

Coming up in January/February at EWSIS

January/February Newsletter 2018/ Issue 2

PTA Newsletter -

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The PTA wishes you a Happy and Healthy New Year. Thank you to all who attended our December PTA meeting. We hosted 18 parents, teachers and staff members. For all those in attendance and those who volunteered to make it happen, thank you for your commitment to our school especially when things are busy.

- January 6, 2018 is our next PTA meeting and POTLUCK Brunch! Please bring your appetite and a dish/drinks enough to feed up to 15 people - Sign up to bring a dish at <http://evite.me/EQFeXSTRHN>
- Volunteers needed for PTA meetings - Parents can lend a hand and students can earn community service credits (contact the PTA at pta@ewsis.org for credit) Set up and clean up for PTA General Meetings 1/6/2018, 2/3/2018, 3/3/2018, 4/14/2018, 5/5/2018, 6/2/2018
- Scholarship students will be asked to contribute to the PTA in some manner in order to be eligible for 3 end of year scholarships - Ms. Chang will be taking names or you can contact the PTA directly to volunteer at pta@ewsis.org.
- Membership funds raised: \$2,040 - It is never too late to get your membership information to us. Envelopes are available in the PTA room by the door or just drop us a note. Donations are 100% voluntary but they help make our jobs easier. Thank you for all who have joined and get involved.
- December Lunchtime sales was \$224.34 (net income) - Volunteers needed for School store dates: 1st Tuesday of each month - 1/8/2018, 2/6/2018, 3/6/2018, 4/10/2018, 5/15/18, 6/5/2018
- The PTA Yankee Candle Fundraiser raised \$107, last chance online sales are still available through January 11 at www.yankeecandlefundraising.com using customer/group number is 990087396
- Presales for Valentine's PTA General Meeting February (designer bag) raffle will start at 1/6/18 during the PTA meeting
- Please review bylaws for approval. We will be voting on our updated Bylaws at the January meeting. Please review for minor changes on the posted version on our Website. <https://www.ewsis.org/sites/default/files/DRAFT%20EWSIS%20Bylaws%202018.pdf> .
- ELL course for adults (children who do not need supervision are welcome to attend) Please **contact the PTA pta@ewsis.org by January 12, 2018** to reserve a seat for each class. :
 - Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM
 - Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM
 - Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 10:45 AM- 1:45 PM
 - Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM
 - Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 10:45 AM - 1:45 PM
- The PTA will be hosting a Defensive Driving class which will be held on Feb 3, 2018 after the 10 am PTA meeting - \$25 to attend - save money on your insurance!

- Zumba with Maggie!! on March 3, 2018 after PTA meeting
- There are 5 spots for the EW Parent/Staff Retreat information (improvement committee) for parents for a school retreat starting at 6pm on Friday, Feb 9 thru Feb 10 at the IBM Conference Center near Dobbs Ferry to discuss initiatives. There is no fee for this trip. Transportation details have been not established as of this time.
- Please contact us if you have a parking spot convenient to the school that you are willing to rent/offer to staff. Email the PTA with subject that says PARKING. Please let us know of the location/cost/times/days available. We will forward the information to interested parties.
- Reminder to fill out uniform survey and survey for the attendance notification.
- Al Oerter Recreation Center at Flushing Meadow Park offers FREE membership for those up to 17 yrs old. The membership entitles them to free access to gym facilities, classes and computer resource room as well as pool across the way. Adult membership is low cost and there is family time in the gym every week.
- To make a special "Thank You" to the teachers, the PTA provided breakfast to the teachers on Election Day as they took part in their professional development. Thank you for making that possible!
- Box Tops - Our submission for box tops was \$66 so far! Thank you! Please send your BoxTops® into room 423 in the box by the door under the PTA lockbox. Keep on clipping!
- Stop & Shop fundraiser that will cost you nothing - EWSIS can now earn money through your purchases at Stop & Shop. Just register your shopping card at <https://stopandshop.com/school-rewards/> and pick East-West as your designated school.
- Facebook and EMAIL - Our direct email is pta@ewsis.org. Please contact us with questions, suggestions, needs, to volunteer, or to donate time or skills. Check us out on Facebook search EWSISPTA.

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

- 10th grade parent, Josefina Givlechian for donating her aesthetician services for a second free Professional Facial for our December PTA meeting raffle.
- Thanks to our School store volunteers Mindy, Anna Tsang, German Diaz, Cora Wong, Sharlene Tillett, Karen Curzio and Sabrina Curzio.
- Thank you to all the volunteers at Winter Festival, specially to Karla Giron, Maggie Ho, Melanie Diaz, Ebony Galeano, Ms. Lee and the GSA Club, Mr. Kleinman, Raquel Brown, Yallin Huang, Yang Mei Yin, Anna Tsang, Cora Wong, Karen & Jessica Curzio, Sharlene Tillett. We raised \$500.98 (net income) and got to see a wonderful show. If we missed a name please let us know, we want to make sure all are thanked!
- Thank you to Ann Wong and Melanie Checa for the raffle item donations at the Winter Festival
- Thank you for all the Food donations (Sharlene Tillett - cupcakes, Karen Curzio - Ramen, Mercedes Portillo - cookies and soda, Josephina Giuelechian - hotdogs and buns, Wendy Licetti - all water for the event, Dayniece Young - hot dog buns and soda, Anna Tsang - hot dogs) for our Winter Festival. The PTA made Halal and vegetarian offerings at winter concert to accommodate more diversity.
- Thanks to our generous community, the NYCares Coat Drive and our Toy Drive were successful in bringing in 2 huge bags of coats and two boxes of toys to those in need.

Congratulations to

- 9th grade parent, German Diaz for winning our November PTA Meeting Raffle of Thanksgiving Turkey
- Our 3 winners at the Winter Festival (two designer bags and a luxury robe) - sorry we didn't get your names, but we hope you enjoy!
- Congratulations to our staff member, Lisa Ng who won the Membership Raffle prize of \$100 gift certificate for B&H.

Our next PTA meeting is January 6, 2018 at 10 am is a POTLUCK BRUNCH -

**sign up a bring a dish <http://evite.me/EQFeXSTRHN>
in the cafeteria discussing upcoming events, scholarships, bylaws, etc.**

**PTA will raffle off a New Year Basket of Goodies at the end of the meeting and have a chance to pre-purchase Valentine Raffle tickets.
(email us a week in advance if you require translation)**