

Queens Citywide Gifted & Talented



### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to enrich and improve the educational, emotional, and social lives of Q300's students by providing the following:

- 1. Supporting activities that foster the core values of Q300: Inclusion, Inquiry and Responsibility
- 2. Providing support and resources to Q300 for the benefit and educational growth of its students
- 3. Developing parent and staff leadership, fostering and encouraging participation at all levels of the Association and providing opportunities to participate in school governance and decision making
- 4. Promoting a cooperative working relationship among the Q300 parents, families, staff, and administration
- 5. Providing a forum where parents and staff members discuss innovations and implementations of curricular and extracurricular activities that afford each student an opportunity to acquire the core values of Q300.











#### What We Fund

Lower Division (1) 2 (3) 4 Enrichments

- Two Teacher Assistants in each Grade K-2; One Teacher Assistant in each Grade 3 & 4
- Year-long Music through Arts Connection (K-2)
- Semesters of Visual Arts through Arts Connection (K-2)
- Year-long Chess through New York Chess Academy (K-2)
- Semester of Architecture through Center for Architecture (2nd Grade)
- Semester-long elective cycles of **Modern & West African Dance** with **Alvin Ailey Dance** (3-4)
- Semester-long elective cycles of Painting, Musical Theatre, Ukelele & Recorder with Arts
   Connection and Journalism & Student Government with the Schoolwide Enrichment Model (3-4)
- End-of-year Moving-Up Field Trip to Alley Pond Environmental Center & Ropes Course (4)



#### What We Fund

Upper Division 5 6 7 8 Enrichments

- Musical Theater, Digital Music & West African Drumming with Arts Connection (5th Grade)
- Chess elective with New York Chess Academy (5-8)
- Filmmaking elective with Astoria Film Festival (5-8)
- Shakespeare Theatre through CUNY CAT Shakespeare Festival (5-8)
- Subsidies for Teacher-led electives including Journalism, Digital Photography, Memory Makers
  (Yearbook), Knitting & Crocheting, Brain Games, Life Skills, The Butterfly (Oral Storytelling) and
  Ultimate Frisbee
- Special field trips tied to curriculum (5-8)
- Supplies and equipment such as Chromebooks, Computer Storage & Charging Carts, Printers,
   Library Books, Gym Equipment and Microscopes



### What We Fund

Whole School K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

- Kindergarten Stepping Up celebration
- 4th Grade Moving Up celebration
- 8th Grade Graduation event, yearbooks & celebration
- Special Field Trips
- Financial Aid Fund
- Teacher Wish Lists
- Staff Professional Development
- Community Events such as Fall Costume Party, Movie Nights, International Winter Festival



### **How We Fundraise**

- Direct Appeal Campaign accounts for approximately 75% of funding
- Costume Party with games & raffles
- Thanksgiving Pie Sale with local small business bakeries
- Summer Camp Auction at the annual International Winter Festival
- School Picture Day with Stomping Ground
- Movie Nights in collaboration with PS17 PTA
- Fun Run for fitness
- Stepping Into Summer Gala & Auction
- Annual Summer Read-a-thon
- Partnerships with Book Culture, NY Int'l Children's Film Festival, Aigner's Chocolate, Square 1
   Art, Gift Card Sales, Goodshops, Amazon Smile, Shutterfly, Land's End and more



#### **How We Fundraise**

- NYC Participatory Budgeting
  - Park 126
  - Joint Research Library with PS17
- **Grant Writing Committee** comprised of Q300 Parents/Guardians
- Discretionary Funding via local City Council and State Senate Offices
  - Science Lab upgrades with Hydroponics
  - Art Room improvements
  - Technology upgrades
  - Infrastructure upgrades







## **How You Can Participate**

- Run for a seat on the Q300 PTA Executive Board
- Join a Committee such as Membership, Fundraising, Communications, Community Affairs,
   Grant Writing, Enrichment, Auction, Newsletter, One School Building, Graphics Club and more
- Lend a hand in Planning, Staffing and Organizing Events
- Share your skills with specific needs such as Newsletter writing, Auditing, Graphic Design,
   Event planning, Data entry and more
- Promote and contribute to our Fundraisers



# **How We Stay Connected**

- Monthly PTA Meetings
- Official Q300 PTA Email Subscription
- Monthly PTA Bulletins
- Parent Community Forum on Google Groups
- Private Facebook Page
- Grade-band specific Google Groups
- Community-building events such as holiday celebrations, school-wide and grade-specific events, outings and fitness activities

















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