

Robbins Lane PTA: Agenda February 3, 2025

INCOMING OFFICERS and OFFICERS REMAINING IN SAME OR DIFFERENT POSITION:

Co-Presidents: Carla Mondelli and Dayna Palumbo

Vice Presidents: Melissa Henricks, Janine Odell, Len Pusposuharto, Lori Bothos

Treasurer: Jasmeet Baweja

Recording Secretary: Nelli Rahman

Corresponding Secretary: Nina Grieco

Council Delegates: Joanna Avram, Danielle Krongel, Allyson Shepard Zubli, Jennifer Kombogiannis, Mariam Khwaja, Sabrina Chen, Christina Nawabi Nadi, Svetlana Iosilevich

Meeting called to order at __7:52pm_____

Introduction:

Carla

We hope you and your kids had a blast at our annual Bingo Night! It was a huge success with an amazing turnout, tons of excitement, and so many enthusiastic players (especially those playing with multiple cards!) Thanks for helping make it such a fun and memorable night! Thank you to the volunteers and families who helped make it such a fun event. We're so excited for the Special Person Dance this Friday! Our amazing chairs have been working their boots off to make it a special night for everyone.

Dayna

Another upcoming event is Multicultural Night which will be held on March 27th. Look out for an email to sign up to represent your culture or country. This is one of our biggest events and would love to have as many of our schools diverse cultures on display as possible. If you have any questions please speak to us after the meeting.

Carla

Something new and exciting to get your hands into! We wanted to come up with a fun way for everyone to celebrate Valentine's Day, so after tossing around some chocolate-filled ideas, flower sales, and all that sweet stuff, the board served up a *great* idea...pizza kits!

We're excited to announce a fun family night in, because let's be honest... love is great, but pizza is forever. Each pizza kit includes dough, sauce, cheese, and basil all you need to create a slice of Valentine's magic at home . Order forms are due by February 12th, and pizza kits will be available for pickup after school on Friday, February 13th. It's a fun and delicious way to support our PTA.

Dayna

Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for the executive board to the nominating committee! The committee will continue to meet to finalize their slate. Keep an eye out for an email within the next few weeks. We will vote to adopt their recommendations at the March meeting. Instructions for anyone wishing to run from the floor will also be shared via email.

Additionally, we are looking for volunteers for the Awards Committee, which selects faculty, staff, and parents who have made exceptional contributions to the PTA.

If you have any questions or are interested in any of these positions, we'd love to hear from you

tonight! You're also welcome to speak with us after the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of February 2nd, 2026

Ending checking balance: \$ 69,501.95

Total Cash on hand: \$ 69,501.95

For the month ending January 31st 2026:

Total revenue: \$ 7,250.64

Total expenses: \$2,702.78

Profit of: \$4,547.86

As of January 31st, 2025

Outstanding Checks: \$8,492.59

All balances were reconciled to the bank statements. The books were reviewed and found to be in order by Nina Grieco , Thank you!

CORRESPONDENCE: Nell to read

Dear Robbins Lane PTA,

Please forgive our belated thank you for the wonderful "Welcome Back" breakfast after the New Year. We truly appreciated your thoughtfulness and generosity—it was such a bright, uplifting way to start back after the break. It really made us feel cared for and energized for the days ahead!

Again, we apologize for the delay in saying thank you, but please know how truly appreciative we are of your ongoing support 🙏 .

Best regards,

The Fifth Grade Teachers

Ms. Golini, Ms. Lasker, Ms. McAuley, Mr. Plotkin and Ms. Yu

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Meyers

I recently read that the annual Long Beach Polar Plunge, which usually takes place on Super Bowl morning, was postponed due to the extreme cold. That made me want to take a moment to thank our custodial and maintenance staff for all of their hard work following the snowstorm. They worked closely with the town, managed the street parking restrictions, and successfully reopened many parking spaces. Thanks to their efforts, the school was ready and safe for everyone.

I would also like to highlight the many beautification projects happening throughout the building. The newly painted library looks wonderful, and it is great to see so much painting taking place in classrooms and hallways. The colored stripes, new murals, and updated library furniture have really enhanced our space. Thank you to Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Gallow for their work and support on these projects.

This Friday is Global Play Day at Robbins Lane. Students will spend the day playing, being kids, and enjoying time with their teachers. More information has been shared with families, and we are looking forward to a fun and meaningful day. The PTA has been very supportive, and their help is truly appreciated.

Next week, we will celebrate Valentine's Day parties, as well as our "P.S. I Love You" Day on February 13th. These events always bring a lot of joy to our students.

For our fifth-grade families, letters were sent home last week regarding upcoming field trips and moving-up ceremonies. It is an exciting time of year, and I want to thank the fifth-grade teachers for making this such a fun and memorable year for our students.

Tomorrow will be a quieter day, as third and fifth graders will participate in a district-wide computer-based testing practice (CBT). Please ensure that the Wi-Fi is working properly, as fifth grade in particular has many activities planned.

That is all for now. Stay warm, and thank you to everyone for your continued support.

COMMITTEES:

1st VP - Melissa Henricks

Good evening. I want to extend a big thank you to Jenny Kombogiannis and Hemmy Cho for throwing a fun and successful family bingo night this past month. Despite the freezing cold temperatures outside we had a great turnout for a school night, and the kids of course had a blast. Thank you ladies for making it look so easy when I of course know the tireless effort and hours of planning you put into these events. Thanks to everyone who helped us sell and distribute pizza and drinks and to the 5th grade committee for providing some additional treats. We hope to see everyone again at the next bingo event!

The staff recognition committee has launched a raffle fundraiser with some incredible prizes to raise money to help us honor the teachers and staff that work with our kids everyday. Tickets are \$5 a piece or 5 for \$25. Each ticket is a chance to win some great prizes including an electric scooter, a hoover board, a camp voucher and a night out at the Cove restaurant. Staff recognition week, held in May, is a perfect time to show the staff here at Robbins Lane how much we appreciate them so please purchase your tickets today. We will be selling them tonight after the meeting as well on Friday night at Special Persons Dance. I hope to see everyone there!

Looking ahead, we are planning a parents night out on 5/1 so please save the date. It's a great way to make connections with other parents and enjoy a night out. Tickets and details to follow. That's all from me, have a great night.

2nd VP - Janine Odell

School Store

Thank you Lisa for another amazing month of the school store. The next School store will be Monday 3/2. - PARP related items like bookmarks and more.

Birthday Grams

March is opened so get your orders in

-Arts and Crafts/Games/Fidget/Plush Party

Special Persons Dance - Veronica will talk

-Friday 2/6 from 6:30-8

-\$10 per student includes: DJ, dancing, activities, refreshments, photo opportunities, a door raffle and more!

Arts and Ed

We have some fun programs coming in next month.

-2nd grade Mad Science

-Storyteller for all grades

Talent Show - Stefanie will talk

Friday April 17th

Look out for the sign up

Scholarship Fund - Sabrina will Talk

-HS Theater production - Footloose - looking for ads

-Playa Bowl First Wednesday of every month.

3RD VP - Len Pusposuharto

1.) Syosset Council of PTAs School and Community Committee will be running a fundraising drive for Jericho Cares, collecting toiletries for families in need throughout the month of February. There will be a yellow box in the RL lobby where donations can be dropped off by students. Thank you Joanna for attending the meeting and helping to set up the donation box.

2.) Thank you Jenny for attending the Election and Budget Meeting. This is the Annual District Election and Budget Vote. Be an educated voter! Join the district's Budget Information Sessions!!

All district budget sessions will be livestreamed.

Monday Feb 9: District Budget Information Session #1

8:00pm at South Woods Middle School

Monday March 9: District Budget Information Session #2

8:00pm at South Woods Middle School

Monday April 20: District Budget Information Session #3

8:00pm at South Woods Middle School

Monday May 11: District Budget Hearing

8:00pm at South Woods Middle School

Tuesday May 19: Annual District and Election Budget Vote 6:00am-9:00pm.

I have a copy of the flier here if anyone wants to take a look at it.

3.) PARP kicks off March 2-6, 2026. This year's theme is "Paws-itively Wild About Reading." Thank you to my chairs: Nelli, Lulu, and Mengti for all their hard work so far as we plan this event. We will be sending out the welcome letter later this month. I will let Nelli talk more about this.

4.) Multicultural Night is coming on Friday March 27, 2026 6pm to 8pm ! This is a night where we will be celebrating the richness of diversity! Get ready for a night of vibrant colors, delicious foods from around the world, and incredible performances! Pre sale tickets will be \$7 per person and \$25 for a family, which includes 2 adults and 4 kids of the same family. Everyone will need a ticket for entry. Tickets will be higher priced at the door. You can purchase tickets on Givebacks or in person after this meeting. This is a great event for our school and one of our

biggest event. We had over 500 people in attendance last year and 13 countries represented. Sign up is out now for country interest. Please help spread the word to help us recruit new to countries join us. I have a flier here if anyone wants to take a look. Thank you so much to my chairs Sabrina and Harveen for their help in planning this event.

5.) Cultural Unity: The Cultural Unity Committee is excited to invite students to take part in our Celebration of Culture Showcase, happening on April 27, 2026 at HBT Middle School. Students are encouraged to submit a piece of literature, artwork, digital art, photography, or a dance or music composition that reflects one or more of the following questions: What does culture mean to you? How is culture celebrated in your home? What has culture taught you?

Submissions will be organized by grade level: K–2, Grades 3–5, Middle School and High School. All student entries will be proudly displayed at the showcase, and every participating student will receive a small token of appreciation for their contribution.

The submission deadline is Friday, March 13, 2026. Parents can Scan the QR code or submit online. I have a flier here if you want to take a look after the meeting. Please note that all digital submissions must be uploaded at the time of registration. All other submissions will be collected at a later date by your school representative and displayed at the Celebration of Culture Showcase. For additional information or questions, please contact [Mariam Khwaja](#).

4TH VP - Lori Bothos

5th Grade Committee

We recently held our 5th Grade Dave & Buster's Spirit Night on January 29th, and it was a huge success. The event was open to all Robbins Lane families, and it was wonderful to see the kids spending time together—playing games, sharing dinner, and just enjoying being with friends and family. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the 5th Grade, and a special thank-you to Karrie Wang for all of her hard work in putting this fantastic night together.

You can continue to support the 5th Grade by shopping through the Raise Right App or purchasing e-gift cards.

If we have any 5th Grade parents here tonight, please remember that yearbook packets are now officially overdue.

Just a few quick yearbook reminders:

- Boosters are available for \$5 each
- Scrapbook pages are available for \$35
- All items are designed, purchased, and paid for directly through the yearbook website
A link was sent to all 5th Grade families—please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

And a heartfelt thank-you to Len and Jeanne for all of their hard work and dedication to the yearbook.

Book Fair

Please be sure to save the date for our Spring Book Fair on March 19th. More details will be

shared as we get closer.

Recreation Nights

Our 2nd Grade Recreation Night took place on January 23rd, and we'd like to thank Lindsey and Jesse Streitman for chairing a wonderful event.

Our 4th Grade Recreation Night is scheduled for February 27th—please be on the lookout for the signup link in the weekly emails.

Recreation Nights are a cherished tradition at Robbins Lane. During these evenings, we've also been selling special treats to support the 5th Grade, priced between \$2–\$3, and we truly appreciate everyone who has supported these efforts.

Reflections Program

I'm very proud to share that we had 14 Reflections submissions, with 5 entries advancing to Nassau County. Our winners will be celebrated at the district-wide Reflections Ceremony on February 9th, and they will also be recognized at our March PTA meeting, which will be held at 10:00 AM on March 4th.

Communications Conference

The Syosset Council of PTAs Communications Conference Committee meets with district administrators throughout the year to discuss important topics. Each school's delegates submit questions on behalf of their community. The committee will meet again in the spring, so if you have any questions you'd like us to bring forward, please feel free to share them with me.

Carla

Dayna and I would like to wish everyone a very happy Winter Break! We hope you enjoy some well-deserved rest, fun, and time together. With how *freezing* it's been, we're definitely dreaming of warmer days ahead! See you all at the special persons dance on Friday! Cowboy hats welcome!

OLD BUSINESS: Is there any other old business?

NEW BUSINESS: Is there any new business?

Important February and March Dates:

"Dough Much Love" Pizza Kit Fundraiser: Feb 2 - 12, pizza pick-up 2/13

Special Persons Dance: This Friday, Feb 6th @ 630pm - 8pm

100th day of School: Feb 12

P.S. I Love You: Feb 13

No School: Feb 16 - 20

Lunar New Year: Feb 17

4th Grade Rec Night: Feb 27

March PTA meeting: March 4
PARP Week: March 2- 6
Book Fair: March 19
Multicultural Night: March 27

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14pm

