



# PS 24 Queens Email Blast

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## Parent Involvement & The PTA

Every New York City public school is required by the New York State Education Law §2590-h and the New York City Department of Education's Chancellor's Regulation A-660 to have a PA or PTA, and all parents of children in a school are automatically eligible as members.

### Why Join the PTA?

The number one reason to join the Parent Teacher Association is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. There are many advantages:

- \* **Get Connected.** It's a great way to know what's happening in your school.
- \* **Tap into a Network.** PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, build rapport and discuss issues that are on your mind. You can share ideas, concerns and experiences.
- \* **Watch Yourself Grow.** By volunteering with our PTA, you put your skills and hobbies to use for a noble cause—your child and all children in the community.
- \* **Witness Improvement.** By getting involved at your child's school, you can take part in making positive changes. PTAs play an important role in fundraising for curriculum based programs and social events.
- \* **See Measurable Results.** More than 85 research studies conducted over the past 30 years prove that kids do better when parents are involved.



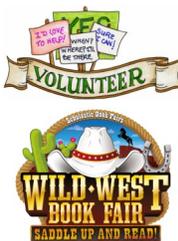
**Involved parents** understand the challenges schools face and become part of the solution. When schools and parents develop a close relationship, student achievement improves and the school develops a positive reputation in the community.

PTA sponsored **PICTURE DAY** was the first fundraiser for our PTA. In addition to receiving photo memories of your children, you are also supporting your PTA. PTAs are self-funding and the entire school's parent community is invited to join the PTA. PTA contribution letters will be going out shortly to all our families; this is a small token to show the commitment our families have for a strong PTA. Mandatory financial reports are generated by the PTA and are kept



on file in the Main Office.

Every month, a PTA general meeting is held in the evenings, except January and February (they are held in the mornings). The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 26th, beginning at 6:30pm. Each PTA meeting is packed with Title I updates and important information to share with all members.



Next week, the PTA will be hosting the **Wild West Scholastic Book Fair** on Tuesday, October 24 through October 26. Volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up and sales assist; so if you are able to lend a little of your time, please contact the PTA via the Main Office, or you may ask to speak with Ms. Ana or Ms. Mon.

PS 24 is a great school because—together—we make good things happen!

## Movie Night—Captain Underpants

*PS 24 families sharing special moments.*



Enjoying some time with our children doesn't have to be fancy, so long as we do it together. Movie Night was sold out very quickly, which tells us that you want to do things as a family, right?

Let us know what other events would interest your family. Together, let's make it happen.



PS 24's First Family Movie Night!



Watching **Captain Underpants** with Chips and Beverage In Hand



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## IT'S ELEMENTARY! Start Your Child's Journey in NYC Public Schools

### NYC Elementary School Admissions

Elementary education prepares your child for success in school and life. Start your child's journey in NYC public schools by

participating in three elementary school admissions processes: Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Gifted & Talented. Parents are encouraged to explore schools and kindergarten programs and search for your zoned school. Most NYC families have a zoned school, this means they live in an area zoned for a specific school and their children have priority to attend it.

**Kindergarten Admissions:** Children born in the year 2013; application process begins November 28, 2017 and ends January 12, 2018.

**Pre-Kindergarten Registration:** Children born in the year 2014; enrollment period to be determined.

**Gifted & Talented:** Children born in 2013, 2012, 2011 and 2010. Interested families must submit a "Request for Testing" form by November 13, 2017.

Throughout October, the Office of Student Enrollment is hosting Elementary School admissions events for families. In one night, families can attend presentations and ask questions about Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Gifted & Talented Admissions.

**District 25's event is coming up!** Please refer to the flyers (available in English, Spanish and Chinese) that are attached to this Email Blast.



**Date:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017  
**Time:** 5:30–7:30pm  
**Location:** I.S. 025 Adrien Block, 34-65 192nd Street, Queens, NY 11358

**For Elementary Admissions Overview, you may go online to:**  
<http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Elementary/default.htm>

Kindergarten and G&T directories are available by the PS 24Q Main Entrance and Main Office.



### A Family Activity to Share—Recycled Haunted Houses

Recycle and reuse old newspaper and milk cartons by turning them into a spooky ghost town.

What you'll need: empty cardboard milk cartons, newspaper, cardstock or watercolor paper, pens, markers or paint of your choice, glue stick, craft glue, candy, tape.

To Make it: Thoroughly rinse and dry milk cartons, and then cover cartons with newspaper. Once the newspaper is glued on, paint windows and doors onto cardstock and attach them to the front of the milk cartons – you can add as much detail as you like. For an extra surprise, fill the cartons with treats and let your kids break into them after **Halloween**. Make a whole village, and display on your dining table as a great Halloween centerpiece!