

Alexander Graham Bell School

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“Where Sharing is Caring”



Karen Scott-Piazza, Principal

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Dear PS 205 Families,

During this time of uncertainty, I want to assure you that my team of teachers and staff are here for you! Teachers have created beautiful learning spaces in Google Classrooms for students to enter every day; partake in discussions, interact with peers and enjoy a new remote learning experience. Our school community has embraced remote learning head-on to ensure that all children know that they are part of a loving and caring community that will provide them with a stellar arena to continue to grow, both academically and socially.

Our team spirit approach promotes a high-level of collaboration amongst the members of our faculty. From our classroom teachers, to our cluster teachers, to our related service providers and parent coordinator, these incredible individuals have been working tirelessly to ensure that their classrooms are ready, and have reached out to you and students to confirm that remote learning will begin on Monday March 23rd. All service providers and amazing paraprofessionals will also be part of this new remote learning experience.

I am humbly proud of the human capacity with which PS 205 is blessed to have and I am most proud of the families and children we serve. I am blessed to know you and will continue to keep you and your families in my prayers.

Some note-worthy items to put on your remote learning radar:

- Student attendance will be taken daily via a Google Attendance form that will be in your child's Google Classroom. Please be patient with us as we work out the kinks. This is important because I need to know that all students are accounted for. Members of our SBST will be able to reach out to you if you or your child require assistance.
- Check-out Mr. Blum's flipgrid.com/ps205 (I can't stop watching all the videos! I love them all! And, yes, they make me want to cry. The children are beautiful. And Mr. Blum will have you rolling on the floor laughing!)
- Some teachers are also using Flipgrid in their own Google Classrooms. All my teachers are beautiful, inside and out.
- All teachers will continue to support student's social emotional learning via daily Mood Meter check-ins or SEL activities.
- All Google Classrooms include the classroom teacher, myself, Ms. Butler and Mr. Blum. We will be there all the way to support our teachers and students. I will be posting feedback and comments to classes and students.
- Please reach out to our extraordinary data specialist Ms. Butler with any questions related to instruction, Raz-kids and IXL at mbutler3@schools.nyc.gov.
- Please reach out to our incredible parent coordinator, Ms. Lilly Chu for general school related questions at Lchu@schools.nyc.gov.
- Please reach out to our brilliant technology coordinator, who has tirelessly ensured that we are up and running with Google Classrooms, Mr. Blum for tech support at sblum3@schools.nyc.gov.
- Please email me if you need anything at kpiazza2@schools.nyc.gov and leave me your number if you would like to speak with me.

Sincerely,

Karen Scott-Piazza
Principal