

## General PTA Meeting (Online) – March 20, 2024

- Call to Order - 6:05pm
- President's Report - Pamela Vasquez (President)
  - Fiesta Recap
    - Resounding success and so much fun!
    - A lot of staff and teachers came!
    - Thanks to Liz Katz, Shayna Phetsarath, Shirley Rodriguez, Mary Essig, Maria Jaramillo, Jessamyn Lee and Jessica Moskowitz
    - Also thank you to parents who came to set up and break down
    - Winning items will be available tomorrow after dropoff. Contact PTA to make other arrangements. Reach out to teachers for teacher experiences
    - Liz Katz (Vice President)
      - Thank you to parents who got donations for us or gave from their business
      - We do have a bunch of items that need to be picked up. Please try to work with us so we aren't schlepping stuff
      - Thank you to parent liaisons for reaching out and getting classpass donations
  - Upcoming elections
    - All positions are available. We will go over the roles at the next meeting. You can also find them on the website
    - Shanya Phetsarath (Vice President)
      - We want to broaden our base. We want some new parents especially from younger grades.
      - Please join us on 4/3 @ 8:30am for a Coffee Chat with the PTA . . . .
        - Learn more about the positions and PTA initiatives
    - Nominating Committee
      - Thank you to Kyung Jeon, Jeff Allen, Danielle Holley and Paloma Velez for stepping up and taking on this responsibility
      - We are seeking candidates for next year. Sign up on the [Google Form](#).
      - Nominations will be announced in the April PTA meeting (in person)
      - Voting will be at the May PTA meeting (online)
  - Upcoming Events
    - 3/18 -3/22, 8:30am - Welcome Week
    - 3/20, 9-10am - Cafecito w/Ms Rodriguez
    - 3/22, 6pm - School Musical, "Willy Wonka Jr"

- Big shoutout to the music department and parents that helped with the show and costumes
  - 3/25 - Summer Rising Application Deadline
    - Contact Dinayomi Fernandez if you need help with applications
  - 3/27, @12pm - Dual Language Workshop
  - 3/28, @6pm - Good Eats with Dinayomi Fernandez
  - 3/29-4/1 - NO SCHOOL (Easter Weekend)
  - 4/2-4/5 - Scholastic Book Fair
  - 4/5, 5-7pm - International Night
    - First International Night since Covid!
    - Free evening event for the whole PS 84 community
    - Share your cuisines, attire, music etc from your heritage/culture
    - Sign up is on Bloomz
    - Tasting event - not dinner. If you make food you don't have to make enough to feed 500 people!
  - 4/5 - NYC School Survey Due
    - Dinayomi Fernandez (Parent Coordinator)
      - We have 263 surveys completed (40%)
      - We really need more responses
      - Make sure to put F in front of OSIS number when filling it out
  - 4/10 - NO SCHOOL (Eid al-Fitr)
  - 4/15 - Art Family Night
    - If you know of any artists that may want to host please reach out
    - We will provide the supplies
  - 4/19, 8:30-10am - Artstravaganza
    - 8:30-9:15am - Art activities in the classroom
    - 9:15-10:00am - Art exhibition
  - 5/7 - Taco Tuesday
    - Dance tutor will be teaching us to salsa/merengue etc
- Dinayomi Fernandez (Parent Teacher Coordinator)
  - Hosting a cooking class online: Good Eats With . . .
    - Flan will be the first dish!
  - Ms Rodriguez says thank you for coming to Cafecito
  - Lunch and Supervisor lists for recess will be posted tomorrow so parents know who they need to reach out to if there's an incident
  - Smile NY will be onsite (3/27, 3/28, 4/11, 4/12)
    - If you signed up in previous years, your child will automatically see the dentist. You have to call to opt out
  - State Testing is coming up. Will post the dates soon
- Treasurer's Report & Budget Overview – Jessamyn Lee (Treasurer)
 

Previous Balance as of 2/25/24:	\$111,172.03
Income between 2/25/24 - 3/19/24:	\$50,415.26

Expenses between 2/25/24 - 3/19/24:	\$40,968.75
Current Balance as of 2/25/24:	\$120,618.54

- Q&A
  - What grades are taking the state tests?
    - Grades 3 - 8
    - Grades 5 - 8 will take the test on computer
- Approval of Minutes from 2-28-24
- 6:32pm Meeting Adjourned



**JOIN THE TEAM!**

**PTA BOARD NOMINATIONS**

ALL BOARD POSITIONS WILL BE UP FOR ELECTIONS.

**President  
/Co-Presidents**

**Vice President  
/Co-Vice Presidents**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Corresponding  
Secretary**

**General  
Board**

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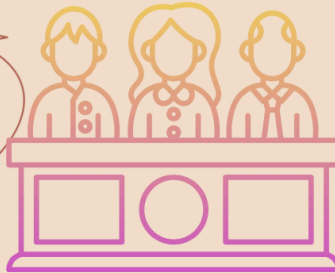
## Coffee Chat with the PTA



April 3  
8:30am

Join us for an informal PTA Coffee Chat! Dive into executive board roles and discover PTA initiatives. Grab a cup of coffee and let's chat together! Location TBD.

## Nominating Committee



The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to fill PS 84 PTA Executive Board & General Board Positions for the 2024-2025 School Year.

**Please let us know you're interested in serving or nominate someone you know!**

Nominations will be announced at the April PTA General Meeting.

Voting will be conducted at the May PTA General Meeting.

[CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE](#)





**Willy Wonka Jr Musical**

Presented by  
PS84 Jose de Diego

PS84 Auditorium  
Friday, March 22nd 6:00pm



**APPLY TO SUMMER RISING by MARCH 25, 2024.**

There is still opportunity for families to apply for a high-quality summer program where NYC students can learn, play, and explore for FREE with Summer Rising! Apply by March 25th at [myschools.nyc](https://myschools.nyc). Please contact Ms Fernandez if you need help with application.



# PS 84 International Night



Join us as we celebrate our rich and diverse school community! Our cultural differences are among our greatest strengths. All are invited to celebrate the many cultures that make up our PS 84 family at the 8th Annual International Night! Please join us at this potluck event! This is an opportunity to share food, art, and traditions of your family's heritage with our community.



## 2024 NYC School Surveys

Families, please complete your NYC School Survey

You have three options for completion:

- Click on [www.nycschools.org/survey](https://www.nycschools.org/survey) using your child's OSIS number. Download, fill out, and print the "Thank you" screen at the end and show the Formative.
- Through a direct link in your Blue Book City School account.
- Filling out the paper form. (Forms sent in the envelope provided).

**YOUR CHILD WILL RECEIVE:**

E.S.	Parent, you will also get a raffle ticket for one of four \$100 raffle bags.
M.S.	0-1 to PS
J.S.	0-2
M.I.T. CARD	0-5
	0-8

The information captured by the survey is designed to support a dialogue among all members of the school community about how to make the school a better place to learn.

Please take a few minutes to complete the NYC School Survey. If you have more than one student then a survey is to be submitted for each student separately. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please enter a lowercase f followed by your student's OSIS number-for example, f123456789. This will ensure that you are taking the correct survey. Here is the website: [www.nycschoolssurvey.org](http://www.nycschoolssurvey.org)





# Artstravaganza



**ART**  
**TRAVAGANZA**

Friday, April 19, 2024  
viernes 19 de abril de 2024

**8:30** Doors open  
Puertas abren

**8:30-9:15**  
Art activities in the classroom  
Actividades de arte en las clases

**9:15-10:00**  
Art exhibition  
Exhibición de arte



GOOD EATS WITH...  
COMER BIEN CON...

*Learn to make Flan*  
*Apreda hacer Flan*

PS 84 Virtual Cooking Series  
Serie de Cocina Virtual PSS4  
Register [here](#)  
Regístrese [aquí](#)



Date	Source	Income	Expense	Description
2/25/2024	Previous Balance	\$111,172.03		
Income				
	Direct Donations	\$5,135.00		recurring & one-time donations - visit <a href="http://www.ps84k.org">www.ps84k.org</a> to enroll!
	PS 84 Merch	\$177.00		Store84 Spirit Wear
	Fiesta Auction Sales	\$41,093.26		Gross Auction Sales
	Fiesta Ticket Sales	\$4,010.00		Fiesta 84 Diamonds & Denim
3/19/2024	Total Income	\$50,415.26		
Expenses				
	Marquis Studio		-\$18,230.00	Circus Arts (1st grade), African Drumming (2nd & 6th grade) Residencies
	Williamsburg Opera House		-\$11,200.00	Fiesta Venue Rental
	Staples		-\$499.77	Fiesta Printed Materials
	Amazon		-\$343.01	Fiesta Decor Supplies
	A-1 Party Rental		-\$1,138.34	Fiesta Furniture Rental
	New Image Dance Floor		-\$2,000.00	Fiesta Dance Floor Rental
	Auctria		-\$25.00	Fiesta - mobile bidding texting credits
	NextDayFlyers		-\$197.24	Printing - International Night postcards
	Sazon Perez		-\$465.00	Support & Networking Breakfast for Asylee Families
	CrossFire Sound		-\$4,656.00	School Musical Lighting Rental
	Store84		-\$80.00	School Musical Costumes & Supplies
	Amazon		-\$788.57	School Musical Costumes & Supplies
	DropBox		-\$11.99	PTA File Storage
	Paypal Fees		-\$2.98	Processing Fees
	Venmo Fees		-\$11.02	Processing Fees
	Stripe Fees		-\$1,319.83	Processing Fees
3/19/2024	Total Expenses		-\$40,968.75	
3/19/2024	Current Balance	\$120,618.54		

3/19/2024



#### General PTA Meeting (In Person) – February 28, 2024

- Call to Order - 9:14am
- President's Report - Pamela Vasquez (President)
  - Winter Festival
    - Thank you to everyone who came out and to all our volunteers!
    - Made almost \$5k
  - Events
    - 3/1 - 3-K and Pre-K applications due
    - 3/7 - Parent Teacher Conferences and a half day of school
    - 3/9 (7-11pm) - Fiesta84
  - Elections
    - Nominating committee
      - We need 3-5 members
      - Help solicit candidates and manage the elections
      - Just a couple of hours of time needed from volunteers
    - Next meeting we will form the committee
    - You can not be running for a position
    - Open positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and 6 General Board seats
- Dinayomi Fernandez (Parent Teacher Coordinator)
  - International Night is Back!
    - Brought to you by the SLT
    - In April (date TBA)
    - Potluck in cafeteria
      - We ask families to contribute a dish from their country
    - We play music from other countries
    - You can dress in traditional clothing
    - We will also set up activities or crafts related students' cultures
  - School Survey
    - Deadline 4/5/24
    - School gets rated based on participation rate
      - We only received completed surveys from 59% of the school community last year. We really need to surpass that
      - Currently at 29.5% which is great as it just opened
    - Incentives Raffle (Reach out to Dina to be entered)
      - Grades K-5: "no homework pass"

- Grades 6-8: “no uniform pass”
  - Parents: swag bag
- Good Eats With . . .
  - Every last Thursday of the month, 6pm
  - Cook a simple dish on Zoom with Dina
  - First item: flan
- Watercolor Medication (date TBA)
  - On Zoom with Dina
- Hands on CPR with Fire Department class is in the works
- Dual Language Seminars for Parents
  - 2nd Grade: Mar 6, 2024 6:45 PM
  - K & 1st Grade: Mar 13, 2024 6:45 PM
- Fiesta84 - Liz Katz (Vice President)
  - March 9th, 7-11pm, @Williamsburg Opera House (on Berry St, right near school)
  - Theme is **Diamonds and Denim**
  - Biggest fundraiser of the year
  - Party for adults only. Drinks and free food
  - Online auction
  - Want to raise \$50-70k. Funds go to residencies, sheet music, greenhouse maintenance etc. Basically everything extra
  - Need auction items:
    - Artwork, purses, hotel stays, AirBnBs, tickets to shows, beauty products, restaurant gift cards etc
    - Need as many as possible. Please email PTA if you get a donation
    - If you aren't able to come, the auction is all online so you can still participate. Send it to Grandparents or family and friends. Anyone can come, bid or donate
    - Tickets will be sold at the door for anyone outside of school who would like to come. Is 21 and over. \$55 pp or \$100 per couple. But easier on the website
    - Welcome Drink: Blue Diamond
- CEC - Marissa Manzanaras (General Board)
  - 2/29, 4-6pm @ PS 250 - Celebrating BLack Lives Matter event
- Treasurer's Report & Budget Overview – Jessamyn Lee (Treasurer)
 

Previous Balance as of 1/15/24:	\$93,956.06
Income between 1/15/24 - 2/25/24:	\$24,631.68
Expenses between 1/15/24 - 2/25/24:	\$7,415.71
Current Balance as of 2/25/24:	\$111,172.03

  - Expenses
    - Mostly Winter Fest and Fiesta84. We will be donating money to upgrade the audio system in auditorium

- School play is *Willy Wonka Junior* on 3/22, 6-7pm. We will be contributing funds. Free but they do ask for donations

- Q&A
  - Chess Club?
    - 4th grade and up. You have to show interest. The kids have to want to do it. they didn't give signs up forms to the kids who didn't want it
    - Club is run by a teacher who is volunteering their time
  - What is **Jr Lighthouse**?
    - Younger part of student government. 4th and 5th grade. Kids vote for the positions
    - **Little Lights** is for younger grades. Teachers nominate 2-3 kids per class
    - Kids need to talk to teachers if they want to do it
    - They meet weekly
- Approval of Minutes from 1-17-24
- 9:56am Meeting Adjourned