



THE EAST SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The PTA at East Side Middle School is an actively engaged network of parents working to support our Principal David Getz, Assistant Principal Amanda Hyman, and our school faculty and staff in providing one of the best middle school experiences in New York City. Thanks to the generosity of our families, the PTA is able to fund many of the programs that create an excellent artistic, athletic, and globally-rich environment to supplement the rigorous academic learning at ESMS.

In recent years the city's public school system has endured a stark decline in DOE funding, requiring us to count on the support of our ESMS community to fill new budget gaps. The PTA funds the in-school Shakespeare program; a Visiting Author's series that brings successful writers to our classrooms; uniforms for over a dozen competitively ranked sports teams; academic enhancements including our Model U.N. program and the 7th Grade Constitutional Law Program; and unique field trip opportunities for each grade that take advantage of our dynamic city as well as interesting destinations

beyond. Our PTA budget also supports a range of electives and clubs; new laptop computers; a school technology consultant; training and development for our teachers; the yearbook publication; our website and school directory; the Girls and Boys Mentoring Programs; social welfare workshops for both parents and students; guest speakers and seminars; school dances and celebrations; furniture and supplies; and many other enhancements.

Our goal is to involve every family at ESMS in the work of the PTA through volunteerism, donations to our Annual Fund, or both. We encourage you to attend our monthly PTA meetings and other events, which are listed on the school's calendar. If you would like to get involved, please contact any member of the Executive Board (our directory is located under the PTA tab) or send an email to pta@esms.org.

The school programs we fund would not be possible without the support of our parent body. We urge families to donate to their capacity. Please give generously by clicking on the "Donate" button located under the PTA tab of the school's website (www.esms.org).

Thank you. And Go Tigers, Roar!