EAST SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The PTA at East Side Middle School is an actively engaged network of parents working to support 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. If you are a parent or guardian at ESMS, you are automatically a member of the PTA! You are currently represented by the board of elected parents below.

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 shared in our weekly newsletter and listed on the school's web calendar. If you would like to get involved, please reach out to any member of the Executive Board below.

Facing unpredictable public school funding in recent years, the support of our generous ESMS community has allowed the PTA to continually fund many of the programs that create an excellent artistic, athletic, and globally-rich environment that supplements rigorous learning. Your donations fund academic enhancements including a visiting artists series, STEAM for 6th grade, the 7th Grade Constitutional Law Program, and schoolwide software subscriptions; your gifts underwrite community-building; professional development and memberships for teachers; the activities of a range of electives and clubs, including our Model U.N. program and the Girls and Boys Mentoring Programs; mental health activities; and social welfare workshops for both parents and students; guest speakers and seminars; school dances and celebrations; furniture and supplies; and more.

We urge families to donate to the extent you are able so that we may continue to support the programming that has helped ESMS serve so many students so well. You may charge a single or recurring donation via the "Donate" options on the website: [esms.org/support\_our\_school](https://www.esms.org/support_our_school) or send a physical payment to the school, made out to the PTA of ESMS. (Note: We receive several thousand dollars a year in matching gifts from companies; let our treasurers know if you need help determining whether your employer will match your donation.)

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

The SLT is a group of parents, teachers and administration that meets monthly to discuss school goals and community priorities. Monthly SLT meetings are open to all.

*Thank you. And Go Tigers, Roar!*

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| The SLT also includes the PTA President, Principal and AP, UFT Leader and 4 elected teachers |  |  |