

Greetings from the Children's Workshop School PTA Executive Board for the 12/13 School Year!

Welcome families, new and returning. The main function of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is fundraising. All of you are members of the PTA and you are strongly encouraged to volunteer your time and talents to enrich the education of our children. The PTA raises money to pay for wonderful programs such as Bent on Learning yoga, Turtle Bay Music, the CWS Band, Alvin Ailey and Ballet Hispanico. Other PTA budget items include class trips, computers, Smart Boards, and maintenance of our beloved Library. Last year's budget amounted to about \$600 per child. Visit our website for more information:

www.childrensworkshopschool.org.

Please mark your calendars now for the following PTA events to be held at the school:

- **Monday 10 September at 8:40 on Tar Beach: New Family Meet and Greet Breakfast**--come meet the PTA Executive Board.
- **Weds 19 September at 6pm (location TBA): Committee Information and First PTA Meeting of the Year** - come meet the various committee chairs (no children please).
- **Saturday 13 October daytime in the schoolyard: Harvest Celebration**--fun for the whole family! We are reviving this tradition of a multicultural harvest festival (rain date 14 October) in honor of CWS's 20th anniversary (and Maria's 20th year as principal).

Following are ways you and your family can contribute to the PTA's fundraising efforts:

High Level of Commitment:

-**PTA Executive Board member:** if you have the time and dedication, please join the PTA leadership

-**Chair (or co-chair) a committee or fundraising event:** Check online and come on September 19th to hear about our various committees and events -- e.g., grant-writing, technology, nutrition, garden and more -- or start a new one!

Medium Level of Commitment:

-**Class parent:** coordinate communications between teachers and parents.

-**Serve on a Committee or help out at an event:** For those who want to help but do not want to be in charge.

-**Library or Office Volunteer:** Help Dorothy maintain the library's collection; help Joyce with late passes or light office work

-**Contribute to and help set up/sell at Coffee And...:** every Friday morning parents donate food and/or their time to our version of a bake sale.

Low Level of Commitment:

-**Attend PTA meetings:** held once a month; childcare provided at evening meetings (except for 19 Sept)

-**Attend and support all fundraising events:** not only do you contribute to our school community by attending, but all events are a guaranteed great time—bring friends and family!

-**Contribute to and/or help out at fundraising events:** solicit auction items for Schoolapalooza (restaurant gift certificates, etc); run a booth at the Arts and Science Fair; make jewelry for sale at the Holiday Craft Fair

-**Make a financial tax-deductible contribution:** Our paypal link is at www.childrensworkshopschool.org -you can even set up an automatic monthly contribution.

-**Ask family, friends, employers who want to increase their charitable tax deductions to contribute to CWS:** many employers will match your contribution--find out if your employer will do so.

Thank you--we look forward to seeing you on 10 September and/or 19 September!