

Welcome to P.S. 40!

Our Committees & Events



2019-2020

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Welcome to P.S. 40's first PTA meeting and Hospitality Night! The P.S. 40 PTA supports the school through a variety of ongoing projects, fundraisers, and family events. We need and welcome your involvement to make these events happen for our children, whether it is a couple of hours during an evening event, a few hours a week at the library, or chairing an entire event.

Being involved in your child's school is a great way to contribute to his or her educational experience and have fun! You'll meet other parents, strengthen our community, and use your talents and resources to maintain the high level of enrichment every P.S. 40 student enjoys.

This brochure will give you an idea of the many ways parents can contribute to the wellbeing of our school. There is something for everyone. We welcome you to take this time to speak to committee and event chairs and executive board members to learn more about the school and how you can become involved.

Please reach out to the contacts listed in this brochure for more information about any of the committees or events. If you have questions, need to contact someone, or have skills that you think might be useful to our school community, please email PTA president Carla O'Connor at ps40carla@gmail.com.

Fright Night

Volunteers are needed to work our annual Halloween party, held the evening of Oct. 26. Help with setup & cleanup, ticket & refreshment sales, and the haunted house. It's a fun event, and we need your help to make it happen! Contact: ps40frightnight@gmail.com

Annual Auction

The annual auction on March 13 is our largest fundraiser and a fun night for parents & faculty. It features a number of elements, including silent/mobile bidding, a live auction, a raffle for outings with teachers, and class auction projects. All other items—from tickets to sporting events, Broadway shows, & music concerts; restaurant & store gift certificates; and gym & museum memberships, to one-of-a-kind opportunities such as your child becoming “P.S. 40’s Principal for a Day”—are donated. We need in these areas: auction catalog (writing, editing, layout); event promotion (flyers, posters, ticket sales, online promotion); donation solicitation, intake, and management; class projects; and setup and cleanup. Contact: ps40auction@gmail.com

Sports Night

Scheduled for Jan. 24 at M.S. 104, Sports Night features games & activities organized by physical education teacher Andrew Bieber and run by staff and alumni. Volunteers are needed to set up & clean up, sell tickets & refreshments, and run the prize booth, as well as play in the parent-teacher volleyball game. Contact: Wayne Walters (ps40wayne@gmail.com)

Golf Outing

Our annual P.S. 40 golf outing needs volunteers to help organize and market the event and sign up attendees. Contact: Wayne Walters (ps40wayne@gmail.com), Steven Bricker (ps40steven@gmail.com)

Class Parent

This is a great opportunity to help your child’s teacher, meet other parents, and become familiar with school activities. Help organize events for your teacher, organize the class auction project, disseminate information regarding school functions, and coordinate parent participation. Contact: Dara Cohen (ps40dara@gmail.com), Angie Fellers (ps40angie@gmail.com), Meredith Acierno (ps40meredith@gmail.com)

Scholastic Book Fairs

The book fairs in November and March provide an opportunity to buy books for your children while supporting the school. Help is needed for setup & breakdown, as well staffing during each fair, which runs during the school days in the cafeteria. Contact: Laura Fuller (ps40laura@gmail.com), Tricia Ryan (ps40tricia@gmail.com), Anne Marie Winter (ps40annemarie@gmail.com)

Fund For 40

Fund For 40 raises critical funds for instruction, activities, and supplies that enrich the educational experiences of our students. Unlike other school fundraisers, this ongoing campaign is a direct outreach to all P.S. 40 families asking for financial contributions that are most comfortable. Last year we raised more than \$125,000, and this year we hope to meet, or surpass that goal. We need help with administration and fundraising, as well as creative talent to help communicate the need for these funds and how they are being expended. Contact: Angie Fellers (ps40angie@gmail.com)

Trivia Night

Our newest parent-night-out event will take place Nov. 15 and will give parents and school staff an opportunity to tap into all those facts and figures in their heads as they compete to win prizes. Help is needed for setup & cleanup. Contact: Meredith Acierno (ps40meredith@gmail.com), Jen Sabal (ps40jensabal@gmail.com)

Back-to-School Bash

The first of our parent-night-out events will be held Sept. 26. Join your fellow parents in the P.S. 40 courtyard for foods, drinks, music, and fun. Contact: Dara Cohen (ps40dara@gmail.com), Angie Fellers (ps40angie@gmail.com)

Buddy Program

This new committee helps pair existing P.S. 40 families with incoming families to help them navigate their experience at the school. Volunteers help to enlist existing families and reach out to incoming families. Contact: Angie Fellers (ps40angie@gmail.com), Rosanne Olken (ps40rosanne@gmail.com)

School Picture Days

Help is needed with children and to aid photographers on picture days, which are Oct. 5 (family picture day) and Oct. 28 & 30 (students picture days). Contact: Jenn Ryan (ps40jennryan@gmail.com), Rosanne Olken (ps40rosanne@gmail.com)

The P.S. 40 School Store

Located in the cafeteria, the school store is chock full of stylish and fun P.S. 40 paraphernalia—including clothes, water bottles, and umbrellas. It's also a great spot for coffee and socialization on Friday mornings and monthly grade-specific Sip & Chats. Volunteers are needed for occasional shifts, as well as event sales and presales. Contact: Jen Sabal (ps40jensabal@gmail.com), Jeni Klein (jmuskat@deerstags.com)

Family Socials

P.S. 40 socials are a great way to meet other parents and to get to know your child's friends. Volunteers are needed to solicit food donations and for setup & cleanup. Contact: Angie Fellers (ps40angie@gmail.com), Rosanne Olken (ps40rosanne@gmail.com), Wayne Walters (ps40wayne@gmail.com)

Arts Committee

Volunteers help with the prep, setup, and takedown of our annual Student Art Exhibition in May, when the cafeteria and first-floor hallways are transformed into a gallery that showcases artwork from every student, produced under the guidance of art teacher Craig Kane. Contact: Anne Marie Winter (ps40annemarie@gmail.com)

Reading Olympics

We need volunteers to organize the distribution of student certificates & prizes, as well as help with the recordkeeping for this two-week event that rewards students for reading. Contact: Anne Marie Winter (ps40annemarie@gmail.com)

Visiting Authors Series

This program allows for children book authors & illustrators to visit P.S. 40 students. Volunteers are needed to host author brunches, coordinate book signings, and distribute books to classrooms, as well as with book ordering and publicity. Contact: Rose Newnham (ps40rose@gmail.com), Michele Greco (mdisken.greco@gmail.com)

Life@40 Newsletter

We need reporters, designers, editors, and proofreaders to help publish our top-notch school newsletter. Availability during the day to cover school events is a plus but not a requirement. Contact: Gwen Lockridge (glock144@gmail.com)

Parents as Reading Partners

Parents as Reading Partners (PARP) needs parents who can make a once-a-week, half-hour commitment to read to a kindergartner or first grader and share the joy of reading. Contact: parpps40@gmail.com

Lost & Found

Volunteers are needed for a short stint every week to help keep the lost & found organized. Contact: Judy Gruver (nycjudy2@gmail.com)

Comedy Night

One of our parent-night-out events, Comedy Night gets the P.S. 40 community laughing with a special evening of hilarity at a local comedy club. Contact: Hillary Perlman (ps4Ohillary@gmail.com), Geri Guillermo (ps4Ogeri@gmail.com)

Community Outreach

Community service is an important and vital part of education. Help teach the gift of giving this winter through our food and toy drives. Contact: Geri Guillermo (ps4Ogeri@gmail.com), Steven Bricker (ps4Osteven@gmail.com), Saima Faruqui (ps4Osaima@gmail.com)

The Library

Help reshelv, repair, cover, and process books in the library. The hours are flexible, and no experience is necessary. Contact: Rose Newnham (ps4Orose@gmail.com)

The Yearbook Committee

Parents of student in all grades are welcome to join the yearbook committee. Layout designers, editors, copywriters, photographers, and organizers are needed. Contact: Tricia Ryan (ps4Otricia@gmail.com)

Wellness Committee

This committee works with our cafeteria staff to improve school lunches and raise awareness of healthy eating through Wellness in the Schools cooking labs. Contact: Amy Saivetz (amysaivetz@gmail.com), Steven Bricker (ps4Osteven@gmail.com)

Photocopies/Printing

Can you make specialty items like posters and tickets on cardstock? Can you have color posters printed? Please contact ps4Opta@gmail.com.

Movie Night

Drop your child off at P.S. 40 for pizza, popcorn, & a movie! Help is needed for setup & cleanup and to chaperone students. Contact: Tricia Ryan (ps4Otricia@gmail.com)

Bake & Healthy Snack Sales

The PTA holds daytime bake sales & healthy snack sales throughout the school year. Volunteers solicit food donations, assist in setup & cleanup, and help with sales. Contact: Laura Fuller (ps4Olaura@gmail.com), Jen Sabal (ps4Ojensabal@gmail.com)

SoulCycle

Our winter parent-night-out event, this fundraiswer allows you to exercise at a P.S. 40-only evening SoulCycle class, followed by drinks at a local bar. Contact: Dara Cohen (ps4Odara@gmail.com)

Maker Faire

This event brings together students, teachers, and families for a day that showcases art, media, science, music, and STEM/STEAM. Help is needed soliciting exhibitors and helping with demonstrations and other aspects of the day. Contact: Benjy Kile (ps4Obenjy@gmail.com)

Student Concerts

Our concerts feature songs learned under the instruction of our music teacher, Sarah Tomasewski. Assist at rehearsals, set up risers, and help with the students the nights of the performances. Contact: Wayne Walters (ps4Owayne@gmail.com)

Hospitality Helpers

Do you own a catering company or a restaurant or have access to food or supplies at cost? Contact: ps4Opta@gmail.com

Not Sure How To Help?

If you'd like to be involved in the PTA but are not sure what you'd like to do, contact Carla O'Connor (ps4Ocarla@gmail.com).