

**4/18/24**

## **Community Meeting Minutes**

### **Principal's update, Ms. Joanna**

- Spring break runs Monday-the following Tuesday, April 22-30; classes resume at 100% Wednesday May 1st
- A BIG THANK YOU to all Spring Gala & Auction organizers, volunteers and attendees for making it a great success!
- Next year's budget:
  - Projected number of registered students, on which the budget is based, are artificially low and inaccurate; Ms. Joanna continues to dispute these numbers with the central budget office to restore funding
  - The Annual Fund more important than ever given continued budget cuts
- Testing:
  - Computer based testing is coming down the pike for state testing for 4th and 5th grade next year; this years testing went smoothly, was easier than paper tests and students seemed comfortable with it
  - NYS math test is in May and 5th graders also take NYS science test (new test this year)
  - Testing is used to uncover trends
- Looking forward to Spring Fling

### **Parent coordinator update, Nadia**

- Another shout out to all participants of the Spring Gala
- School survey deadline was extended to April 19th - participation is on the low side; instructions in Wednesday weekly
- Grade picnics schedules and info will be released in the next *Wednesday Weekly*
- Lots of updates and events are coming after spring break

### **After school update, Kelly**

- Big yard gate will be open for pickup for 1st grade-5th; Prek and K continue to pick up at front door
- As of May 1st there will be no more switching of programs
- May 3rd Friday track will be open to second graders and be held in the park
- Pack an extra layer for younger kids
- End of year schedule for any program performances will come out in May
- Pamela will be away over spring break and will respond after the break

### **Auction, Grace**

- Preliminary numbers show that we hit our fundraising goal

### **Annual Fund**

- We are stuck at 70% of our fundraising goal
- The annual fund provides direct support to many programs and necessities that the budget does not cover, so please give what you can - every gift makes a difference!

### **Community Outreach**

- Looking for a new committee co-lead for next year
- Will be participating and raising funds during Brooklyn half marathon

### **AAPI Heritage Month, Sowoon**

- All children and families encouraged to participate
- New posters will be made and places around school inspired by AAPI student ideas; May 3rd will assemble posters together
- Japanese consulate members will host a special event at school May 3-5th
- Please reach out to Sowoon if you'd like to help: [sowoon@gmail.com](mailto:sowoon@gmail.com)

### **Special Education Cmt, Christine**

- Committee will host a meeting with council member Shahan Hanif on Wed May 8th at 1pm to discuss student needs and ways to improve special education
  - Will discuss "Small Class Size" bill and how it will be implemented in district 15
  - Budget cuts from mayors office will impact special education programs
  - How to support any issues around neurodivergence and differences in schools
- May 9th at 7pm Jessica Saunders, special ed coordinator, will discuss helping your kids over the summer months (i.e. self regulation)

### **Auction update, Audrey**

- Auction was a success! Thank you to all the coordinators, volunteers, those who donated and all who participated!
- Time with Teacher raffle winners released yesterday - see Konstella message from Alyse

### **Art Day, Sarah Barattie**

- Saturday May 18th noon-3
- Looking for a new co-chair for next year
- New workshops this year, including musical theatre workshop; the committee would love another 4-5 workshop leaders
- Calling for general volunteers for the day, reach out to Sarah

### **Events update, Gemma**

- Cyclones baseball game is May 5th; 320 tickets have been purchased so far; there is still time to buy tickets
- WNBA New York Liberty tickets on sale for June 22nd game
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 6-10th volunteer sign up is live; please volunteer and donate if you can

- Spring Movie Night May 10th will feature *Trolls Band Together*; tickets go on sale after spring break
- Parents Night out Dram shop bar May 3rd and 4th grade May 8

**Spring Fling, Betsy**

- Wednesday June 5th, 6:30-9pm
- Tickets on sale thru Konstella
- Fan favorite *Rhythm of the Night* DJ is returning