

**PTA MEETING, December 11, 2007
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

****We will be providing child care at PTA meetings. – Traducccion en espanol****

DECEMBER

12	Wednesday	Memorial Service for Marie Simeone, 4:30 pm
14	Friday	School Leadership Team Meeting, Parents welcome 7:15 am
24	Monday	Winter Recess Starts; ENJOY THE BREAK!

JANUARY 2008

1	Tuesday	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
2	Wednesday	Students Return to school
8	Tuesday	PTA Executive Board, 6 pm, Parents Welcome
8	Tuesday	PTA General Meeting, 7 pm
11	Friday	School Leadership Team Meeting, Parents welcome 7:15 am
15-17		<i>NEW YORK STATE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEST</i>
21	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observed, NO SCHOOL
24	Thursday	End of Marking Period

FEBRUARY

12	Tuesday	PTA Executive Board Meeting 6 pm, parents welcome
12	Tuesday	PTA General Meeting, 7 pm
8	Friday	School Leadership Team Meeting, Parents welcome 7:15 am
15	Friday	Teacher/Staff Valentine Breakfast
18-22	Mon-Fri	Mid Winter Break, No School
28	Thursday	Parent Teacher Conferences; to be confirmed
28	Thursday	PTA Bake Sale during Parent-Teacher conferences

AUCTION NEWS – Our third annual live & silent auction will be on Friday, March 15, 2008 at St. John the Divine. We need all families to help with this important fund raising event by getting donations! Think - certificates for restaurants, personal services, theater or sports tickets, a weekend in the country, etc. You can download donation forms at: www.ms54.org and click on 'Spring Auction'.

PARENT SAFETY WALK -- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We need at least 3 parents every afternoon between 2:45 and 3:45 to help at dismissal. Please email our safety walk parent volunteer, Elizabeth Wolgemuth - ewolge@msn.com, to sign up for an afternoon or two. Our wish is that every family participates at least one school day this year.

BTW MS 54 FOOD DRIVE -- The BTW MS 54 Community Service After School Club, in conjunction with The Food Bank for New York City, is conducting a food drive. Every morning through Wednesday, December 19th, club members will be standing at the entrances of the school to collect non-perishable food.

The PTA PLEDGE DRIVE CONTINUES! Don't forget to get your contribution in before the end of the year – The PTA of MS 54 is a 501(c)3 organization; all contributions are deductible as allowed by law. *Our goal is 100% participation by MS 54 families* – give what you can afford. **This year our focus is on funding the rewiring of the building to support air conditioning** – hard to imagine air conditioning at this point, but before you know it hot weather will be back again. Let's help our children by giving them a comfortable environment in which to learn.

The first-ever MS 54 PTA Phone-a-Thon will take place in February, 2008. We are in need of parents to help out during the evening. Soft drinks and meals provided. Contact Anne Pejovich 347-563-5156.

In lieu of a holiday teacher/staff breakfast, the PTA will be sponsoring a **Teacher/Staff Valentine's breakfast** on Friday, 2/15. We will be needing contributions of breakfast food. More details to follow in the weekly email.

Mark your calendar – February's PTA meeting will have Special Guest Speaker ROBIN RASKIN, who will be speaking on "**Internet Safety and your child**". www.robinraskin.com

The PTA Executive Board Wishes you All a Healthy, Relaxing Holiday and Happy New Year!

Don't forget to use www.goodsearch.com for all your online searches! Indicate MS54 as your charity. The PTA earns a penny a search!