



## PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

October 2017

Dear PS 98 Families,

It has been such a pleasure meeting all our new families and welcoming back our returning families. We wish everyone a wonderful start to the 2017-2018 School Year!

We are officially kicking off the ***PTA Membership Drive***. As a parent or guardian at PS 98 you are automatically a member of the PTA. Your contributions to the membership drive directly support curriculum and enrichment programs that our children receive through the year.

The PTA relies on the generous donations of its families in order to provide and continue offering the following programs:

- **Ashcan Art Studio** – artistic instructional program aligned for each grade with the PS 98 S.T.E.A.M. curriculum. Grades 3/4/5 will receive 14 sessions @60 minutes each in the Fall Semester and Grades K/1/2 will receive the same instruction in the Spring Semester  
(Cost: \$25,000.00)
- **Alley Pond Environmental Center (APEC)** – a year round program where staff of APEC will both host our students at APEC site and come to PS 98 to deliver the instructional program that compliments and enhances the current science curriculum.  
(Cost: \$7,200.00)
- **Midori and Friends** – diverse cultural workshops with music and/or dance overseen by Mr. Adams (Cost: 3,000.00)
- **Enrichment Programs** – a variety of presentations and interactive workshops conducted by outside vendors/experts that will be brought to the school so all grade levels will participate in the topic/material being addressed. (Cost: \$3,000)
- **PTA Expenses** – the amount needed for general operating expenses (Cost \$4,000.00)

This **Membership Drive** suggests a contribution amount of **\$150 per student**. This amount was reached by dividing the PTA Budget by the number of students, and if paid by all the amount would fulfill the programming as listed above.

**\*\*Please Note:** All contributions are completely voluntary & **ANY AMOUNT** is welcomed. We offer **various payment plans** through [www.schoolpay.com](http://www.schoolpay.com) and are willing to accept payments in any amount by check through your child's backpack. We are especially aware that for those families with more than one child, the suggested contribution may seem unrealistic but know that a contribution of even a small sum works to keep the above programming.

### **SPECIAL BONUS**

**All families who submit their membership contribution by DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> will receive 1lb of fresh local coffee from Eldorado Coffee Roasters.**

**Let's reach our Goal Together ☺**

Please contact us ([contact@ps98pta.com](mailto:contact@ps98pta.com)) if there is an event or service, you think the PTA can offer or extend to parents. We are always open to everyone's input and value your opinion and your time. There are many ways to contribute and support in the PTA and we welcome it. Every little bit helps:

- Monthly PTA meetings. All Date Found on <http://www.ps98pta.com/events/>
- Provide input as we make decisions about future programming: <http://www.ps98pta.com/contact-us>
- Volunteer, share a skill / talent OR propose an out-of-the-box idea !!
- Collect and submit Box Tops for Education. Check out their website [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)
- Sign up and register for Shop Rite's For My School: [www.shopriteformyschool.com](http://www.shopriteformyschool.com)
- Sign up for Stop & Shop's A+ School Rewards: <http://stopandshop.com/aplus/register-card/> (Note: school ID # is 08792 P.S. 98 The Douglaston school).

If you have not been receiving our PTA emails, please submit your preferred email address to [WebMaster@ps98pta.com](mailto:WebMaster@ps98pta.com).

Thank you for your continued support and participation. We appreciate your involvement as we work with one another in enriching the PS 98 school year!

With Warm Regards and Appreciation,  
The PS 98 PTA Executive Board

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Please send back to school

\* PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **PS 98 PTA** and mark envelopes "Membership Drive"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution Amount:     \$300                 \$200                 \$150                 \$100                 \$75                 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle or enter amount above

It is the unity of our parent community that sets this school apart

MANY THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

IN SHAPING THE WONDERFUL PS 98 FAMILY!!

## School Pay Instructions + Information

The PS98 PTA is trailblazing and ahead of the game as we uniquely use the SchoolPay system. This system allows parents to make online electronic payments. As a result of this distinction from other District 26 schools, there are a few steps to take in order to use this option.

\*Please Note: Both Kindergarten and Newly Enrolled students in PS98 have not yet been uploaded into the system. As a result, if you are experiencing trouble please email [Treasurer@ps98pta.com](mailto:Treasurer@ps98pta.com)

### STEP – BY – STEP GUIDE

1. Log onto [www.SchoolPay.com](http://www.SchoolPay.com)
2. Click button icon “Create an Account”
3. At this point, you will then be asked to enter your name, address, email, etc
4. Select the tab that says "Independent School"
5. Please Note\* ... if you choose the Public School tab
  - A) You will have great difficulty finding PS98 and if you happen to be successful
  - B) You will probably NOT find your child and will become very frustrated
6. **Make sure** you chose the tab "Independent School" and your experience will be successful.
7. You will be asked to enter either your child’s full name
8. You will then receive an email to generate your password

If you are still having problems please contact The School Pay Support Team directly at 1-888-886-9729 or [support@schoolpay.com](mailto:support@schoolpay.com) from 6am-6pm EST Monday-Friday.

Thank you,

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