher coverage for professional development & absences, and art & music programs	\$305,000
Enrichment: <i>Arts, Music & Theater</i> – Freestyle Repertory Theatre (Macbeth & Improv), Fifth Grade Musical, & Ballroom Dancing; <i>Math & Literacy</i> –Author Visits, Chess, Newspaper; <i>PE & Health</i> –Yoga; <i>Science & Garden</i> ; <i>Speakers for Students and Families</i>	\$104,000
Professional Development: Teacher training and on-going education, materials for new curriculum	\$50,000
Supplies: Art, Music, Library & Tech Supplies, Admin Costs, Teacher Meals	\$22,000
PTA Operating Costs: Contract Services, CC Fees, Insurance	\$25,000
Capital Maintenance: AC Units, Water Filtration, Schoolyard Maintenance	\$20,125
Family Support	\$5,000
Total	\$531,125

What we fund



- Program Support
- Enrichment
- Professional Development
- Supplies
- Capital Maintenance
- PTA Operating Costs

Upcoming Fall Events

- Friday, September 20th - **PTA Movie Night**
- Monday, September 23rd – **PTA Event & SLT Committee Fair**
- Thursday, October 24th – **29 Cheers**
- Thursday, October 26th – **D 15 PTA Fun Run**
- Sunday, October 27th - **Rummage Sale**
- Monday, October 28th - **Photo Day**

Principal's Report
Dr. Rebecca Fagin

Construction

Jungle Gym

- There is currently a construction wall surrounding our jungle gym due to a construction job that has not yet begun on the exterior of the house adjacent to our jungle gym. During the summer, the coop of that building learned that there was urgency to repair the facade of their building to ensure that weight-bearing materials were added. Since the construction requires access through our jungle gym as well as construction netting, scaffolding, and a construction wall that adheres to code, our jungle gym is now surrounded by the construction wall. We are working with the DOE liaison, the families who own the building, Dept of Buildings, Landmark, etc. to understand what we can expect regarding safety and timeline for their construction process. We are told that it will take 2 to 4 months. Our hope is that they will be moving through this work swiftly and that a different construction will be erected soon allowing access to most of the jungle gym.

Accessibility Project

- This project is managed by the SCA (School Construction Authority). The external elevator/corridor will be built adjacent to our garden, as well as updates to bathrooms, some classrooms, our auditorium, and so on. We will have an accessible ramp installed at the front of our building as well. This is launching THIS FALL (most likely in November). Most of the visibility of this project that begins in November will be the sidewalk on Henry Street to the left of our entry, and the area adjacent to our garden in the school yard. The project is expected to last 2 to 3 years.

Class Size & Curriculum Updates

After School Report

Marie Isner

Treasurer Report

Budget Snapshot as of Aug-31-2024 (July/August)

NET CONTRIBUTIONS	2024-25			2023-24
	ACTUAL	GOAL	% of GOAL	% of GOAL
Fundraising (direct appeal & merch sales)	\$1.5K	\$201K	1%	0%
Community Events & Activities	-\$1K	\$112K	0%	0%
<i>Movie Night</i>	-\$1K	\$0.5K	-200%	0%
<i>PS29 Cheers</i>	\$0K	\$4K	0%	0%
<i>Rummage Sale</i>	\$0K	\$8K	0%	0%
After School Program (accretive to the budget with assessed parental fees)	\$189K	-\$29K	-15%	-18%

Notable revenue in July - August:

- +\$1.5K in donations
- +\$1K from movie night sponsorship

Notable expenses in July - August:

- \$305K for school support (annual contribution)
- \$14KK for professional development
- \$1.85K for movie night expenses
- \$1.5K for school supplies

Volunteering & Engagement

Overview

- We are streamlining communications around events & improving our volunteer pipeline. Our *goals are to increase the predictability for volunteer recruitment and participation.*

The Simple Structure for Predictable Volunteers

Prioritize advanced planning

- Gather **detailed* volunteer needs 2 months ahead of time**

*detailed volunteers needs (how many and for what) : e.g. 2 volunteers for face painting/clean up

- VP CP will send **email to President & Committee chairs as a reminder at the end of each Board meeting to gather needs**

Activate Class Parents on a consistent schedule

- VP CPs **send volunteer needs to CPs one month before the events***
- We will instruct CPs to **send a reminder for sign ups 2 weeks prior to event**
- We will instruct CPs to regularly **consolidate all communications to Wednesday**

How does this benefit everyone?

Increase structure
& predictability

Reduce confusion
around events

Schoolwide
communications
become invitations
to celebrate event

Open Floor

- What questions do you have? What comments can you share?

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment

Courageous Conversations

- \$6300 for training staff and families in fostering dialogue with our students in school and at home

SLT Elections

Candidates for 2 vacancies

- Luis Capelo
- Paul Jaffre
- Trian Long-Smith
- Damasia Merbilhaa
- Deaglan MacFarland

October PTA Meeting
Thursday, October 17
6:30pm zoom