



75 MORTON | MS 297 NYC

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Dear Incoming 75 Morton Families,

Welcome! As elected officers of our first ever PTA, boy are we glad to see you!

75 Morton started more than a decade ago as a glimmer in the eye of a group of community members – parents, teachers, concerned citizens, politicians – who saw the urgent need for a new middle school to serve the diverse students of downtown NYC. Envisioning meetings engaged the wider community to shape a vision for the school. And our dynamo principal, Jacqui Getz, made that vision a reality.

Our first year has been amazing. We have delighted in our roles as pioneers. We have created new traditions – a Fall picnic, Halloween party, theater benefit, Auction Party, Spring Dance, Career Day – to ground our community. We have set up systems – class parents, PTA Student Directory, weekly e-blast newsletter – to facilitate communication. And most important, we have established a culture of caring, concern, respect and joy. We can't wait to share it all with you!

You will have many, many opportunities to get involved during your time at 75 Morton. Whether it's attending a PTA meeting, leading a committee, volunteering at the Fall Bowl-a-thon, or chaperoning a class trip. Contrary to conventional wisdom, parents and guardians do not disappear in middle school. Our responsibilities evolve, but we continue to have a crucial role to play.

Of course one of those roles is financial support. You will hear from our Fundraising Committee about the absolutely central importance of our PTA budget to the operation of 75 Morton.

Please make sure to attend our first PTA meeting on Tuesday, September 18 at 8:15am. We'll have free coffee, bagels & our signature yogurt shots – and we'll be holding elections for 2 Members-at-Large on our Executive Board and 1 School Leadership Team member – all set aside for incoming families.

We are beyond excited to get into our home on Morton Street. Have you seen it? The building is gorgeous. Light-filled, spacious and state-of-the-art. With your class of almost 300 students, we are more than doubling our size. We look forward to reaching full capacity in just one more year, when we will have a complete middle school of 6th – 8th graders.

Please always feel free to contact any members of the Executive Board with any questions, concerns or suggestions. We're all listed on our terrific website: ms297.org. Check it out!

Welcome! And Go Thunderbolts!

Sincerely,
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