



Welcome to the January 2024 General PTA Meeting

January 8, 2024 | 6:30 PM

A few things before we begin...

- In the interest of time and flow, **Student of the Month** presentations and the **Q&A** will occur at the end of the meeting
 - Let's practice 'one mic' and be respectful of others
 - Adult bathrooms are opposite the Main Office EXIT.
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Welcome

- **Call to Order:** Athena Gonzalez and Tara Alcaraz, *PTA Co-Presidents*
- All information and minutes from *this* meeting will be posted on our website, ptaofps166.org, on the **Helpful Resources** page.
- **Approval of Minutes** from last General PTA Meeting - please use the QR code to view the meeting minutes from December 4, 2023.

(Barbara Coogan, *Recording Secretary*)

- Meeting minutes are shared on our website soon after the previous meeting has concluded.



Motion to **Approve Minutes**



PTA Executive Board 2023–2024

Executive Board Officers

Co-Presidents: Athena Gonzalez and Tara Alcaraz

Co-Treasurers: Claudia Henriquez and Brian Krichevsky

Recording Secretary: Barbara Coogan

Committee Chairs

Fundraising: Athena Gonzalez, Paola Mena

Social Events: Danielle Bazelais, Christa Lynche

Enrichment: Joseph Varghese

Community Engagement: Stephanie Tellez, Tomiko Sharpnack, Brian Haughney

Communications: Elizabeth O'Connor, Ryan Kasal

Ad Hoc Committee Chairs

Garden: Arianny Long

Auction: Susan Phuvasitkul and Mariska Lambrechts

If you are interested in **co-chairing** a Committee, please reach out to us at info@ptaofps166.org for more information.

PTA and Executive Board Meeting Dates

General PTA Meetings

The PTA will meet the first Monday of the month from 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the PS166Q Auditorium unless a holiday or school event conflicts:

| Feb 5 | Mar 4 | Apr 8 | May 6 | Jun 3

Reminder emails are sent out to all parents for these meetings and posts are shared via Class Dojo and Facebook.

PTA Executive Committee Meetings

Per the Chancellor's regulations and our PTA Bylaws, the PTA Executive Committee will meet via Zoom on the third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

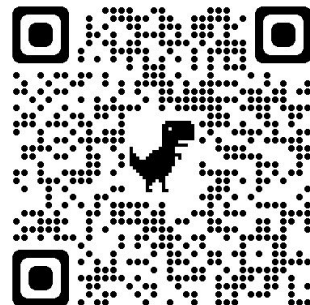
As outlined in our bylaws:

All PTA members are welcome to attend executive board meetings. General members must submit a request via email, pertaining to the topic of discussion, two weeks prior. The Executive Board (by vote) must approve in order for the member(s) to participate in the meeting.

President's Report

PTA Co-Presidents, **Athena Gonzalez** and **Tara Alcaraz**

- Welcome to all caregivers, parents and family members and students! We're so glad you're here.
- REMINDER: All PTA Board Members are volunteers and you are all members by simply being caregivers and parents
- Spotlight on the **PTA Website**: check out the website to learn more about what the Parent-Teacher Association of PS166Q is all about!



President's Report

PTA Co-Presidents, **Athena Gonzalez** and **Tara Alcaraz**

- We have a new tutoring program that we're announcing this evening that will start January 22 and it is fully remote for all PS166Q students to use.



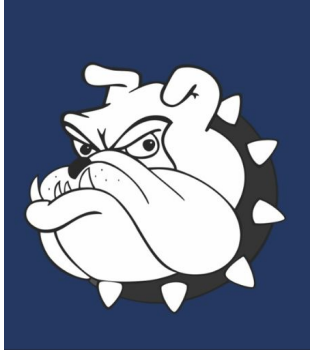
<https://practicebc.com/>

Treasurer's Report

PTA Co-Treasurers, **Claudia Henriquez** and **Brian Krichevsky**

We need to vote on a **budget amendment**:

- \$1500 additional funding for:
 - a. Bulldogs mascot costume
 - b. Bulldogs soccer nets for the Spring sports season



Treasurer's Report

PTA Co-Treasurers, **Claudia Henriquez** and **Brian Krichevsky**

Profit and Loss (July–December 2023)

	TOTAL
Income	
102-000 Administrative Adjustment	-186.56
103-000 AmazonSmile	160.38
108-000 Donations	192.20
110-000 Equitable School Supplies Proj.	8,647.08
111-000 Interest Income	33.81
112-000 Fundraising Committee	5,019.01
112-002 Plant Sale	247.26
112-004 Pig Beach	7,213.98
112-006 Picture Day	3,579.87
112-007 Branded Merchandise	2,688.95
Total 112-000 Fundraising Committee	18,749.07
49900 Uncategorized Income	5,472.12
Total Income	\$33,068.10
GROSS PROFIT	\$33,068.10

Expenses	
600-000 Equitable School Supplies Proje	947.20
601-000 Administrative Expense	1,330.80
604-000 Branded Merchandise Expense	5,192.13
607-000 Class Enrichment Expense	21,796.00
615-000 Social Events	4,668.52
615-010 D30 Family Fun Day	1,102.21
615-011 Pig Beach	1,029.50
Total 615-000 Social Events	6,800.23
619-000 Plant Sale Expenses	2,219.90
624-000 Teacher Appreciation Expense	3,332.37
Fundraising	2,733.54
Advertising/Promotional	6,185.62
Street Festival	11,322.00
Total Fundraising	20,241.16
Meals	53.00
Total Expenses	\$61,912.79
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -28,844.69
NET INCOME	\$ -28,844.69

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2023

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
101-000 Quontic Bank	0.00
101-001 TD Bank	0.00
101-002 Connect One Bank	108,102.87
Total Bank Accounts	\$108,102.87
Total Current Assets	\$108,102.87
TOTAL ASSETS	\$108,102.87
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 Accounts Payable	8,712.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$8,712.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$8,712.00
Total Liabilities	\$8,712.00
Equity	
30000 Opening Balance Equity	13,531.65
32000 Retained Earnings	114,703.91
Net Income	-28,844.69
Total Equity	\$99,390.87
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$108,102.87

Fundraising Committee Report

Fundraising Co-Chairs, **Athena Gonzalez** and **Paola Mena**



- What's going on now or coming up?
 - **Chuck E. Cheese** fundraiser on **January 19 at 3:00 PM**

CHUCK E. CHEESE[®]
FUNdraising
Turning Fun into Funds™



Note: please go to the cashier, not the machines as the fundraiser only works when you go to the cashier.

- Remember that throughout the year, more ways to give...
 - FlipGive, Book Culture, General PTA Fund, Matching Gifts, ESS, DonorsChoose (*currently (8) PS166Q projects needing funding*)

If you are interested in joining the Fundraising Committee, please email fundraising@ptaofps166.org for more information.

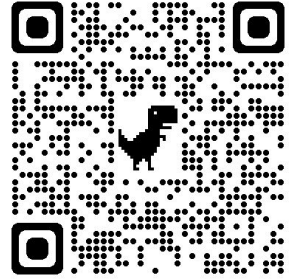
Equitable School Supplies (ESS) Committee Report

Co-Chairs **Tomiko Sharpnack, Brian Haughney** and **Stephanie Tellez**

- We are done collecting for the 2023–2024 school year.
Thank you to everyone who paid for their supplies and for others' supplies!
- We've collected \$21,330 and purchased \$17,100 worth of supplies at the beginning of the year. (\$4042.79 just purchased in our midyear restock)
- **What are we up to now?**
 - a. Taking inventory of what we have in the supply room and what else is needed to finish out the year**
 - b. Creating a new supply list for next year and making any adjustments based on feedback and supply chain info**
 - c. Organizing the supply room so we are ready to receive new supplies for next year.**

Enrichment Committee Report

Enrichment Chair, **Joseph Varghese**



This **Spring**, our partners are...

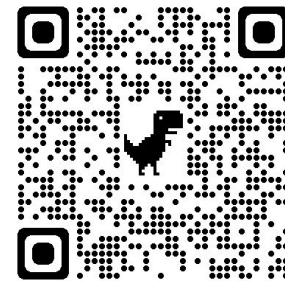
- Kindergarten: **Dance with Anastasia**
- 2nd Grade: **Kidspire Architecture**
- 3rd Grade: **Chess with Tom Moran**
- 4th & 5th Grades: **Haitian Dance led by Peniel Guerrier**



Our request: If you are interested in helping out with Enrichment, email us at enrichment@ptaofps166.org.

Enrichment Committee Report

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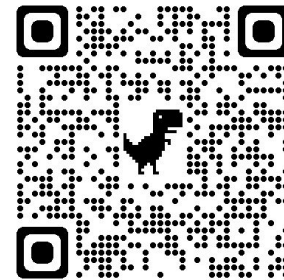
Meet some of our partners!



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Anastasia Soroczynski: Writing Thru Dance



Ms. **Anastasia Soroczynski** has over 18 years experience with RIOULT Dance NY, 15 of which were as the primary dancer. After RIOULT disbanded due to COVID, Ms. Anastasia has transitioned to primarily supporting in-school programming in NYC as well as teaching domestically internationally, and is an Educational Consultant for several NYC Dance Companies.

Writing Thru Dance encourages students to explore dance as a form of communication through the integration of writing and movement activities. Participating classes can either take a story already written or write their own story. **Kindergarten classes learn through fables. First graders are given a writing prompt and then use the prompt to create improvised dance and movement pieces.** Recent themes have included the seasons.

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Karen Domingo-Moran: kidspireSM



Karen Domingo-Moran's formal study of architecture began when she entered Cooper Union's undergraduate program at the age of 16. After receiving her Bachelor of Architecture degree, Karen focused her career on large scale public projects within New York City.

Her career highlights have included working on the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's AirTrain to JFK; JFK's Terminal One Design Competition; NYC's public school modernizations, and subway station renovations. Like most parents, starting a family completely changed Karen's life. **The seeds of Kidspire started to develop when Karen volunteered to teach architecture and design at her eldest child's school.**

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Karen Domingo-Moran: kidspireSM



Kidspire offers an exciting educational enrichment program that inspires young minds to visualize, draw, and construct through fun hands-on architecture and design projects. Children will develop **skills of observation, problem solving, critical thinking, spatial reasoning, and self-expression** that are important to their success in all subjects.

We explore architecture and design from different cultures worldwide (Africa, Middle East, China, South East Asia, Europe, and the Americas) and immerse students in project-based learning with art and 2D-3D design challenges and integrated STEAM lessons. Thus, building connections with their curriculum, community, and cultures everywhere while **developing lifelong learning skills**.

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Karen Domingo-Moran:



What our **STUDENTS** are saying:

“I liked the activity where we built the truss bridge because it was challenging. I learned that the cantilever bridge only needs support only on one side to stay up.”

“I liked the structures because you could be more creative instead of building the exact bridge.”

“I loved to build structures because it gives you an idea of what is inside buildings. Also, it gives you creativity. I loved working with Mrs. Karen. One fact is that you need cross bracing.”

What **TEACHERS** are saying:

“Students had the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities. The students made connections with math, science, and reading. The students were engaging in discourse”

— ***Mrs. Sideris***

“Students are learning hands-on. They get to use the information they know and just learned to build some amazing designs...The students and I were very happy to have Karen”

— ***Mrs. LoPiccolo***

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Tom Moran: kidspareSM



Tom Moran developed the Move One Chess program after successfully teaching chess throughout the city for several years! He gained extensive classroom experience with Title 1 schools in Harlem, Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx while working for Chess-in-the-Schools. He is also a USCF Certified Chess Coach, level 3.

He teaches children not to be afraid to make mistakes but see them as learning opportunities. Through chess, Tom teaches **creative problem solving, memory, foresight, focus, mental fortitude, and sportsmanship**; skills they can take from the board and apply to the rest of their lives.

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Tom Moran: kidspareSM



Move One Chess introduces children to the enormous academic and life skill benefits of playing chess. Chess has been shown to increase children's mental aptitudes for the future. As children are having fun and making friends, they are increasing their concentration, self-discipline, and spatial reasoning capacities as well as bolstering both intellectual and social abilities.

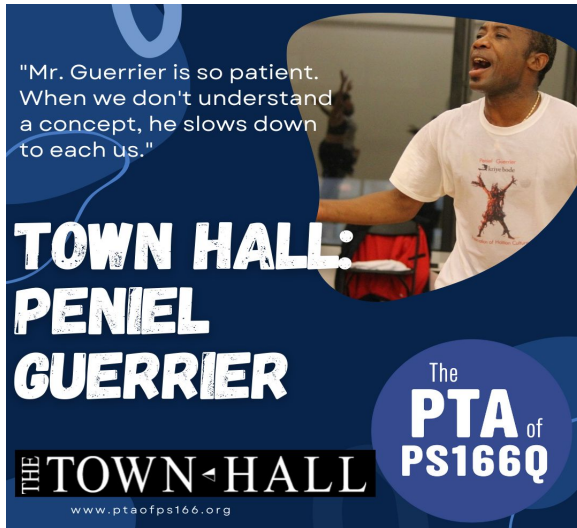
Learning chess improves math and reading readiness and reinforces the benefits of listening and following directions as well as creative problem solving. Our goal is to make learning chess enjoyable and approachable so that children will reap the benefits of the skills they develop, and the love of the game, for many years to come!

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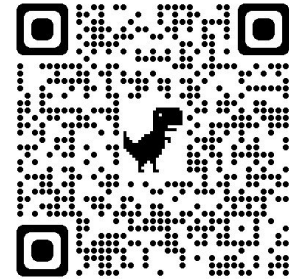
TEACHING ARTIST FROM TOWN HALL

Peniel Guerrier - Haitian Dance



Quote from a PS166Q student:

“Mr. Guerrier is so patient. When we don’t understand a concept, he slows down to teach us.”



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Enrichment Committee Report

OUR NEW TEACHING ARTIST

Peniel Guerrier

Peniel Guerrier, teacher, choreographer, performer, and founder of Kriye Bode, focuses on research, preservation, education, promotion and presentation of Haitian culture in terms of music and dance.

He began his formal dance training in 1987 under the supervision of one of the most prestigious teachers in Haiti and has toured the world during his 8 years performing in the National Dance Theatre including performances in Venezuela, Paris, Hungary, Japan, Germany, Montreal, Santo-Domingo and the United State.



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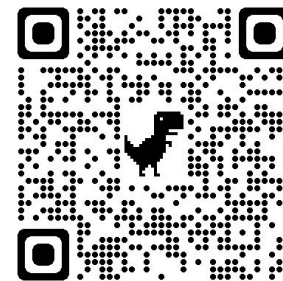
Peniel Guerrier

Peniel's vision has different aspects, but the most important is to establish and extend the Haitian folkloric structure and technique. Peniel draws on his extensive knowledge of Haitian folkloric dance to create original combinations within the different traditional Haitian rhythms.

His dances enhance the energy and flow of traditional forms with beautiful, vivid body shapes. Peniel is highly regarded as a teacher because of his thoroughness, his kindness, and the individual attention he gives to students of all levels.

Throughout his program, Peniel not only teaches an appreciation of dance, rhythm and an understanding of Haitian culture, but also provides an introduction to the concepts of teamwork and cooperation.

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Winter Social | December 13, 2023



HAPPY NEW YEAR



Social Events Committee Report

Social Events Co-Chairs, **Christa Lynche** and **Danielle Bazelaïs**

- Review ... and what's coming up ...
 - Winter Social: **SUPER FUN!**
 - Movie Night: **February 8**
 - *(stay tuned for details)*



If you are interested in helping out, volunteers are always needed, or you might like to join the committee, email us at social@ntaofns166.org

Auction Committee Report

Auction Co-Chairs, **Susan Phuvasitkul** and **Mariska Lambrechts**

Annual Auction: Online bidding and in-person event: **May 2024**

This is **our biggest fundraiser** of the year! We have Big Dreams of raising up to **\$40K** in 2024! All of the funds raised will go toward student enrichment programs like chess, theater, architecture, and Equitable School Supplies for all students.

- **We need passionate volunteers** who can help solicit sponsorships and donations, manage Auctria software, plan the event, and help market the event. We appreciate any amount of time you can commit, even if it's just asking your company for a donation. Talk to us, or email auction@ptaofps166.org
- **Website:** <https://auctria.events/PS166QAuction2024>

If you are interested in joining the Auction Committee, please reach out to us at auction@ptaofps166.org for more information.

A vertical graphic with a light orange background and a border of small white icons representing school supplies and community. At the top left, it says "Join us!". In the center, five hands hold up signs that say "BID". To the right is a blue circular logo for "The PTA of PS166Q". Below this, the text "PS 166 AUCTION" is written in large, bold, blue letters. Underneath that, a dark orange banner says "JOIN THE COMMITTEE!". Below the banner is a small house icon, followed by the text "WE NEED PASSIONATE PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS WHO CAN VOLUNTEER TO HELP:". Underneath that, in smaller text, it lists "SEEK CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS + DONATIONS", "PLAN + MARKET THE EVENT", and "MANAGE AUCTION SOFTWARE". At the bottom, it says "Send a message to auction@ptaofps166.org".

Join us!

BID BID BID BID BID

The PTA of PS166Q

PS 166 AUCTION

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In-Person Auction Venue Proposal: Sala?

Alongside the online auction, we feel an in-person event will help us reach our greatest potential in raising funds.

- Build excitement around big-ticket auction items
- Display additional auction items not available online
- Create a festive atmosphere with food/drink to inspire community AND more bidding

After much venue research and cost considerations, the auction committee has chosen the local restaurant, **Sala**, as our proposed space.

- **Cost** with gratuities will be approximately **\$5500** for up to 150 people
- **Inclusive of 5 tapas, unlimited sangria, wine and beer**
- Costs covered by sponsorships, PTA funds and a ticket price of no more than \$40 per person
- Childcare options are being explored with local vendors

REQUESTING CALL FOR A VOTE



Principal's Report

Ms. Geller

- Welcome
 - School updates
 - Q&A will happen at the end of the meeting
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School News

Updates from the School Leadership Team (SLT) at PS166Q

The School Leadership Team (SLT) is a group of people who develop educational policies for their school. They also make sure there are resources to support those policies.

SLTs:

- Provide ongoing evaluations of a school's educational programs and their impact on student achievement
- Play an important role in school-based decision-making
- Help to make school cultures more collaborative

School News

- New Business
- Q&A
- Other Topics



December Student of the Month Recipients

Congratulations!

December and January Students of the Month will be able to receive their certificates and cookie coupons in person at February's PTA Meeting.



The
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**Thank you and
see you next month**

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