



Here's Some of the Stuff That's in All Those Emails You Keep Getting.

(We know there are a lot! We are sorry!)

FEBRUARY AND MARCH

DAYS SCHOOL WILL NOT BE OPEN (OR IS ONLY A HALF DAY)

- **CLOSED Feb 19th for President's Day**
- **Early Dismissal on March 28th (@12:45)**
- **CLOSED March 29th – April 5th (Spring Break)**

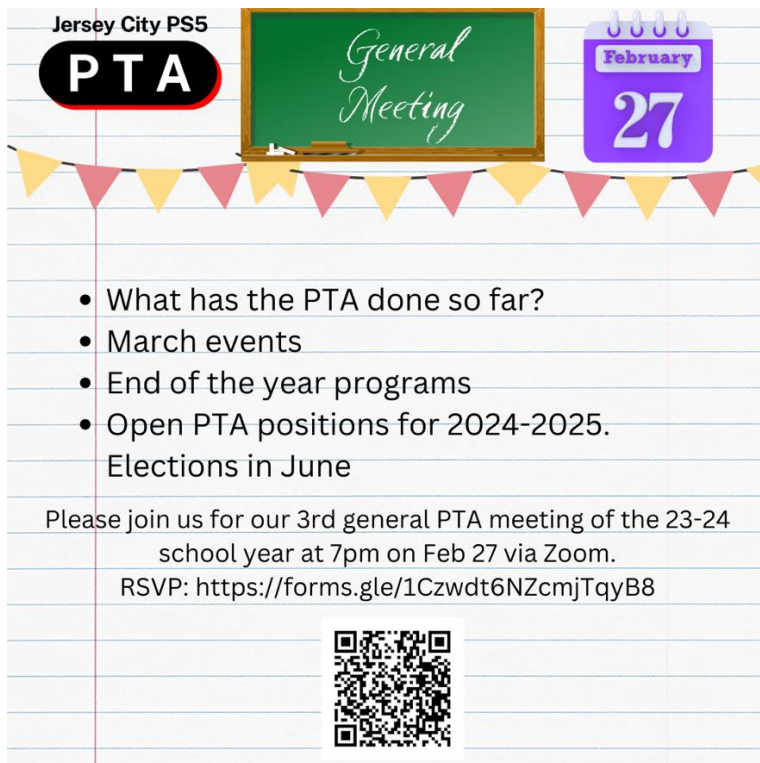
OK, AND THERE'S ONE MORE, WHICH I'M SEPARATING FROM THE OTHERS BECAUSE SCHOOL IS

- **CLOSED April 8th OR April 9th for Eid**
- **But we don't know which one.**
- **So either after Spring Break (ending on the 5th) you either have a long weekend AND the following Monday off (April 8th)**
- **OR you go to school that Monday, but there's no school Tuesday (the 9th)**
- **We'll let you know as soon as we know.**

THERE IS A ZOOM PTA MEETING TOMORROW, FEB 27TH.

Feeling very out of the loop about what's going on in the school and want to ask questions/get involved from the comfort of your own sofa? Join us for the 3rd PTA meeting, 7PM on Tuesday, Feb. 27th. Flyer is below! Please join in and

participate or just silently lurk with your camera turned off while eating a burrito and absorb whatever information you can. (Both options are fine!)



The poster features a green chalkboard with 'General Meeting' written on it, a purple calendar icon for February 27, and a black PTA logo. Below the graphics is a list of topics and a QR code.


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General Meeting

February
27

- What has the PTA done so far?
- March events
- End of the year programs
- Open PTA positions for 2024-2025.
Elections in June

Please join us for our 3rd general PTA meeting of the 23-24 school year at 7pm on Feb 27 via Zoom.
RSVP: <https://forms.gle/1Czwdt6NZcmjTqyB8>



ARE YOU THE PARENT OF A 5TH-8TH GRADER? WE'RE TRYING TO HAVE A SCHOOL DANCE, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Hello! I have made almost all the information in this paragraph a link! [PS5 is hoping to hold a dance for kids in the 5th through 8th grades, but we need your help. The dance would be held in the gym and will be a school event, but not a fundraiser. I know a lot of the kids are really looking forward to the idea of a dance,](#) but we need the adults to make it happen. If you'd be able to help with food, décor, chaperoning, etc, please sign up so we know if this is something we'll be able to pull off. (Thank you.).

FOR ANYONE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR KIDS AND INTERNET SAFETY, THERE'S A PS5 EVENT ON MARCH 7th (FOR KIDS AND PARENTS)

All of our kids have Chromebooks and sometimes access to other technology at home and various parents have various worries about what that means. If you're worried about what your young child might have access to or are worried about the way your older child is using technology, PLEASE join us the evening of March 7th for a serious discussion/question and answer about children and online safety. There will be special guests and food. Sign up using the google doc in the flyer below. You don't have to bring your kids, but it's strongly encouraged.

THE SMART TALK: INTERNET SAFETY FOR BOTH PARENTS AND KIDS.

March 7, 2024 --
Doors at 5:45p, event starts at 6p sharp
PS5 Multipurpose Room



Join us for an informative discussion on how to stay safe online - with special guests, activities, and dinner/refreshments served. RSVP at the link below!



<https://forms.gle/uf6KEJN25CjicQW9A>

STEP RIGHT UP, DO I HEAR \$5? OK! \$5, WONDERFUL, DO I HEAR 10? 10! TO THE LADY IN ORANGE! DO I HEAR 15? YES? \$15? SOLD, TO THE PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN THE PTA ART AUCTION.

Oh yes, we're having an art auction. The auction itself will take place **April 13th**, but student work must be submitted by **Monday, March 25th**. Two-dimensional work only, so apologies to the kid with a 3D self-portrait made from used ketchup packets. All details are included in the image below! Donate some art and buy something awesome. I have never been to an art auction before but I have seen a bunch of them in random 80's movies, so I am very excited for this.



PS5 PTA will be hosting an art auction! We are looking for art work to auction off from our PreK3-8th grade student body

Questions? Contact us at jerseycityps5pta@gmail.com

Call For Art!

DETAILS:

*2D work only. (flat, no sculptures)

*Submitted work must be on paper no larger than 9x12 unless ready to hang.

*Work must be submitted to your home room teacher no later than **Monday, March 25, 2024.**

*Work is for sale, all profits will benefit the PTA. Unsold work will be returned to the artist.

*Please make sure your full name and homeroom number are on the back of your artwork.

* All 2D mediums accepted.

Want to help? We are looking for donations for this event. Please see our Amazon Wishlist

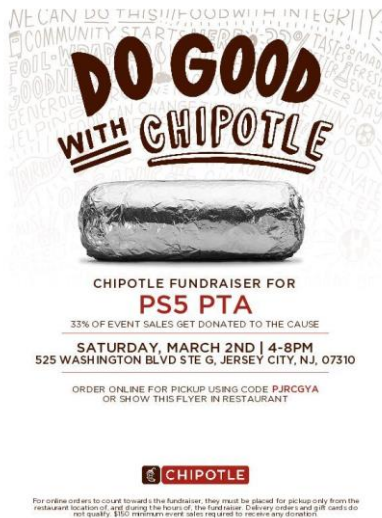
Save the Date:
Art Auction 4/13/24

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO DID THE GRUELING, BACKBREAKING WORK OF RAISING MONEY FOR PS5 BY MEETING AT HEALY'S TAVERN AND HANGING OUT.

It was such a lovely success—we've raised several hundred dollars over the course of two evenings (Healy's donates 10% of sales back to the school) by sitting around at a local Jersey City establishment sans children, venting about life with old (and new) friends. This is literally the most fun way to raise money.

WANT TO RAISE MONEY EATING BURRITOS?

100% not ok that parents get to have all the fundraising fun hanging out at Healy's. If any kids/families want to get together at Chipotle on Saturday, March 2nd and not only have more fun, but possibly raise more money, a whopping 33% of the PS5 sales go toward the school. Do it! Go ahead and outdo the Healy's parents! Let's start a local tavern/Mexican food fundraising rivalry! It can be like West Side Story (not the ending, just the beginning part where they're dancing around taunting each other and snapping.)



WANT TO HELP FUND THE 8TH GRADE TRIP EATING PANCAKES?

So you might be noticing a theme, and that theme is obviously, “We are really devoted to raising money for this school by encouraging people to hang out with friends and eat and drink things, since people are always doing that anyway.” We have amazing volunteers who are trying to put together an 8th grade trip that can be attended by any 8th grader who wants to go. But we need help. Which is why we're hosting a PS5 Pancake breakfast, March 16th from 9 to 11am at PS5. Have you always wanted to eat pancakes in room painted turquoise and bright yellow? NOW IS YOUR CHANCE. LIVE YOUR DREAM! Ok fine, live MY dream! Here is the link to sign up. ([This is it. This is the link to sign up.](#))

As with most fundraisers, we hang out, we eat, we talk. Please hang out with us.

JOIN US FOR A PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Support our 8th Graders and enjoy a delicious Saturday morning with your family. All proceeds go towards the 8th Grade trip. Save the date: **3/16, from 9a-11a in the school cafeteria.** See you there!

\$8 / ticket, ages 3 & under free!
Online ticket sales end 3/14
Limited ticket sales at the door
You're encouraged to bring your own mug for coffee & sippy cup for juice!



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CHECK IN WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT SPERANZA THEATRE PROGRAM

The PTA uses funding to make the Speranza theatre program available to K-1 (whereas it would otherwise be just the older grades). If you have one of those kids who never tells you anything that's happening in school, ask how this specific program is going! Or, in kid-speak, you can say something like, "Hey, so is there a lady named Miss Something who comes to your class and does theatre or speaking exercises with your class," so that your child can respond, "Oh, yes, THAT."

WE HAVE A NEW MUSIC TEACHER!

Claire Tsiporukha is the new PS5 Music Teacher! You can read more about her (and more about a lot of stuff) in the [Conti Chatter school newsletter](#).

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO FUND OUR 8TH GRADE TRIP

Thanks to Ben Torrei for his generous donation of \$2100 toward the 8th grade class trip. It is appreciated. If you'd like to donate and have me write YOUR name here is the link to donate! [Here's the link to donate to the 8th grade trip.](#)

LINKS TO OUR SOCIAL MEDIA SO YOU CAN FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITHOUT HAVING TO LOOK AT YOUR E-MAIL INBOX, BECAUSE WE ALL HATE DOING THAT

For the PTA Facebook page: [CLICK HERE](#)

For the PTA Instagram page: [CLICK HERE](#)

For the PS5 Instagram page, but not the PTA one: [CLICK HERE](#)

That's it. Congrats on almost making it through the entire winter! Let's stick together until whatever that season is when we can stand outside for more than 30 minutes and still feel our hands.

Sincerely,
The PS5 PTA