

**Hybrid - PS 31 PTA Meeting - Friday, October 11, 2024 8:20AM - 9:20AM**  
**Meeting Agenda/Notes**

**PTA Executive Board Members Present**

Francoise Olivas, CO-President

Amy Yip-Ng , Treasurer

Kayla Santos-Cobo , CO-Secretary

Natalie Gabriel, Board Member

**School Update - Principal Scarlato**

- The award ceremony for P.S. 31, honoring it as America's Best School with NCUST, was a great success. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who played a part in making this event happen.
- Green Team - We received a total of 70 applications.
- Book Nook - There were 35 applicants, with interviews scheduled for next week.
- Chess Club - A volunteer will start conducting sessions for Kindergarten students in class during the second week of November.
- Community Service/Food Drive - Students will take the initiative to organize and stock the pantry independently.
- St. Jude Cards for the Holidays - Students will create winter holiday cards for patients.
- Students will also be responsible for decorating the 94th precinct.
- The Halloween Party at the 94th Precinct is set for October 30, 2024.

**A Word from Miss Kara (Parent Coordinator)**

- For 5th Grade parents, applications for middle school were initially expected to open on November 9, 2024. However, due to technical difficulties with the website, they will not open as planned next week.
- Field trips for 5th graders will be held at M.S. 126 and M.S. 577.
- Fall Fun - The theme for "The Great Pumpkin of P.S. 31" is "All that Glitters." Submissions are due by November 25, 2024. Please email a photo and the name of your pumpkin. The winner will be announced on Halloween.
- A Back to School Wellness workshop is scheduled for October 24 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM.
- Days Off - No school on November 1, 5, 7, 11, 28, and 29.
- Note that November 7 is a newly announced day off, now a full day instead of a half day.

**Motion to Approve September Meeting Notes**

The notes from the September meeting have been approved.

- First Motion: Magda Sadiq
- Second Motion: Cindy Sink

**Budget Review & Finances - Amy Yip-NG, Treasurer**

- Last month's financial report is available on the website.
- The Pledge Drive has reached \$17,000 so far, including matching donations from corporations.

**Pledge Drive - Francoise Olivas, CO-President**

- The Pledge Drive has been extended through October
- Our target for the Pledge Drive is \$60,000.
- The PTA will have a table set up outside next week.

**Fall Fest - Kayla Santos-Cobo, CO-Secretary**

- Fall Fest will take place on October 27th from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.
- Please sign up on ParentSquare if you'd like to volunteer for this event.
- An Amazon Wish List has been created for Fall Fest; we kindly ask that donations be sent to the school.
- The PTA will be making a Costco run—if you wish to contribute, please send funds via Venmo.

**Picture Day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29th - Miss Kara.**

- Retakes will occur on December 12th.

**Coin Drive - Francoise Olivas, CO-President**

- The Coin Drive has been postponed until the Spring.

**Charleston Wrap - Natalie Gabriel, Board Member**

- Charleston Wrap sales will begin in November and will be distributed through backpacks.

**NYC Marathon Bake Sale on November 3rd at Starhawk Design - Francoise Olivas, CO-President.**

- Please volunteer to bake for this event via ParentSquare.

**Q & A**

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**Kayla Santos-Cobo & Heather Milburn, Co-Secretaries**

