

# Parent Connections

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## PTA News

### East-West School of International Studies

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### PTA Executive Board

Esmilce Escobar, *Co-President*  
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Keep Collecting -- They are a great way to help our School!

We are taking Box Tops all year long!  
Be sure to submit your Box Tops with your child's name & class.

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Once again, it is that time of year for PTA nominations and elections for next year's PTA Executive Board. If you are interested in running for any of the positions, please feel free to contact us or Ms. Esposito, our Parent Liaison. Our PTA Election will take place at our June meeting on June 7, 2014.

The PTA Executive Board positions include, President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. A detailed description of each position is attached. We also have an opening for a parent member for our School Leadership Team. We are also looking for parents interested in taking on the positions of Chairpersons of Fundraising or Communications Committees. If you are interested in running for any positions, please contact Ms. Jamie Eckartz or Ms. Esmilce Escobar, Nominations Committee, at [pta@ewsis.org](mailto:pta@ewsis.org).

We are also in the midst of advertising our PTA Fundraiser Dinner and Musical. Volunteers to help on the days of the musicals are still needed. The fundraiser dinner will take place on two nights with a musical performance on each night. Tickets are now on sale for **\$5.00 per dinner plate**. Please support the PTA and the cast & crew of our musical production of **West Side Story** by purchasing tickets. Funds will be used towards Graduation & Stepping Up Ceremonies & Scholarships.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's school.

Sincerely,  
PTA Executive Board

### **2014 Summer Youth Employment Program**

Applications available online.  
Deadline: April 25, 2014.

<https://application.nycsyep.com/>

## Announcements:

### **PTA's Fundraiser Dinner & a Musical An EWSIS Production of "West Side Story"**

May 7 & 8, 2014  
Wednesday & Thursday

Dinner will be served from 5-6 PM

Musical program to begin  
at 6 PM promptly

Volunteers & food donations  
needed

Tickets: \$5 per dinner plate

Students can purchase tickets  
at lunch period or at Morning  
Muster

Contact PTA at [pta@ewsis.org](mailto:pta@ewsis.org) if you  
have any questions

## Calendar of Events

5/02	.....	First Fridays @ 8:00 AM
5/03	.....	PTA General Membership Mtg. @ 10 AM
5/16	.....	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip: Club Getaway
5/07 & 5/08	.....	PTA Fundraiser Dinner "West Side Story" Performance 5-8 PM
5/20	.....	SLT Meeting @ 6:00 PM
5/26	.....	Memorial Day School Closed
6/05	.....	Chancellor's Day School Closed
6/06	.....	First Fridays @ 8:00 AM
6/07	.....	PTA General Membership Mtg. @ 10 AM
6/10	.....	SLT Meeting @ 6:00 PM
6/13	.....	Stepping-Up Ceremony
6/25	.....	Graduation
6/26	.....	Last Day of School Half Day Schedule

### **Chaperones needed...**

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** – Dance Trip to Ozanen  
Nursing Home

11:30 AM – 3:30 PM

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Citifield  
Trip

9:45 AM – 4:00 PM

Contact PTA at [pta@ewsis.org](mailto:pta@ewsis.org) or Ms. Mandel  
at [rmandel@ewsis.org](mailto:rmandel@ewsis.org) if you can help

**PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION of EWSIS**  
Available Officer Positions: Duties & Responsibilities

**President/Co-Presidents**

- Presides at all meetings of the association
- Appoints chairpersons of PTA committees with the approval of executive board
- Attends all regular meetings of the District 25 High School Presidents' Council
- Core member of the School Leadership Team
- Meets regularly with executive board to plan agendas for general membership meetings
- Signatory on checks
- Represents the PTA on district committees (or assigns a designee)

**Vice-President (Membership)**

- Chairs the Membership Committee and generates a list of Members in Good Standing
- If Co-President becomes incapacitated, is removed, or resigns, the Vice-President will assume the powers and responsibilities of the Co-President until the Co-President is able to resume office or until a replacement is voted in by the membership

**Secretary**

- Maintains official record of proceedings and actions of all association meetings, including notices, agendas, sign-in sheets and material distributed.
- Prepares minutes of each association meeting in time for review and adoption at next appropriate meeting. Make minutes available upon request
- Maintains log of all amendments to by-laws; ensures copies are on file in principal's office
- Assists Treasurer with June transfer of all PTA records to incoming executive board

**Treasurer**

- Responsible for all financial affairs and funds of the association
- Maintains updated record of income and expenditures
- Signatory on checks
- Adheres to and implements all financial procedures established by association
- Provides financial reports at all association meetings
- Make available books/financial records for member viewing upon request and for audit
- Prepares and assists Secretary with June transfer of PTA records to incoming executive board

**School Leadership Team Parent Member**

- Responsible for attending monthly School Leadership Team meetings
- Must attend once a year DOE training meeting to qualify for \$300 remuneration
- Assists with the establishment of the school's Comprehensive Education Plan