



PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION



Dear A. Fantis Families,

Hope you're having a glorious summer. We're thrilled to kick off a brand-new school year with you. If you're joining our school community for the first time, welcome! As your newly elected PTO board, we're here to support students, teachers, and YOU - the families who make our school so special. This year, our theme is "**Building Community.**" That means more connection, more collaboration, and more fun - together.

Since we won't be able to meet most of you in person until September, we wanted to quickly introduce you to your new PTO Executive Board. We are 11 moms with children in grades PK3-4th grades with a wide range of experience and lots of motivation to make the year lots of fun and full of community building activities. Want to learn more or have some ideas we can add to the mix, email us: pto@afantis.org



The New PTO Board: (from top left) Maria Lopez, Val Dixon, Vikki Rozakis, Michele Chebli, Lauren Akinmusuru, Donna Chibbaro, Melissa de Andrade, Emily Clifford, Hetal May, Lori Riviere and Lauren Geer.

Here's what you need to know to start strong:

Used Uniform Summer Sale This Thursday

Don't miss the PTO's **Used Uniform Summer Sale** on **Thursday, July 10, from 3-6 PM** in the **A. Fantis Gym**! It's a great chance to stock up on school essentials at budget-friendly prices: **blazers are just \$10**, and you can **fill a bag for only \$20** (bring your own bag!). **Cash is preferred**, and quantities are limited, so come early for the best selection. See you there!



Mark Your Calendar: Lands' End Sale Starts July 12

It's never too early to start getting ready for the new school year, especially when it means savings! From **July 12 to 18**, [Lands' End](#) is offering **30% off** school uniforms - the perfect time to stock up on staples and beat the back-to-school rush. Whether your kiddo needs a size up or a full refresh, this sale is a great way to save while getting ahead. We are having a back-to-school gently used uniform sale at the beginning of the year too.



More Ways to Save Money

Looking for simple ways to save *and* give back? Our yearlong fundraisers do both! Enjoy **exclusive discounts and deals**, with a portion of your purchase going straight to support school programs.

Here's how to start saving:

- **Mabel's Labels:** Durable name labels for gear and clothes, with 25% off select school combo packs until July 31. Search our school at www.mabelslabels.com and save on replacing lost items.
 - **Minted:** Get 20% off cards, gifts & more with code FUNDRAISEAFANTIS - we earn 10% back! Go to www.minted.com.
 - **Squadlocker:** Love our [Squadlocker](#) Spirit gear? The collection is still available and a portion of the total sales will continue to support the PTO initiatives.
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In Case You Missed It: Fantis and the New York Liberty

September 9 is the New York Liberty's final home game of the regular season and **our kids have the chance to be courtside High-Fivers** as the team takes the court... if we start planning now!

Please fill out this quick [interest survey](#), so we can reserve tickets and lock in our spots for the court side pregame! Summer flies by, and so could this opportunity!



Join the Fun: Be a Class Parent!

Looking for a meaningful way to get involved? Becoming a **class parent** is a great way to stay connected, support your child's teacher, and help bring families together. Whether you're helping with communication or more, your role makes a significant difference in building a warm and welcoming classroom community. Interested?

[Sign up to be a Class Parent!](#)



PTA Dues: Why They Matter

As part of your tuition, **PTO dues are already covered**, and they make a big difference! These funds help offset the cost of gifts, community events, and supplies that make the school year fun and memorable for **students, faculty, staff, and families** alike. Thanks to your support, we're able to kick off the year with beloved events like **First Day of School Fun, the Welcome Back Social, and Pastries with Parents** across all grades. None of this would be possible without PTO dues - thank you!

As parents, your PTO dues automatically make you members of the PTO. We warmly invite you to **get involved, attend events, and join our meetings** throughout the year. We're excited to host more in-person gatherings and, based on your feedback, we've adjusted the day and time of our monthly Zoom meetings.

 **Save the Date:**

First PTO Meeting of the Year

 Wednesday, October 1st

 8:30 PM

 Via Zoom



Presenting the PTO Linktree & School Calendar

Looking to stay organized this year? We've got you covered! The brand new **PTO Linktree** is your one-stop hub for everything - from donation pages to spirit gear to discounts and surveys. It's updated regularly, so be sure to **bookmark it** and check back often! And for those already planning ahead, get a sneak peek at key dates, events, and school happenings.



[School Calendar](#)



[PTO Linktree](#)

We're so excited to partner with you this year. Together, we can make A. Fantis an even more vibrant, connected, and caring place for our kids. If you have questions or ideas, you can connect with us at any time at pto@afantis.org

Warmly,

Your PTO Board