



2018-2019

PS 59 - The Harbor View School
PTA Membership Welcome Packet



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Welcome both new and returning families to PS 59 for the 2018-19 school year!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome both new and returning families to PS 59 for the 2018-2019 school year. This year we look forward to adding more wonderful memories and experiences for our school community!

What is the PTA & why get involved? All parents and legal guardians of children who attend PS 59 are automatically a voting member of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). The PTA plays an important role in supporting this great school by working hard to provide the additional support that enrich our children's educational experience. We partner with our parents, teachers, staff and greater NYC community on many levels to bring fun and educational programs, events, services, and opportunities to our children. From our membership donations and fundraising events, we support the school in providing classroom supplies, books, in school events, field experiences and much, much more.

Field Experiences & Enrichment: As part of the philosophy and curriculum at PS 59, our children have MANY field experience and in school enrichment opportunities, presented by cultural organizations from across New York City. Our membership donations and fundraising efforts allow the PTA to contribute to the cost of these experiences.

Membership Donations: PS 59 PTA membership donations are \$10 per month, or \$100 per year per family. We are a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, and your membership donations are tax-deductible. If you wish to make your donation at the start of school, use the envelope provided to send in your child's backpack or pay by credit card on our website by clicking the school store icon on the homepage. This is a suggested donation, and not mandatory for membership in the PTA.

Thank you in advance for your support. We are looking forward to another amazing year and hope to get many more parents and guardians active in the PTA. If you have any questions or would like to share some of your ideas and thoughts, come speak to us in person!

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***With community, we build stronger experiences for our children to thrive in.
PS 59er PTA families, together, we can build a great 2018-19 school year!***

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what can." - Arthur Ashe

Aja L Harris,
PTA President

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Contact Information for your 2018-2019 PS 59 PTA Executive Board

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2018 - 2019 PTA Elected Officers

Aja L Harris, President
Jonathan Sanabria, Treasurer
Adenike Adetayo, Recording Secretary
Tiffany Smith, Corresponding Secretary

2018 - 2019 PTA Standing Committees

Fundraising Committee – Meggin Juraska, chairperson
Let's Move! & Dine Out – Lisa Della Vecchia, coordinator
Special Events & Yearbook Committees – Aja L Harris, chairperson
Green Thumb Committee – Frizzi Linck, chairperson
School Gear Store-Arndreya Healy, chairperson

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR...

Fundraisers:

- Fall – Let's Move! 2018 Dance-A-Thon
- Winter – World's Finest Chocolate
- Spring – Square One Art

FUNdraisers! *These are activities that, just by participating, we can earn donations for the school and in some instances, build our engagement with each other as a community!*

- **Amazon Smile**
- **Stop n Shop**
- **Picture Day- Fall & Spring**
- **Monthly Dine-Outs:**

Last year we raised almost \$2000 with our monthly dine-outs thanks to our PS 59 Families, Teacher's and Staff. Great to way to get to know your PS 59er Community!

- **Book Fair:**
- Fall – Usborne
- Spring – Usborne

Field Experiences: The PTA will cover travel related expenses and tips for all field experiences. In addition, we will fund completely or in part with the school certain field experience (i.e. NY Transit Museum, MoMath, Alice Austen).

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PTA MEMBERSHIP

Our children benefit when you get involved with the PTA. Your membership involvement and donations help fund PTA programs and events that are not available through the regular PS 59 school budget. Your membership helps the PTA provide enrichment and resources of support to the school for all of the students in ways of field enrichment trips, special presentations in school, class community supplies and more.

An engaged PTA models for our children the importance of building community and showing we can do great things when we work as one! That is why your help is vital to the strength and ongoing development of our school community.

Who is a Member? All parents and legal guardians of children enrolled at PS 59 are automatically a member of the PTA with vote.

What Do I Do As A Member? Be informed and get involved anyway you can! Donations of time are just as needed and welcomed as financial donations. Voicing ideas and concerns at meetings and volunteering for special events and committees are all options of membership.

How Do I Volunteer? Parent volunteers are needed for the PTA's various fundraising and programming committees to have an amazing 2018-2019 school year! Our Volunteer Sign Up Form with descriptions are now available online: tinyurl.com/hvs-volunteer You can also fill out and return the volunteer sign up form at the end of this packet.

Please check the committees you would like to assist with or possibly chair. Remember, volunteer opportunities can be ***anywhere from only one-time, from home, on-call, on-going, in-school and more.*** Please take this time to read and sign up for at least one volunteer opportunity for the upcoming school year. Thank you in advance for *getting involved!*

PTA MEETINGS

We encourage you to join us for as many PTA meetings as you can over the school year. If you cannot attend, you may send someone in your place, *voice without vote* (i.e. grandparent, aunt/uncle). Meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30AM -OR- 6:15PM (start times alternate to accommodate different schedules). In the event the meeting falls on a school holiday, it will be held the following Wednesday or at a time that works best with the school's schedule of activities. Meetings generally last an hour and a half .

At PTA meetings, you can catch up on the latest news from the PTA Executive Board. These meetings give you the opportunity to review and engage the work of the PTA—ask questions, raise PTA concerns or applaud successes. There will also be an opportunity to sign up to volunteer for upcoming events.

Meeting reminders will be publicized via:

- Email reminders & Facebook updates
- The PTA website: www.theharborviewschool.my-pt.org
- Monthly reminder notices sent home with child and the PTA bulletin boards

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PTA MEETINGS- Continued

Below lists our General Meeting schedule for 2018-2019 school year. PTA meeting times and dates are subject to change, but you will always be notified in the methods listed above. We welcome your suggestions and comments and invite you to participate as often as possible.

PTA GENERAL MEETINGS 2018-2019

<i>Thursday, September 20, 2018</i>	8:30 AM PTA General Meeting
Wednesday, October 10, 2018	6:15 PM General PTA Meeting
<i>Thursday, November 14, 2018</i>	6:15 PM PTA General Meeting
Wednesday, December 12, 2018	6:15 PM General PTA Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2019	6:15 PM PTA General Meeting
Wednesday, February 13, 2019	8:30 AM PTA General Meeting
<i>Thursday, March 14, 2019</i>	6:15 PM PTA General Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 2019	6:15 PM PTA General Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2019	6:15 PM PTA General Meeting & Elections
<i>Friday, June 21, 2019</i>	8:30 AM PTA General Meeting & Appreciation Breakfast



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MEMBERSHIP DONATION

Your membership donation helps the PTA provide enrichment and resources of support to the school for all of the students in ways of field enrichment trips, special presentations in school, class community supplies and more.

Membership donations are collected monthly or annually. In 2013, during the election of the founding PS 59 PTA Executive Board, the suggested membership donation amount voted upon would be \$10 each month OR \$100 for the year. Our membership last year has recently added: for each additional child, \$5 each month or \$50 for year. *Although this is not mandated*, we ask that all parents donate what they can. All amounts are welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Payments: You can “backpack” the dues back to school, hand them in during the PTA meetings, or drop them off at the main school office in a sealed envelope (Dues envelopes are available in the main office). Online payments for credit/debit card also an option via our PTA Store on our website: www.theharborviewschool.my-pto.org. Please note that a receipt will be provided reflecting all payments received for use as a tax write off.

OPEN DOOR POLICY

As fellow parents, we understand you may have questions or concerns. The PTA is available to listen and help however we can. Our door is always open. If you want to meet in person, we suggest you contact us by email or leaving a voicemail to schedule an appointment. We will work with your schedule to set up a meeting. If there is an issue the PTA cannot resolve, we will guide you to the appropriate resource for assistance.

WE LOVE IDEAS!

The PTA is always looking for suggestions and new ideas. We know sometimes parents have lots of great ideas but tend to wait for a General PTA meeting to make the suggestion. We encourage you to share your ideas before general meetings so ideas can be looked into and discussed at the next PTA meeting. So please, DROP US A LINE!

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**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUT WITH PTA EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES?
PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW and RETURN TO THE MAIN OFFICE**

Fill out online form at: tinyurl.com/hvs-volunteer

**JOIN A Committee!
SHARE Your Talent!
GIVE Some Time!**

Remember volunteer opportunities can be

A one-time event, from home, on-call, on-going, in-school and more... sign up today!

(Please print clearly)

Parent/Guardian Full Name: _____

Child's Full Name: _____

Class: _____

Phone Number: _____ Okay to text? Yes No

Email: _____

___ Yes! I would be interested in joining a committee (please circle all that apply):

- | | | |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Fundraising | Special Events | Green Thumb |
| Yearbook | School Gear | Communications |

___ Yes! I would be interested in volunteering at some events. My availability is usually:

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| (please circle what most applies) | Weekdays | Weekends |
| | Days | Evenings |

Please indicate any specific talents or focus you'd like to share:

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