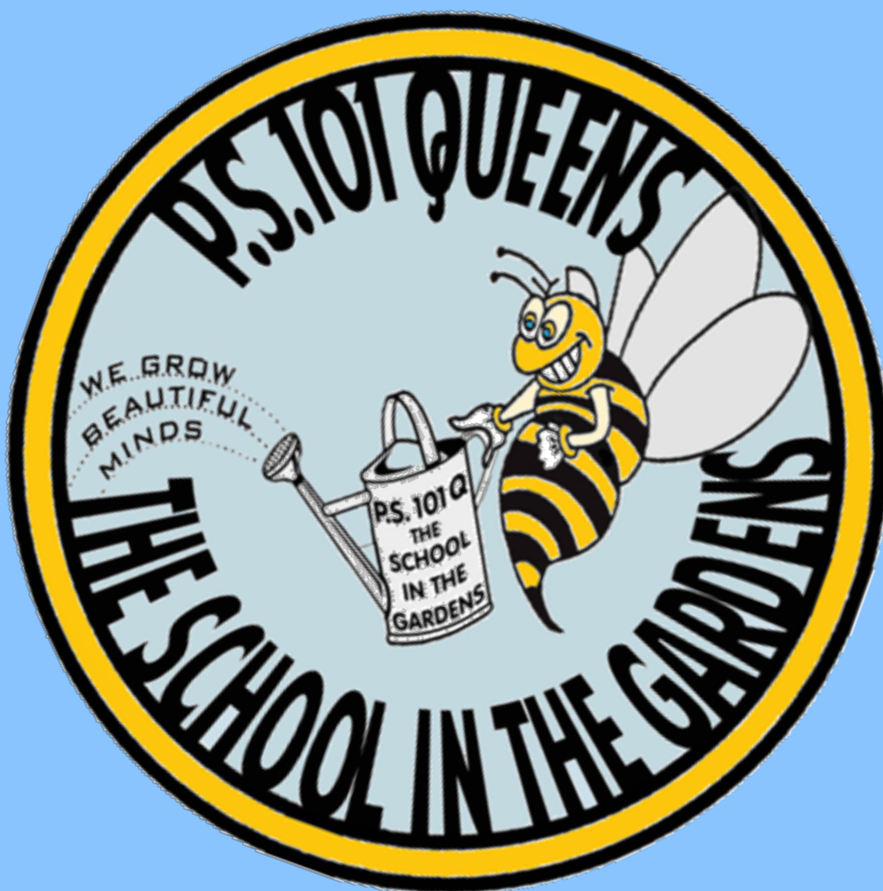


P.S. 101Q's PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



REFERENCE GUIDE



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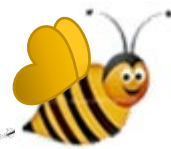
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welcome



Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at P.S. 101Q! We hope you find this Reference Guide useful as we begin a new and exciting year together.

The purpose of the Parents' Association is to provide support and resources to teachers and parents, and, most importantly, promote the educational growth of our students. One of the most important ways we do this is by offering our students unique curriculum tailored to each grade level called residencies. We also offer an excellent After School Program and coordinate special assemblies throughout the year.

These programs, along with many others, are made possible through fun family-oriented fundraising events which have a common goal of creating memories for our children and building friendships with all 101 families.

The PA relies on parents in order to succeed. **The good news is as a parent or guardian of a child in our school, you are automatically a PA member.** As such, we encourage you to become involved members of the PA. Whether it means volunteering for an event or simply attending a PA meeting, the value you will receive is immeasurable. Your involvement will give you an opportunity to truly influence and connect with your child's school experience.

Finally, as the leadership of the PA, we have learned that our most important role is to listen. We welcome your questions, suggestions, and participation, so we can work with you to enhance the learning environment for our children and help them build the future they deserve.

We look forward to working together and making this an incredible year at 101!

Your PA Executive Board





What Does The PA Do?



❖ RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

- ❖ Residencies provided by esteemed arts and cultural organizations, allow for creative, hands-on opportunities to enrich classroom learning and our children's well-being over 8 to 10 weeks, exploring themes such as the dramatic arts, media, science & technology, and wellness.
- ❖ In the 2019-20 school year, the PA will fund one residency for each grade through the generous donations from our parents.
- ❖ Last year's residencies included Queens Botanical Garden, Mad Science, Magic Box and more. Stay tuned for what's planned this year!

❖ AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (ASP)

- ❖ The PA is responsible for the P.S. 101 ASP, which provides many class options ranging from sports to academic enrichments, chess, music, and the arts.
- ❖ The ASP, also, affords parents with a later pick up time of 4pm.
- ❖ Need an even later pick up time? Check out the extended day ASP offered through ThinkingCap at St. Luke's Church.

❖ EVENTS

- ❖ The PA runs several fun, family-oriented events every year with the goal of bringing our students and their families together.
- ❖ Some Fall events include the Kindergarten Parents Welcome Breakfast (9/5), New Parent Welcome Breakfast (10/5), and the Halloween Monster Mash (10/26).

❖ SPECIAL PROGRAMS & ASSEMBLIES

- ❖ Throughout the year, the PA sponsors several programs and assemblies for our students.
 - **Special Programs** like **RULER** that teaches the skills of emotional intelligence associated with recognizing, understanding, labeling, expressing, and regulating emotion. This year, expect a visit from **BIO BUS**, a mobile science lab that parks in the schoolyard and gives students access to research microscopes.
 - **Assemblies** that captivate imaginations, broaden students' arts & cultural experiences, and provide meaningful connections between subject areas and the arts.

❖ LOTS OF OTHER STUFF, TOO!

- ❖ Pupil path, student planners (grades 2nd and up), classroom rugs, recess equipment, air conditioners (for the entire school), educational magazines, and lots more. The PA steps in whenever possible to help our school, teachers, and students.



Stay Informed!



SIGN UP FOR EMAILS!



- ❖ The PA maintains the primary email system that both the school administration and PA use to communicate with parents.
- ❖ Although the PA maintains a Facebook and Twitter presence, all official communication from the PA will come through email, so please make sure you sign up to our mailing list to stay informed.
- ❖ Sign up at <https://pa101.membershiptoolkit.com> today to ensure you do not miss any important information.



FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!



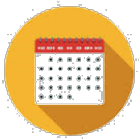
- ❖ School: @PS101Q
- ❖ PA: @PA101Q
- ❖ Recent tweets available at: twitter.com/ps101q



JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

- ❖ [P.S. 101Q'S Parents Association](#)

ATTEND PA MEETINGS



- ❖ PA Meetings are generally held on the **3rd Tuesday of every month** and start times usually alternate between mornings and evenings (*see schedule below*).
- ❖ For evening meetings, childcare is provided by counselors from either the Community House or ThinkingCap.



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| • September 17 th | 8:10 AM | • February 25 th | 7:00 PM |
| • October 15 th | 7:00 PM | • March 17 th | 8:10 AM |
| • November 19 th | 8:10 AM | • April 21 st | 7:00 PM |
| • December 17 th | 7:00 PM | • May 19 th | 8:10 AM |
| • January 21 st | 8:10 AM | • June 16 th | 8:10 AM |



Quick PA Reference Calendar*



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SEPTEMBER	
Thurs, Sep 5, 2019, 8:00AM	First Day of School
Thurs, Sep 5, 2019, 8:00AM	Kindergarten Orientation & Welcome Breakfast for Kindergarten Parents
Mon, Sep 16, 2019, 2:20PM	Fall After School Program Starts
Tues, Sep 17, 2019, 8:10AM	PA Meeting & All Parents' Welcome Breakfast
Tues, Sept 24, 2019 8:10AM	Class Parent Orientation Meeting
Tues, Sept 24, 2019	Meet the Teacher Night & Reading Fair

OCTOBER	
Fri, October 5, 2019, 8:10AM	New Parent Welcome Breakfast (1st Grade to 5th Grade)
Thurs, Oct 10, 2019	Picture Day
Tues, Oct 15, 2019, 7:00PM	PA General Meeting - Childcare Provided
Mon, Oct 21, 2019, 6PM	Fall Parent Social
Sat, Oct 26, 2019	Halloween Monster Mash
Tues, Oct 31, 2019	Halloween Class Parties

NOVEMBER	
Fri, Nov 8, 2019, 8:10AM	Parents As Learning Partners (PALP)
Tues, Nov 12 to Fri, Nov 15, 2019	Thanksgiving Community Service Projects
Tues, Nov 19, 2019, 8:10AM	PA General Meeting

DECEMBER	
Tue, Dec 3, 2019	Picture Retake Day & Sibling Photos
Fri, Dec 6, 2019	Parents As Learning Partners (PALP)
Mon, Dec 9 thru Fri Dec 13, 2019	Scholastic Book Fair
Tues, Dec 17, 2019, 7:00 PM	PA General Meeting - Childcare Provided
Wed, Dec 18 or Thurs, Dec 19, 2019	Holiday Class Parties

JANUARY	
Fri, Jan 10, 2020, 8:10AM	Parents As Learning Partners (PALP)
Tues, Jan 14, 2020	Teacher, Staff, Parent Social
Tues, Jan 21, 2020, 8:10AM	PA General Meeting
Fri, Jan 31, 2020	Last day of Fall After School Program

FEBRUARY	
Sat, Feb 1, 2020, 4PM to 6PM	Talent Show
Mon, Feb 3, 2020	First Day of Spring After School Program
Fri, Feb 7, 2020, 8:10AM	Parents As Learning Partners (PALP)
Fri, Feb 14, 2020	Valentine's Day Class Parties
Tues, Feb 25, 2020, 7:00PM	PA General Meeting - Childcare Provided

MARCH	
Fri, Mar 6, 2020, 8:10AM	Parents As Learning Partners (PALP)
Sat, Mar 7, 2020, 4PM	Movie Night
Tues, Mar 17 2020, 8:10AM	PA General Meeting

APRIL	
Tues, Apr 21, 2020, 7:00PM	PA General Meeting - Childcare Provided
Wed, April 22, 2020, 8:10AM (TBC)	Earth Day - Class Activity in lieu of PALP

MAY	
Tues, May 5, 2020 2:15PM	Teacher/Staff Appreciation Lunch
Fri, May 8, 2020, 8:10AM	Parents As Learning Partners (PALP)
Sat, May 9, 2020, 9AM to 12PM	Family Fun Run (Rain date: May 16, 2020)
Wed, May 13, 2020, 6PM	Parent Social
Tues, May 19, 2020, 8:10AM	PA General Meeting

JUNE	
Mon June 8, 2020	Family International Dinner
Fri, June 12, 2020	Italian Ice Day
Fri, June 12, 2020	Last Day of Spring After School Program
Tues, June 16, 2020, 8:10AM	PA General Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
Thurs, June 18, 2020	End of Year Class Parties
Fri, June 26, 2020	Last Day of School

* MORE EVENTS TO COME & SOME DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE. SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CALENDAR AND DON'T MISS AN EVENT! www.pa101.org/calendar-subscribe



Get Involved!



VOLUNTEER!

- ❖ Our volunteers make EVERYTHING happen.
- ❖ Chair an event or just commit to 1 hour.
- ❖ Every volunteer makes a difference.
- ❖ For current volunteer opportunities, visit: pa101.org/volunteer



SHOP TO EARN!

❖ We participate in several shopping programs that donate a portion of your purchase to the PA when you shop.

- **AMAZON SMILE:** Visit smile.amazon.com, search and select "P.S.101Qs Parents' Association" as the charity you wish to support, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the PA.
- **STOP & SHOP:** Sign into your account (or register for an account) to link your Stop & Shop Card to PS101Q. Beginning 7/26/19, visit www.stopandshop.com/aplus, click SIGN IN, MANAGE MY ACCOUNT, SAVINGS & REWARDS, to create or log into your account. You may also call 877-366-2668, select Option#1 to register your card and/or link account to our school. Once registered, you DO NOT need to re-register your card annually. Your card will begin earning points on 9/6/19.
- **BOX TOPS:** Send in Box Tops to school via collection sheets provided to you throughout the school year. Each Box Top is worth 10¢ for our school. So get your scissors and start clipping away! Or skip the scissors and download the mobile app to scan your store receipt. It automatically finds participating products and instantly adds the 10¢ to our school's earnings online.



MAKE A DONATION!

- ❖ Everything the PA does is possible through the generous donations of our parents, friends, alumni, and neighbors.
- ❖ Please consider donating to ensure the continued success of all the PA's programs, materials & services. Visit: pa101.org/donate

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Your Contributions go a long way!



- ❖ The P.S. 101Q's Parents' Association provides our School with the resources that truly make the difference in supplementing exemplary academic programs. Innovative ideas can be transformed into extraordinary realities because we receive the support from parents often through needed financial contributions¹.
- ❖ Each year, your donations touch part of the School and reach each student in a significant way, usually in the form of previously mentioned residency programs, assemblies, and so much more. In support of this, you will be able to contribute¹ in the following ways:
 - ❖ Direct Fundraising:
 - Holiday Giving Campaign²
 - Online Auction, with an opportunity to win a variety of cool gifts.
 - ❖ Events or activities that involve students and parents to help us raise necessary funds:
 - Picture Day
 - Monster Mash
 - Scholastic Book Fair
 - Yearbook Sales
 - Talent Show
 - Bake Sales
 - Dine Out Fundraising
 - Raffle Basket Sales
 - Family Fun Run
 - International Dinner
 - Movie Night
 - 1st Day School Supplies
- ❖ The proven formula of the Parents' Association's planning and execution along with parent involvement and contributions has allowed us over the years to enhance our students experience and education.
- ❖ Your child's specific class may separately provide you an opportunity to enhance their efforts by contributing to a class fund¹ (September) and teacher's gift¹ (December & June).
- ❖ The school will also provide you an opportunity to enhance their efforts by contributing¹ to worthy causes such as their annual Candy Sale Fundraiser usually in October, school play, school trips, among other activities (see below).

Grade	What	Grade	What
Pre-K	• Field trips arranged by teacher	3 rd Grade	• Physical Education Field Trip • Other field trips arranged by teachers
Kindergarten	• Stepping-Up Celebration & Keepsakes • Physical Education Field Trip • Other field trip arranged by teachers	4 th Grade	• Physical Education Field Trip • American History trip arranged by teachers
1 st Grade	• Physical Education Field Trip • Other field trip arranged by teachers	5 th Grades	• Senior dues (covers most of graduation/prom cost) • Senior trip
2 nd Grade	• Physical Education Field Trip • Other field trip arranged by teachers		

- ❖ In all, the impact of the Parents' Association and the School are always enhanced through the contributions of supportive parents. And for this, we remain very, very grateful.

¹ Any requests for contributions are 100% voluntary and not required.

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After School Program



CHECK OUT OUR AMAZING AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!

STEM, Art, Sports, Academic Enrichment, Lego, Chess & more!

Fall Session: September 16th, 2019 – January 31st, 2020

Spring Session: February 3rd, 2020 – June 12th, 2020

Registration: To enroll, please visit: <https://www.pa101.org/afterschool/>

Class Time: Classes run from dismissal until 4pm.

Payment: Fall Session is due on Friday, October 4th by credit card.



NEED EXTENDED DAY OPTION UNTIL 7PM?

ThinkingCAP Academy provides a program at St. Luke's Church

Hours: 2:30pm to 7:00pm daily

Pick up from P.S. 101: Twice daily at 2:20pm and 4:00pm

Primary Focus: Homework Help & Academic Enrichment

Secondary Activities: Sports, Arts and Projects Creation, Music, Engineering, Public Speaking, Yoga, Dance, Clay Molding, Cartooning, and more.



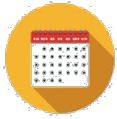
For questions or more information, contact our ASP Team at:

✉ afterschool@pa101.org

www.pa101.org/afterschool



Class Parents



CLASS PARENT ORIENTATION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 8:10AM

@ School Auditorium



❖ INTERESTED IN BEING A CLASS PARENT?

- ❖ We are looking for 2 - 3 parent volunteers per class.
- ❖ Primary responsibilities include:
 - Attend monthly PA meetings as a representative of your class.
 - Communicate important information to families.
 - Organize class events & special occasions.
 - Arrange parent(s) participation in our Parents As Learning Partners (PALP) program, where parents are invited monthly to teach a lesson or do an activity in their child's classroom.
 - Encourage participation in various school events.
 - Coordinate teacher gift/class fund collections.
 - Compile & distribute a Grade Directory to families.



SIGN UP BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

Online sign up ONLY!

Visit our website and fill out the form:

pa101.org/class-parents



Parent/Student Tools



PUPIL PATH is an online **GRADING** portal to help keep you informed about your child's education. Parents may login anytime to check child's current grades, test scores, among other things. Download the application on your phone and receive instant notifications when your teacher posts a test grade. Visit: <https://pupilpath.skedula.com>



MYON is a digital library that uses students **READING** level and interests to provide over 10,000 books for students to read. Myon is available 24/7, all year-round. Visit: www.myon.com



ELEVATE SCIENCE is a cutting-edge science program that focuses on active, student-centered learning. The blended print and digital curriculum engages students in phenomena-based inquiry, three-dimensional learning, and hands-on investigations. Resources can be found online at: www.pearsonrealize.com



ENVISION MATHEMATICS combines problem-based learning and visual learning to deepen students' conceptual understanding. enVision provides online access to student materials, which include student textbook, printable homework assignments, and videos. Resources can be found online at: www.pearsonrealize.com/community/home



PLEASE NOTE: In order to begin using these tools, the school administration will provide you with secure access codes. All parents will receive registration information letters by October. **If you do not receive an access code, contact the parent coordinator.**



Outdoor Recess Policy



The goal of P.S. 101Q is to have students outdoor during their 15 to 20 minute recess time.

Students will go outside when the weather conditions meet the two criteria below:

- 1) The "Real Feel" temperature is between 28 degrees and 90 degrees with no precipitation.
- 2) Ice, snow, or other potentially dangerous elements are not on the playground.

In order to prepare your child for outdoor recess, please be mindful of the following:

- ❖ Dress your child appropriately for the weather.
- ❖ Ensure your child has a doctor's note if he/she cannot be outside for any medical reason.

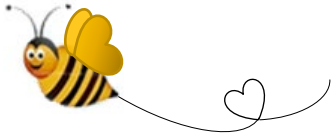
PLEASE NOTE: Due to the overflow at the nurses' office and the main office, students are not allowed to stay in the nurses' office or main office during recess. If your child has a doctor's note, and cannot go to recess, the student will be placed in another classroom for that time.



Helpful P.S. 101Q Contact Information

Main Office: 718-268-7230

School Website: www.ps101q.org



Wellness



Parents play an important role in empowering children to take care of their minds, bodies, and the people around them, which builds a foundation for lifelong learning. Here are a few tips:

- ❖ *Achoo! Cough and sneeze, elbow please!* Encourage students to cover a sneeze or a cough to stop the spread of germs.
- ❖ Not feeling well for school like fever or vomiting? It is recommended that your child stay home until temperature is normal (98.6 degrees Fahrenheit) for 24 hours and vomiting has stopped for 24 hours.
- ❖ Lice Prevention: Head lice is a major nuisance that affects millions of school-aged children worldwide. Check out the [Wellness Section](#) on our PA website, *Head Lice Prevention & Lice Comb Out Tutorial* for tips to prevent lice and help control infestations.
 - Anyone with evidence of an active lice infestation should be treated, and please be sure to notify the classroom teacher and nurse so that they may inform other parents in the class and those parents may take preventive measures with their families.
- ❖ If your child sustains an injury that requires a medical device (crutches, sling, etc.), please visit the nurse in the morning before your child reports to class.

Nurse's Contact Info

Mary Kahoe:



718-268-7230 Option#2

Mkehoe2@schools.nyc.gov



Driving Pledge



**BEE a responsible driver!
Take the pledge to help keep our kids safe**

The morning drop-off and afternoon pick up can be very hectic for some, especially if you drive to school. We completely understand this but also believe we must take responsibility for driving safely.

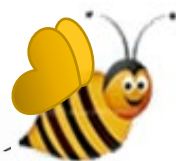
It is our commitment to ensure the streets and crosswalks surrounding P.S. 101Q are safe spaces and we keep the area around the school pedestrian friendly.

There is no stronger emotional commitment to driving safety than pledging to yourself: "I will drive safely".

What can you do to help?

- ❖ To start, walk to school instead of driving, if possible. If you must drive, leave early so you don't get caught in the last-minute congestion around Russell Place. You can also avoid traffic by getting a temporary parking pass from the security desk and park on Ascan Avenue.
- ❖ Take the Parents' Association of P.S. 101Q's Safe Driving Pledge:
 - I will watch out for -- and yield to -- pedestrians.
 - I will obey the crossing guard.
 - I will obey all traffic signs.
 - I will obey the speed limit and lower my speed if the conditions require it.
 - I will park legally and not double-park on sidewalks.
 - I will not drive through or park on Childrens Lane (the alley behind the schoolyard).
 - I will not drive aggressively or fast.
 - I will set a good example and remember that children learn from my behavior.

Visit us at: pa101.org



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