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Welcome to the PTA Newsletter - September 2024 Edition

Dear PTA Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we begin our new school year. Our PTA has been bustling with activity, and it's wonderful to see the community come together in support of our school and children. As always, your involvement and enthusiasm are what drive us forward. Thank you for your continued dedication and passion.

Upcoming Events

- **First PTA Meeting:** Mark your calendars for September 12th, our first general meeting of the school year.
 - **Discover Upcoming Projects:** Get the scoop on what's in store for the year ahead
 - **Meet the New Executive Board:** Say hello to your new team members.
 - **Review the 2023/2024 Audit:** Learn about the financial overview of last year.
 - **Vote on the 2024/2025 Budget:** Have a say in the upcoming year's financial plans.
 - **Share Your Ideas:** Contribute your thoughts and suggestions for the year ahead.We look forward to seeing you there and working together for a great year!
- **September and October events:**
 - Back to school night 9/19 (tentative)
 - Welcome back outside Movie Night and raffle 9/20
 - Halloween dance 10/26
 - Picture day PreK – 7th grade 10/15
 - Picture day 8th grade 11/26

****Watch out for a flyers with more details in your child's folder or look for information posted on Facebook, Instagram or the Gibran PTA website****

Do you have ideas for fundraisers or events? We want to hear your ideas! Please contact us at gibranpta28@gmail.com.

Become a PTA Member / Renew your membership

Did you know that you need to renew your PTA membership every year? Why should I renew, you ask?

- **Reduced prices** at PTA sponsored events.
- **Be informed.** Being a PTA member can help you stay informed about school events, programs and initiatives as well as other issues that may impact your child's education.
- **Receive a monthly newsletter** packed with information and event updates via email.
- **Make a difference.** You can actively support our school through giving your time, ideas, resources, and skills to help organize events, fundraisers, and programs that benefit and enrich the school community.
- **Advocate for your child.** The PTA can be a powerful platform where parents can voice their concerns, suggestions and ideas to help improve the educational experience of our children.



To sign up for the PTA / renew your membership, please go to <https://nyspta-gibran.givebacks.com/>

Spotlight on Volunteers

This month, we want to recognize the efforts of our dedicated volunteers who make everything possible. Whether you helped organize events, assisted in classrooms, or contributed behind the scenes, your commitment is invaluable. Thank you for all that you do!

If you're interested in volunteering with the PTA, please contact gibranpta28@gmail.com. We always welcome new faces and fresh ideas! Whether you can spare just an hour of your time or more, or if you have ideas or opportunities you'd like to propose, we want to hear from you.

Volunteering for the PTA is a meaningful way to directly impact our school community. Schools, despite their best efforts, often face resource constraints that can limit opportunities for our children. By volunteering with the PTA, or contributing resources, you can help bridge these gaps and ensure that every student has access to enriching educational experiences, extracurricular activities, and necessary supplies. Join us in creating a nurturing and supportive environment where every child can thrive!

Volunteer raffle: While we appreciate that you volunteer out of the goodness of your heart, we also believe in showing our gratitude. For every event you volunteer for, you will be entered into a raffle for a \$100 Amazon gift card (one raffle drawn in December and a second at the end of the school year).

Upcoming Volunteer opportunities:

1. Set up for Movie Night & Halloween Dance. Volunteers will get 1 free entry into the event.
 2. Donations for movie night and Halloween raffle prizes. Each donation receives one entry to the volunteer raffle.
 3. **English to Spanish translator for our flyers and newsletters**
 4. Join our fundraising committee
 5. Join our event planning committee
 6. Do you have other ideas? Share them with us!
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Finance Corner

Have you ever wondered how your contributions and fundraising efforts are utilized to benefit our school and support your child's educational experience? In this section of our newsletter, we will provide a clear and transparent overview of our PTA finances. We'll explain how funds are used, the impact of your donations, and how our collective efforts make a difference in our school community. Stay tuned to see how your support translates into meaningful resources and opportunities for our students.

Community Corner

- **Local Business Spotlight:** Each month, we will highlight the support of one local business.
 - **Parent Spotlight:** Get to know one of our exceptional parents. Each month, we will highlight one of our parents and how they have helped the school community.
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Reminders

- Stay connected with us on social media:
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/school28pta>
 - Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/gibranpta28/>
- Visit our PTA website for updates and resources:
<https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/gibran>



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Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Your support and involvement are vital to the success of our PTA and our school. If you have any feedback, suggestions, or would like to contribute to future newsletters, please contact us at **gibranpta28@gmail.com**.

Warm regards,

Your PTA Executive Officers