



PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION



Dear A. Fantis Families,

As we welcome January and the start of a new year, we're grateful to begin it together with the same wonderful families, students, and teachers who make our school such a special community. The new year is a time for fresh beginnings, renewed energy, and continued connection, and there's no better way to start than to be surrounded by familiar faces and shared traditions. We look forward to another year of learning, culture, and community, and we're excited to continue working alongside all of you to support our school.

You know that there are always opportunities to get involved, whether by lending a hand at events or sharing your ideas and [talents](#). You can stay up to date through the [School Calendar](#) and the [PTO Linktree](#), and connect with us at any time at pto@afantis.org

Happy New Year to our A. Fantis family!

Warmly,

Your PTO Board

 **Save the Dates** 

- ☐ **Sun, Jan 18:** [Ladies Philoptochos Vasilopita Luncheon](#)
- ☐ **Mon, Jan 19:** No School, MLK Day

- ☐ **Mon, Jan 19 - Fri, Jan 23:** [PTO Popcorn Fundraiser](#)
- ☐ **Sat, Jan 24:** [Goya \(G7-12\) Bowling Outing, 5pm](#)
- ☐ **Sun, Jan 25:** [Youth "Get to Know my Church" Scavenger Hunt](#)
- ☐ **Wed, Jan 28:** No School for PK3, K-8
- ☐ **Mon, Feb 2:** Makeup Picture Day
- ☐ **Wed, Feb 4:** PTO Monthly Zoom Meeting, 8:30pm
- ☐ **Thu, Feb 5:** K-8 Greek Spelling Bee, World Greek Language Day
- ☐ **Sat, Feb 7:** [Apokriatiko Glendi](#), 6pm
- ☐ **Wed, Feb 11:** Early Dismissal; no Beyond the Bell or After School Clubs
- ☐ **Thu, Feb 12:** Goya (G7-12) Tsiknopempti Dinner - more info to come
- ☐ **Fri, Feb 13:** 100th Day of School; Dress in Pink Fundraiser
- ☐ **Mon-Feb 16 - Fri, Feb 20:** Winter Recess, No School

Popcorn Fundraiser: Every Kernel Counts!

The most anticipated competition of the year is on! What started as just four sizzling days has now expanded with a presale, giving those weekend warriors the chance to get in on the action! The popcorn's popping, the pressure's rising, and the competition's heating up! Each class is battling it out to raise funds for future PTO initiatives, and every kernel counts. Will the Class of '30 (this year's 4th grade) hold onto their championship streak for the *fifth* year in a row, or will another grade finally *pop* to the top?

Here's what's at stake:

-  **1st Place:** \$500
-  **2nd Place:** \$250
-  **3rd Place:** \$100

NEW this year: There's a [Staff Store!](#) This special option allows staff to participate in the fundraiser without having to choose a single class.

All popcorn orders are made through **Double Good** and shipped anywhere in the US, so family and friends near or far can join the fun. Yes, that means it's time for your kid(s) to record a cute video inviting everyone they know to shop from their class store. Half of each purchase (minus shipping fees) benefits this fundraiser. Prefer to give without the snack? You can also order popcorn as a donation through the "Donate Joy" option, with no shipping fees.

Each winning class will decide how to spend their prize. Maybe pizza lunch? An ice cream party? A field trip? Grades 7 and 8 can put their winnings toward the Greece Trip, while faculty & staff can use theirs for a lunch, outing, pantry restock, or swag.

Sales continue up to **8am on Friday, Jan 23** when winners will be announced during the school morning assembly.

[Check the Popcorn Stores Here](#)



Rock Climbing Night For G3-5

The PTO is excited to host a **G3-5 Rock Climbing Night** at **The Bouldering Project** on **Friday, March 6, at 6pm!** If this seems too far out, it's due to the venue's RSVP policy. No last-minute tickets will be allowed, so secure a spot now!

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
- **Is this a drop-off event?** Yes! Two chaperones are required, though. [Any takers?](#)
- **Food:** Not provided; families are encouraged to grab a snack before or after the event.
- **RSVP Deadline:** Feb 11

Don't let your kid(s) miss the chance to climb, connect, and make memories with classmates.

[Purchase Tickets for G3-5 Rock Climbing Here](#)

Events For Middle School and Preschool

The PTO is planning some exciting upcoming events, and we need your feedback to finalize details!

Grades 6-8: Area 53 Dumbo

Middle Schoolers are invited to a night of fun at **Area 53 Dumbo** on **Friday, February 27**. The outing includes 2 hours of laser tag, 2 slices of pizza, and a \$15 arcade card for a total cost of \$54 per student. We will be able to partially offset the cost using the funds raised from the Core Values T-Shirt fundraiser. Your responses will help determine the discount amount and the event time.

[Click here to complete the G6-8 Interest Survey by Fri, Jan 16](#)

PreK-UPK: Spring Event

Spring is around the corner, and it's the perfect time to plan a special get-together for our preschoolers and their families! We'd love to hear from you - which day of the week works best for you and your child(ren)? Would you prefer a fun park playdate off campus or a cozy event on campus? Your feedback will help us create a memorable and convenient experience for everyone!

[Click here to complete the PreK-UPK Interest Survey by Fri, Jan 23](#)

Thank you for helping us make every event special for our students! As a reminder, K-2 had a wonderful book reading event back in October.

Celebrate Spring With the Ladies Philoptochos Luncheon



The Fantis community is all invited to the **Ladies Philoptochos Spring Luncheon** on Sunday, March 8, from 12:30-4:30pm at Hamilton Loft (120 Hamilton Ave, Brooklyn). As it is tradition, it will be an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and philanthropy, featuring fantastic raffle and Chinese auction prizes. Tickets are \$100 (\$90 if purchased by Mar 1), with seniors 70+ and children 12 & under tickets for \$83 (\$75 by Mar 1).

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

Book The BabySitter: Fantis Gala Confirmed for May 2

Mark your calendars for our annual **Fantis Gala**, happening **Friday, May 2**. As always, it will be an unforgettable evening of community, celebration, support for our school - and a buzzing dance floor! The venue details will be announced soon, but planning is already underway, and we'd love your help.

We're currently forming both the **Gala Committee** and the **Auction Committee**. If you enjoy planning or would like to help connect with local businesses, this is a great way to get involved! Proceeds from the event will directly benefit the Facilities Fund, supporting improvements that enhance our students' learning environment.

You can also contribute by [donating goods, services, experiences, or gift cards](#) to the auction, or by reaching out to your favorite local partners who might want to participate.

Here's the [Auction Item form](#) and the [Gala Donation Letter](#)



Lost & Found Is Calling Your Kid's Name

The Lost & Found shelves in the gym now look much neater! Big thanks to **Louise** for sorting through a huge pile of clothes and to **Ms. Jen** for helping dozens of labeled items make their way back to their owners!

If your child is missing something, stop by the gym. All unlabeled items are awaiting claim. A few non-uniform pieces have been donated to Goodwill, so please check soon before the rest are gone.

Pro Tip: Label everything with [Mabel's Labels](#) or [Minted](#) (see below on how to support Fantis while shopping), and those missing fleeces and water bottles will find their way home in no time!

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.

- **Mabel's Labels:** Durable name labels for gear and clothes. Search our school at 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.
- **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](#).

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 **6KPJTVVYN9X** 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!

In Case You Missed It

Here are some of the PTO initiatives from the past month! Look out for our emails, Bloomz posts (including albums), and the **PTO Corner** in the *This Week at Fantis* weekly newsletter for the latest updates and opportunities to get involved.

January PTO Zoom Meeting - Thank you to all who joined last night's PTO Meeting! We covered updates on ongoing initiatives, upcoming events, and new opportunities to get involved. You can read the full [January PTO Meeting notes](#) here.

Holiday Fund - A big thank you to all the families who donated to the Faculty, Staff & BtB Holiday Fund. We raised 17,885 and all went directly to the teachers & staff!

K-8 Christmas Show Best Seat Auction - This Best Seat auction was yet another success, with parents fighting for closer views of the amazing Nativity Scene and singing students until the last minute. Thanks everyone!

50/50 Rudolph Raffle - The last raffle of the year raised \$985, with the winner cashing \$492.50. Congrats Brian Chebli, and thanks to all who played!

Holiday Party - The PTO sponsored \$3,600 towards the faculty & staff holiday party. It was a night to remember!
