



October 27, 2021, 7:00PM TO 8:15PM

1. PTA Panel Participants

1. Adwoa Akhu
2. Monique Adams
3. Kehli Woodruff
4. Camille Edwards-Thomas
5. Lindsay March
6. Christopher Salinas
7. Matt Lucero
8. Jeanette Martinez
9. Kathryn Goldstein
10. Linda Oliverio
11. Julia Tanenbaum
12. Jenn Costello

2. Introduction and Welcome

- Principal Edwards Thomas welcomes webinar attendees
- Introduction of PTA Executive Committee

3. President's Report

- Popcorn Fridays recently started at ALMS in lieu of the Taste of New Rochelle fundraiser.
 - Organic popcorn.
 - \$1000 raised each Friday
- Fundraising through apparel sales
 - Next sale November 7th
- Kathryn- Family Fall Fest on Tuesday, November 7th from 2-5 pm
 - There will be 3 food trucks, face painting, ice cream, hot chocolate
 - Great time for families to have fun and spend time together
 - Proceeds will be used to support ALMS school
- Preparing Holiday Gift Card Drive for families in need
- PTA website shared with attendees

4. Treasurer's Report

- Actuals: we are close to target fundraising amounts

- Doing very well with fundraising!
- Membership Hub will be added to the budget (numbers reflected are not the actual membership numbers)
- Expense report: Focus on where money is going: enrichment, social work, spirit merchandise, faculty grants, parent workshops

5. Updates on ALMS

- ALMS serves over 1100 students
- Four evacuation/fire drills last week (evacuation time continues to improve)
- Four more drills anticipated before December with a drill narrative over the loudspeaker due to cold weather.
- Picture make-up day November 4th
- Co-Curricular activities listed on the website.
 - Still looking for advisors for activities and clubs.
- Student Council launches next week.
 - Objective to amplify student voice and promote student leadership.
- Announcements made daily to inform them of what is happening in the building
- No students in school for Election Day.
 - PD day for staff.
- ALMS to host the next BOE meeting.
 - Principal Edwards-Thomas will present on SEL.
 - The meeting will be in-person at ALMS
- Students will still be allowed to go outside as long as weather permits.
 - Students are encouraged to layer up.
- Arrival plans during inclement weather have shifted for students who are dropped off and those who are bussed.
- Breakfast is still free for all students
- Cell Phone Reminder: students are not to use the phone during the school day in the building.
 - Calls to parents should be made in the office.
- Reminder for students to charge their Chromebook at night
- Reminder for students to wear masks in building and on buses.
 - Students should avoid eating on the bus.
- Students can wear costumes Friday for Halloween and should follow ALMS guidelines which are listed on the website.
 - Guideline read aloud by Principal Edwards-Thomas
- The administrative team is always available
- Thank you again to PTA and parents for partnership
- Please share any ideas on how we can increase diverse participation on the PTA

6. Introduction of the Presentation

- Ms. Martinez
 - Introduce Ms. March
- Lindsay March- Clinical Director of Family Center of New Rochelle
 - Parenting in the Pandemic

- How to recognize and respond to stress our students may be facing