

PS 98 PTA
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PS 98 PTA Membership Drive

Mission Statement

The PS 98 PTA strives to support and advocate for our children by partnering with staff, families, and the wider community to create a safe and healthy learning environment where students can excel and feel confident in themselves.



Welcome PS 98 Families!

We'd like to welcome you all to another wonderful year at PS 98! Whether you are new to the school or a returning family, we look forward to many exciting experiences for everyone to share. PS 98 is an extremely special school with an incredibly involved parent population, a richly diverse student demographic with caring, devoted teachers and staff who our children will remember for many years to come.

What really makes PS 98 the unique school that it is - is our size. At nearly 300 students we have finally hit our mark of having two full classes per grade. Being part of such a small Public School in New York City's #1 district with such a culturally rich community is enviable! The unfortunate flip side to our small size is funding. Because schools are funded according to enrollment numbers, our DOE budget is very small. We receive NO FEDERAL MONEY and are not eligible for a great majority of the grants given to larger schools.

Programs that are paid for by the DOE at larger schools sadly become the responsibility of the PTA to fund. As an answer to our crippling budgetary constraints, and as a testament of our commitment to our children's education, the PS 98 PTA and our entire school community work tirelessly together to raise the money necessary to pay for integral parts of our children's education. We the parents strive to provide our children with an enrichment program that is an essential complement to their Next Generation Learning Standard curriculum (formerly known as the Common Core curriculum). We have previously raised up to \$65,000 and will continue to keep this the standard to reach beyond.

Through your generous donations, the PS 98 PTA is able to fund exciting programs for students and families this year, including:

- Midori and Friends Music Program
- Full-time Art Teacher
- Providing funds for school supplies & Teacher Appreciation
- Enrichment Programs
- Science Exploration & Transportation for Field Trips

Important Key Factors

None of this would be possible without the support of our generous PS 98 families! Last year, through the Membership Appeal Campaign, we were able to raise over \$20,455. Our goal this year is to reach \$25,000, but even more importantly, we want to increase our participation percentage – our goal is for 100% of families to contribute **ANY AMOUNT.**

Become a PS 98 Donor!

The PS 98 Membership Appeal is an extremely important part of our fundraising efforts. We hope that you consider making a donation to your PTA, as it is the easiest and most important thing a family can do to join us in our commitment to excellence. We are asking for your family to give a *personally meaningful donation* by becoming a PS 98 Donor today. Every contribution, *no matter the amount*, will be acknowledged, appreciated and honored. Based on our current budget, if you divide it by the number of children enrolled for the 2018-2019 year, you will find that we will need roughly \$150 per child to be able to follow through with all of our Enrichment Programming. Due to the tremendous fundraising efforts of previous years, we believe we can cut that number down to **\$100 per child** and still be equally successful.

To Donate:

Complete the form below. Make your check payable to: **PS 98 PTA.**

Place them together in an envelope with your **child’s name and class** marked **Membership Appeal.**

Return in child’s backpack.

Parent/Family Name: _____

Child: _____

Class: _____

Child: _____

Class: _____

Child: _____

Class: _____

Please either circle a donation amount or fill in your own:

\$50 \$75 \$100 \$150 \$200 \$_____

\$_____ (5) installments \$_____ (10) installments

We can only hope that all of our efforts make a lasting and significant difference in our children’s education. 100% of these donations will go to providing our children the excellence in education that they deserve!

Thank you so much for participating!

“Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me.”
-Fred Rogers