

## WELCOME TO THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR AT PS 196!

As a parent, guardian or a caregiver of a current student at PS 196, you are automatically a Parents Association (PA) member. All are encouraged to attend PA meetings and get involved!

There are many committees and activities that thrive on parental involvement to be successful. Your participation can help make our school even more amazing!

Please reach out to us at:  
[info@pa196.org](mailto:info@pa196.org)

By checking our website you can get access to all latest events and activities.

## PA MEETINGS 2017-2018

Mark your Calendars!

**SEPTEMBER 19 @7:00 PM\***

**OCTOBER 17**

**NOVEMBER 21**

**DECEMBER 12**

**JANUARY 16**

**FEBRUARY 27**

**MARCH 20**

**APRIL 17**

**MAY 15**

**JUNE 19**

PA Meetings are at 7:30 PM, in the cafeteria, immediately following the monthly Star Student Awards. Snacks are provided.

Our Kids Night Out Program (Soccer Friends) also provides babysitting in the gym while you attend the meeting. A great night out for both parents and their children.

## YOUR PA BOARD

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## COMMUNICATION

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# PS 196

# PARENTS ASSOCIATION GUIDE

# 2017-2018

[www.pa196.org](http://www.pa196.org)

## WELLNESS COUNCIL

Dedicated to helping the School with a Heart be the School with a Healthy Heart too. Our school won a NYC Excellence in School Wellness Platinum Award last year and we hope to do so again this year!

### WHAT TO EXPECT THIS YEAR:

#### OUR GARDEN

Have you seen our amazing garden? Check it out on the side of school along 72nd Ave. Students, teachers and PS 196 families work together to plant and nurture vegetables, herbs and flowering plants.

#### FAMILY FITNESS FUN DAYS

About once a month, on a Saturday or Sunday, kids can bring their family to the gym to exercise, followed by a brunch. Activities to include Zumba, Yoga, and more.

## OUR PS 196 COMMUNITY

### OUR PS 196 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We have a wonderful and enriching After School Program, Monday - Friday.

Check it Out!

Single day options are also available  
Holidays - For most holidays, we have full day programs packed with fun activities.  
Classroom Celebrations for Birthdays are very popular.

For more information,  
[www.afterschoolps196.com](http://www.afterschoolps196.com)

Any questions, please contact Maria Romero at [afterschoolps196@gmail.com](mailto:afterschoolps196@gmail.com)

### CLASS PARENTS

Class parents help coordinate communication between the teachers, parents and the PA. They plan classroom celebrations and inform parents of all school events. Class Parents also collect funds for class gifts and donations. Class parents are expected to attend all PA meetings.

## 2017-2018 EVENTS

Mark your calendar! Here are some of the great events we have coming this year:

PICTURE DAY September  
BMX ANTI -BULLYING ASSEMBLY October  
HALLOWEEN PARTY October  
ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE November  
AUTHOR VISITS November/December  
VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE February  
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR March  
PROJECT ART RESIDENCIES March - May  
MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE May  
INTERNATIONAL NIGHT May  
LASER LIGHT SHOW June  
CARNIVAL/FIELD DAY June  
RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS  
SPOTLIGHT MAGAZINE

Lots more to come....

Any ideas- please contact the PA.

# PS 196 PARENTS

### HEALTHY SNACKING

Sharing recipes and ideas for healthy class parties and snacks.

### COMPASSIONATE COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

This parenting workshop will offer parents/caregivers tools to better communicate with their children, for more harmony!

### EAT A RAINBOW WEEK

A school program that encourages kids to try/eat more colorful fruits and vegetables, and explains nutritional benefits. Includes dressing up in a different color of the rainbow every day.

### RISING NEW YORK RUNNERS

Through this NY Road Runners club program, the gym teachers work with our students to set goals to run/walk a certain distance over the course of the year. The children find it motivating and rewarding!

# ASSOCIATION

### THE FIFTH GRADE COMMITTEE

The Fifth Grade Committee organizes events for our Graduating Class. If your child is in 5th grade please get involved to help make this year their best year yet!

### TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY AND LUNCHEON

We are so proud of, and thankful for, our teachers and we let them know it! Each year we plan a special luncheon in June to show our appreciation.

### CLASS TRIP T-SHIRTS

Don't forget to order your PS 196 class trip T-Shirts for all class trips. Safety is important to our school! T-shirts can be purchased thru the PA at [www.pa196.org/tripshirts.html](http://www.pa196.org/tripshirts.html).

### SLT -SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

The SLT is comprised of parents, teachers & administration. The SLT meets monthly to assist in the evaluation and assessment of educational programs and their effects on student achievement. The SLT is responsible for developing our school's Comprehensive Educational Plan. SLT members are elected and serve 2 year terms. Recaps of SLT meetings are shared at our monthly PA meetings

# WELCOMES YOU

## FUNDRAISING

As a school community we hold fundraising activities throughout the year to help support such activities as our project art residencies, wellness programs, author visits, dances, and all of the latest technology for our children.

Our PS 196 families are asked to contribute, when able, to support PA sponsored events and our school. No donation is too large or too small, and all are very gratefully appreciated. Information will be sent home in September. You can donate online at [pa196.org/annualappeal.html](http://pa196.org/annualappeal.html)

### SCHOOL PAK SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Enjoy your summer and let someone else take care of collecting all start-of-school supplies, while supporting PS 196 at the same time. Details will be sent towards the end of the year on how to order and pay through School Pak and have everything delivered to your home!