



On behalf of the Executive Board of the P.S. 186 PTA, welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! We hope that you and your families had a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you at school, meetings, events, and fundraisers!

One of the greatest strengths of our school is the collaboration among teachers, administration, and families throughout our PTA. Our responsibilities are to facilitate this partnership and to raise funds to support programs in our classrooms and to build a strong community of involved families and staff.

All parents of PS186, Castlewood School, students are eligible members of the PTA. As members of the PTA we strongly urge you to donate to our membership drives and participate in our fundraisers. Without your financial support many of the beloved programs and events our children experience in the school will not be possible.

The PTA meets monthly to provide a forum for all members of our community to ask questions and express ideas and concerns. All parents/guardians of PS186 students are encouraged to attend all meetings and volunteer for as many PTA activities as possible. **Participation any level - big or small - is welcome!**

Here are some ways to get involved:

Join the PTA Executive Board – Some positions are still available for the upcoming school year. Show your support for the school and dedicate your time to enhance the community. Our “Meet the PTA Night” and first meeting will be on Wed, Sept 14th, starting at 7pm – We hope to see you there! We will be answering questions, assigning committees and asking for early sign-up for volunteer opportunities at that time.

Attend PTA Meetings – Join us to meet the current executive board, administration, staff and fellow parents. A list of PTA upcoming meeting dates and times will be available at the first meeting.

Volunteer...Volunteer...Volunteer – Show your child(ren) that you support your school & community by volunteering or helping coordinate/chair a specific event. Please realize that we can't do this without YOU! Consider sharing your time and talents this year ... Whether you want to chair a committee, help us organize a fundraiser, set up for an event during the evening hours or send out thank you notes for supporting businesses, we have a place for you and would be delighted for you to get involved! Please attend “Meet the PTA Night” on 9/14 or contact any board member if you are interested in helping, have suggestions, or if you have questions about the PTA. There are opportunities to get involved that can be done around your schedule at your convenience.

Let Us Hear From You - Email us with your questions, comments, suggestions, and availability to volunteer at PTA.PS186@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events!

Sincerely,
Natasha Conklin
PTA President of PS186
2016-2017

Our **PTA Executive Board and Management Team** for the 2016-2017 School Year:

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| • President | Natasha Conklin |
| • VP of Fundraising | Sara Ahlemann |
| • Treasurer | Melissa Gagliardi |
| • Financial Secretary | Babita Trivedi |
| • Co-Recording Secretary | Marie Pyram |
| • Co-Recording Secretary | *OPEN POSITION* |
| • Fundraising Co-Chairperson | Nicole Riccobono |
| • Fundraising Co-Chairperson | Melanie Ingneno |
| • Membership Chairperson | Marybeth Febus |
| • Corresponding Secretary | Pam Schwartz |
| • Volunteer Coordinator | Sejal Rajan |
| • Hospitality | Susan Baboomian |
| • Goods & Welfare | Yolanda Shan Murphy |
| • PTA Photographer | *OPEN POSITION* |
| • President's Council Representative | Natasha Conklin |
| • CDEC Representative | *OPEN POSITION* |

Our **School Leadership Team** for the 2016-2017 School Year:

PARENTS

- Natasha Conklin (PTA President)
- Michael Schwartz
- Amy Rothman
- Aliza Atik
- Bernadette Kelly

STAFF

- Melissa Haidary (Principal)
- Eve Sci (Assistant Principal)
- Doris Iskaros
- Jenna Spitalnick
- Rachel Smith

It is always nice to see our parents, teachers, school & community coming together to support all of the children of Castlewood! We thank you in advance for any future volunteer work and donations of our various fundraisers.

Please feel free to email us at pta.ps186@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Let us know if you would like to be added to our email distribution list by sending us an email!

We are looking forward to a great school year!

PTA Executive Board of PS186Q
The Castlewood School
2016-2017