



# PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION



Dear A. Fantis Families,

As we count down to a well-deserved winter break, it's hard to believe we're already nearing the **100th day of school**. While it may be freezing outside, things are heating up behind the scenes. As our students stay busy in the classroom, the PTO has officially shifted gears toward spring, with **Gala planning** in full swing, and continue to support the events and initiatives that bring our community together.

And speaking of staying cozy, there's a good chance you've been munching on popcorn lately! Thanks to your amazing support, the 5th edition of our popcorn fundraiser was another huge success. We're truly grateful for all the ways you show up, big and small, and we're excited for what's ahead.

We hope the upcoming break brings your family some well-earned rest, warmth, and time together.

Warmly,

Your PTO Board

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**Save the Dates**

**Wed, Feb 11:** Early Dismissal; no Beyond the Bell or After School Clubs

- Thu, Feb 12:** Goya (G7-12) [Tsiknopempti Dinner](#), 6pm
  - Fri, Feb 13:** 100th Day of School
  - Mon-Feb 16 - Fri, Feb 20:** Winter Recess, No School; [Break Camp available](#)
  - Thu, Feb 26:** G5-8 International Day & Geography Bee
  - Fri, Feb 27:** [PTO G6-8 Laser Tag Event](#), 6-8pm
  - Sat, Feb 28:** [Youth Iconography Workshop, 12-2pm](#)
  - Sun, Mar 1:** Sunday of Orthodoxy: G4 & G6 Presentation
  - Wed, Mar 6:** [PTO G3-5 Bouldering Event](#), 6-8pm
  - Sat, Mar 8:** Ladies Philoptochos Luncheon, 12:30-4:30pm; [reserve your spot](#)
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### New Falcons T-Shirt

Have you spotted the **new Falcon design** in our revamped **1st Place Spirit Gear store**? It's available in kids' sizes, unisex cuts, and women's fit, with the option of white or navy. We can't decide which one we like best! There are other designs too, so be sure to take a look.

The store is running a Buy More, Save More sale through this Sunday, February 15:

- Save 15% when you buy 2 items
- Save 20% when you buy 3 items
- Save 25% when you buy 4 items
- Free shipping on orders over \$75

Use code **SPIRIT766** at checkout to unlock your discount and show off your Fantis spirit in style! Every purchase helps fund PTO initiatives that support our Fantis community.

[Check Out Fantis Gear In the 1st Place Spirit Store](#)

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## Help Us Build an Unforgettable Fantis Gala

Planning for the A. Fantis Gala on **Saturday, May 2** is well underway and, while we've already begun securing some great auction items, **we need your help to make it truly spectacular**. The heart of this fundraiser is the auction, and the more creative, local, and exciting the offerings, the bigger the impact we can make together.

We're looking for donations of **gift cards, experiences, tickets, services, or unique items** from the community's favorite restaurants, gyms, salons, museums, camps, and entertainment venues, to statement pieces, NYC-only experiences, or even something special connected to your own work or talents. Know a business owner? Have a favorite spot? A quick ask can go a long way.

We're also seeking event sponsors, with options starting as low as \$10 for alumni and scaling up to larger sponsorships that include gala tickets and recognition at the event and on our auction site. Sponsorships are a powerful way to support meaningful upgrades to our school spaces, as all gala proceeds benefit the Facilities Fund.

This event truly *takes a village*, and every connection, donation, or introduction helps us get there. Thank you for helping make this year's gala one to remember.

[\*\*Auction Item Donation Form\*\*](#)

## Gala Sponsorship Information & Donation Letter

If you have questions or ideas, we'd love to hear from you! Find us at drop off/pick up or reach out at [pto@afantis.org](mailto:pto@afantis.org).

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### **Fantis Night at the Cyclones – Interest Survey Now Open!**

We're gearing up for a potential **A. Fantis Night at the Brooklyn Cyclones game on Friday, May 29th**, and we need your help to make it happen! Please take a quick moment to complete our interest survey by Tue, Feb 24 so we can reserve group tickets and secure the best seats for our families.

Each \$25 ticket includes:

- A \$5 food or merchandise credit
- A free Cyclones hat
- A Fantis scoreboard shoutout
- And a whole lot of school spirit and family fun!

[\*\*Complete the Cyclones Game Interest Survey Here By Tue, Feb 24\*\*](#)

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**G3-5 Bouldering Night - RSVP By Feb 11**

Grades 3 to 5 have an exciting evening ahead, and you have until tomorrow (**Wed, Feb 11**) to confirm that your kid will be there!

The PTO is hosting a **Bouldering Night at The Bouldering Project on Friday, March 6, at 6pm**. This is a **drop-off event** exclusively for G3–G5 students but we need two chaperones - please [contact us](#) to volunteer. The early RSVP is due to the venue's policy: no late registration will be accepted. Tickets are \$35 per student and include private instruction, all gear needed, and plenty of opportunities to climb, connect, and make lasting memories with friends.

**Event Details:**

- **When?** Fri, Mar 6, at 6-8pm
- **Where?** The Bouldering Project at 575 Degraw St
- **How much?** \$35 per G3-5 student; no siblings
- **What does the ticket include?** 2 hours of climbing, gear, and private instruction. Food is not provided; families are encouraged to grab a snack before or after the event.
- **Is this a drop-off event?** Yes! Two chaperones are required, though. [Sign up here](#)
- **RSVP Deadline:** Wed, Feb 11

[\*\*Purchase Tickets for G3-5 Bouldering Here\*\*](#)

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## G6-8 Laser Tag Event - RSVP By Feb 13

Middle schoolers are invited for a laser tag night organized by the PTO at **Area 53 Dumbo** on **Friday, February 27, at 6-8pm**. To join the fun, you must sign up your kid **by this Fri, Feb 13**.

This high-energy event includes 2 hours of laser tag, pizza, and a \$15 arcade card. Thanks to the Core Values T-shirt fundraiser, the PTO is covering \$18 per student, bringing your cost down to \$35. It's the perfect way for our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to unwind, connect, and make lasting memories together.

### Event Details:

- **When?** Fri, Feb 27, at 6-8pm
- **Where?** Area 53 Dumbo at 53 Bridge St
- **How much?** \$35 per G6-8 student (PTO is covering the additional \$18)
- **What does the ticket include?** 2 hours of laser tag, pizza, and a \$15 arcade card
- **Is this a drop-off event?** Yes! Two chaperones are required, though. [Sign up here](#)
- **RSVP Deadline:** Fri, Feb 13

[Purchase Tickets for G6-8 Laser Tag Here](#)

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## Ladies Philoptochos Luncheon

The **Ladies Philoptochos Spring Luncheon** returns on **Sunday, March 8**, and the Fantis community is warmly invited to join this beloved annual tradition. The luncheon will take place from 12:30-4:30pm at Hamilton Loft (120 Hamilton Ave, Brooklyn) and promises an afternoon filled with fellowship, generosity, and community spirit, plus exciting raffle and Chinese auction prizes.

Tickets are \$100 (\$90 with advance purchase by March 1). Discounted tickets are available for seniors 70+ and children 12 & under at \$83 (\$75 by March 1).

[Reserve Your Spot at the Spring Luncheon Here](#)

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## Save the Date: Next PTO Meeting Is In Person on March 27

We're excited to host the **next PTO meeting in person** at the school on **Friday, March 27 at 8am**. Join us right before the K-2 Science Fair for updates, conversation, and a chance to connect face-to-face with fellow Fantis parents. Rather than holding separate March and April meetings via Zoom, we'll be gathering together on March 27. All Fantis parents are welcome, whether you're a regular or joining for the first time. We'd love to see you there!

### February PTO Meeting Notes

If you missed the last meeting and are looking to catch up on the latest, the notes from our February PTO meeting are available [here](#).

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## Support Fantis with RaiseRight

With **RaiseRight**, every gift card you buy - whether it's for morning coffee, weekly groceries, or last-minute items - earns money for A. Fantis. It's the easiest way to support our teachers and students without additional cost.

There are 750+ participating brands, including Target, Sephora, American Express, and Hilton. View the full brand list [here!](#)

Setting it up takes just a minute:

- 1) Visit [RaiseRight.com/Enroll](#)
- 2) Enter the code **6KPJTVYVYN9X** to link to **A. Fantis**
- 3) Download the app and start shopping!

**Tip:** Use RaiseRight gift cards when buying items from teacher wish lists or classroom economy supplies - you'll give back twice in one purchase!

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## More Ways to Shop, Save & Support Fantis

Did you know you can **save money AND support A. Fantis at the same time?** Our yearlong fundraisers make it easy: shop for exclusive discounts, and a portion of every purchase goes right back to our school programs.

- **1st Place Spirit Gear:** Show off your school pride. Our [1st Place Spirit Gear](#) is now always available, and every order helps fund PTO initiatives.
  - **Mabel's Labels:** Durable name labels for gear and clothes. Search our school at [www.mabelslabels.com](http://www.mabelslabels.com) and save on replacing lost items. 20% of all purchases support the PTO.
  - **Minted:** Get 20% off cards, gifts & more with code FUNDRAISEAFANTIS while Fantis earns 10% back! Go to [www.minted.com](http://www.minted.com).
  - **Squadlocker:** Show off your school pride. Our [Squadlocker](#) Spirit gear is always available, and every order helps fund PTO initiatives.
  - **Shoott:** Use [our special link](#) to book your photo session, and a portion of the proceeds will come back to A. Fantis.
  - **Box Top\$:** Buy the brands you already love and earn \$5 for A. Fantis. Learn how to earn using this [link](#) and browse all participating brands [here](#).
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## In Case You Missed It

To be in the know, keep an eye on our emails, Bloomz posts (including albums), and the **PTO Corner** in the *This Week at Fantis* weekly newsletter for updates and opportunities to get involved. You can lend a hand at events or share your ideas and [talents](#). Stay up to date through the [School Calendar](#) and the [PTO Linktree](#), and reach us anytime at [pto@afantis.org](mailto:pto@afantis.org).



**Popcorn Fundraiser** - Our Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser was a huge success, raising **\$18,205 in sales and \$9,102.50 for the PTO!** Congratulations to 4th Grade who took the top spot, followed by 3rd grade and PreK-3. Check out the photo of G4's priceless reaction when the winners were announced.

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