



Dear United Community:

Happy August, everyone!!

On behalf of the PTA Executive Board (eBoard), we'd like to welcome all new and returning families to the 22-23 school year. **Our mission is to work hard in service of the entire school population and surrounding neighborhood as community builders and stewards of our resources with joy, purpose and collaboration.**

We look forward to your partnership in this work. Please read on for info about classroom supplies, important dates and descriptions of who does what – Class Parents, the PTA, the eBoard, and the SLT — and how to get involved.

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

To ensure equity in the purchasing and distribution of student school supplies, the PTA collects money from families for a schoolwide fund that the teachers use to purchase classroom supplies for every child. Instead of purchasing school supplies individually for your child, please contribute \$40 per child (or whatever you can manage; if you can contribute a bit more to help cover someone else, that is much appreciated!)

Here is the link to contribute via PayPal: bit.ly/UnitedSchoolSupplies. You can also send cash or a check with your child on the first week of school in an envelope labeled "School Supplies."

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Welcome events for families who are NEW to the school

Incoming Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st-5th grade transfer families meet on August 27th

Incoming new 6th grade families August 28th

Both events will be held from 10am-11:30am at the Hattie Carthan Playground (308 Monroe Street - right next to the school). RSVP here: bit.ly/UnitedNewFamRSVP

First School Wide Meet and Greet for Parents/Caregivers – In Person

Friday September 16th 8:20-9:00am, School Blacktop

Come celebrate the first full week of school! Have some coffee and baked goods while meeting members of the United community. Please sign up [HERE](#) if you can donate some baked goods or volunteer.

First General PTA meeting– Location To Be Decided*

September 20th 6:00-7:30pm

Meet your community members and learn how to get involved, get your questions answered and have some fun.

*Please let us know your preferences for the time, location, and topics for PTA meetings by completing this [short survey](#).

WHO DOES WHAT?

The PTA (which is short for Parent Teacher Association) includes the entire parent and teacher/staff community. That means YOU are a member. There are no dues or obligations. The PTA meets monthly to share information, raise questions, discuss and vote on the PTA budget and important issues.

The PTA Executive Board (eBoard) is made up of a group of parents/caregivers who serve as the officers of the PTA. These officers are nominated and voted in by the entire community in an annual election or any necessary special elections. The eBoard meets monthly and works together to fulfill the PTA's mission and goals. Check out the attached document to "meet" the 22-23 eBoard Officers and put faces and names to them.

The Administration Team includes Principal Pilar Ramos and Assistant Principal Meg Crouch.

The School Leadership Team (SLT) includes a group of eBoard, parent, teacher and admin representatives who meet monthly to "develop the school's Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) and is responsible for making a yearly evaluation of the principal's record of developing an effective, shared decision-making relationship with the SLT members during the year."

HOW CAN I GET CONNECTED?

The PTA eBoard can be reached via email at eboard@unitedbk-pta.org. Feel free to drop us a line or say hello if you see us during drop off, pick up or just around!

Jupiter Ed: Important school wide information from the admin is usually communicated via Jupiter Ed. Download the JupiterEd app [here](#) and get messages right on your phone.

Social Media Platforms: Parent/caregiver volunteers maintain a school [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram page](#). Follow them for school-related news and photos and to connect with other community members.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Be a class parent! This role includes helping to keep other parents and caregivers in your student's class informed through your class listserv or WhatsApp group, strengthening your class community and communicating and fulfilling your teachers' needs. It is a wonderful way

to get to know the parents in your class better and to be an integral part of the school's communications team! [Please click HERE to volunteer](#). NOTE: We are looking for a new class parent coordinator too!

Volunteer to chair a committee! If you have special interests or an area of expertise or experience in leading one of the committees, chairing a committee could be a great leadership role for you! You can also submit a proposal and start your own committee! Email the eBoard at eboard@unitedbk-pta.org.

Volunteer to serve on a committee! The school has many ongoing committees to join. A few examples are Garden, Library, Teacher Appreciation, Tent Committee, Anti-Racism and Equity and more. Learn more about the committees and how to sign up at our first General PTA meeting.

Various ongoing volunteer opportunities big and small will be coming through your class parent/Jupiter Ed/weekly newsletter/direct emails regularly. Remember that no contribution is too small!

Financial support for educational and community building programs: The PTA is able to support our school community in part due to donations from all of us. Please see the infographic below to learn more about how we spent our money last year. For those able and interested in becoming a regular donor, please visit bit.ly/WeHeartUnited or contact board members at eboard@unitedbk-pta.org if you have ideas about funding.

Phew! That's it for now. Can't wait to see you online or in person soon!

Your PTA eBoard Team



HOW YOUR DONATIONS HELP UNITED

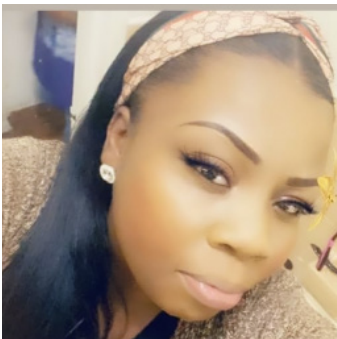


UNITED A&L 305 BRKLYN



Meet your 2022-2023 PTA Executive Board

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WANDA SUMPTER
Co-President
Parent of: 2nd and 6th graders.
Favorite Subject in School: math



ØISTEIN THORSEN
Co President
I am the proud father of two United students - Luna is entering 4th grade and Elián is about to start 2nd.
Favorite subject in school: Social studies and geography



PERVAIZ SHALLWANI
Co-President
Parent of 2nd grader and a future United student
Favorite subject at school: creative writing, though economics is a close second!



AISHA JOHNSON
Co-VP
Parent of 6th grade and 10th grade alum
Favorite subject at school: Choir



ASHTA HUNTER
Co-VP
One kid in first grade
Any subject that allowed me a chance to debate and Math



KIMOLYN MASSOP
Co-VP
Parent of 6th grade and 8th graders
Favorite subject at school was Math



KATRINA LONG

Co-Treasurer
Child/ren: Kennedy Long- 2nd grade
Favorite subject at school: Chorus & Music Class were my favorite subjects in school but if I had to pick a content area it would probably be Math.



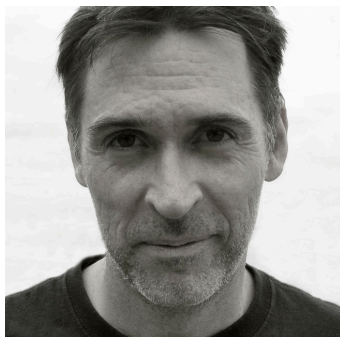
DANNY MANDELBAUM

Co-Treasurer
Parent to Kai (raising 4th Grader) and Stella (raising 1st Grader).
My favorite subject in school was history.



BLISS BROYARD

Co-Communications Secretary
Child/ren: Roman- 8th grade, Esme - Alum A&L 2020
Favorite subject at school: biology and English.



STEFAN KILLEN

Co-Communications Secretary
Child/ren: Artie, grade 4; Lee, grade 8
Favorite subject at school: Art



SARAH RAYMONT

Co-Communications Secretary
Child/ren: 4th grade, 1st grade
Favorite subject at school: Creative Writing with Ms. Jackson



HILI TSARFATI

Co-Communications Secretary
Child/ren: 4th grade
Favorite subject at school: Math



ALLISON LICHTER

Co-recording Secretary
My child is a rising second grader
My favorite subjects in elementary school were writing and reading



JEN RENZI

Co-recording Secretary
Parent of 7th grader
Favorite subject at school: Art history (although when I was a seventh grader myself, it was science!)