

**PTA MEETING, January 8, 2008
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

JANUARY 2008

9	Weds	AUCTION Committee Meeting, 7:30, Val Watnick's house
11	Friday	School Leadership Team Meeting, Parents welcome 7:15 am
15-17		NEW YORK STATE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEST
21	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observed, NO SCHOOL
22	Tuesday	PTA Pledge Drive Phone-a-Thon
24	Thursday	End of Marking Period

FEBRUARY

12	Tuesday	PTA Executive Board Meeting 6 pm, parents welcome
12	Tuesday	PTA General Meeting, 7 pm Special Guest Speaker, Robin Raskin
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

MARCH

TBA		Lobby Days – Albany/NYC; parents volunteers needed
10-11	Mon-Tuesday	NYS MATH TEST
11	Tuesday	PTA Executive Board Meeting 6 pm, parents welcome
11	Tuesday	PTA General Meeting, 7 pm
14	Friday	School Leadership Team Meeting, Parents welcome 7:15 am
15	Saturday	3RD ANNUAL MS 54 AUCTION
21, 24	Fri, Mon	NO SCHOOL, Easter Break

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.

The PTA PLEDGE DRIVE CONTINUES! 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 on January 22, 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

MARCH is Lobby month. Parent volunteers will be needed to visit our local representatives to advocate for improvements in education. More info to follow.

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!