

# Alexander Graham Bell School

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“Where Sharing is Caring”



Karen Scott-Piazza, Principal

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Dear PS 205 Families!

As we close another week of remote learning, I want to thank each of you for your tremendous support in navigating Google Classrooms with your children. I'd like to thank the teachers for their high level of support for students and their families as I know that the work behind the scenes with remote learning entails a lot of planning, preparation, know-how and thoughtful decisions to ensure a balance of work, rest, and play.

I would also like to commend Mr. Blum for creating an attendance protocol to ensure that students are accounted for daily. Students are required to log in their attendance using the link found on our PS205.org website. Currently, attendance means student interaction in Google Classrooms daily, so please continue to ensure that your child enters his or her attendance every day. Mr. Blum, Ms. Butler and I can monitor the attendance as it comes in on a live screen. The attendance is time-stamped and is kept live until 11:59PM. I understand that everyone's lives are busy at different times of the day. Our goal is to have students engaged in their schoolwork during normal school hours, however when that cannot happen, we completely understand; at which point please do the best you can with "student log-in" before the end of the day.

At this time, the DOE has determined that the Zoom platform for videoconferencing is no longer allowed. However, Google for Education applications are safe to use for videoconferencing when needed, such as Google Meet. It is at the teacher's discretion to set up the use of Google Meet videoconferencing when applicable. Thank you for your continued cooperation!

Here are some reminders to put on your remote learning radar:

- Students should continue to log in their attendance in the link found on our school's website PS205.org.
- Parents please reach out to your classroom teacher if your child will be "absent" on any given day.
- If you have any questions regarding attendance please reach out to our parent coordinator, Ms. Lilly Chu at [lchu@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:lchu@schools.nyc.gov), Ms. Butler at [mbutler3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:mbutler3@schools.nyc.gov), or Mr. Blum at [mblum3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:mblum3@schools.nyc.gov)
- If any family requires immediate medical support or assistance, please reach out to our social worker Ms. Satchwell at [csatchwell@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:csatchwell@schools.nyc.gov) or our guidance counselor Ms. Kalabakas at [fkalabakas@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:fkalabakas@schools.nyc.gov).

For those families who are celebrating Passover...As Passover is a powerful reminder of resilience and liberation, may it provide you with the comfort, hope and perspective necessary to meet the inevitable challenges ahead. *Chag Pesach Sameach.*

For those families who are celebrating Easter...May Easter be your constant reminder that the light of love can never be extinguished, even in the darkest moments. *"Let your light shine before others."*

Be Well!

Sincerely,  
Karen Scott-Piazza  
Principal